

Brief audience feedback/discussion recorded by Charlie Davison (volunteer) immediately after:-

LONGWAVE - CHRIS GOODE & COMPANY

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Charlie:-

What did you think?

Audience member
(male 1):-

I thought it was very powerful and thought-provoking. It's almost a love story in a way I think. And it shows a lot of frailties that we have and that we hide from other people all the time... in our quieter moments... There is one particular moment when one of the guys tries a dress on and obviously he was waiting for that moment to be alone because it seemed that they were together almost constantly and I thought that was a very ... a very wonderful moment actually in the whole play... so... , yeah... yeah.. very good! Very good indeed!

Charlie:-

Hi... So... what did you think?

Audience member
(female 1):-

I found it quite hypnotic! And quite peaceful, but it's very funny.. some bits of it are really funny... so I enjoyed it.. yeah!

Charlie:-

What about the, umm... "no dialogue"?

Audience member
(female 1):-

(warmly) Yeah - unbelievable how two people can communicate..but there were parts where I just thought..kind of.. "say something!!" (laughter).. when they were upsetting each other... there was a part where I thought "ahhhh ...you could just sort this out!" (laughter).. but it was amazingly delivered.. the whole thing was without any words between them .. the two characters.

Charlie:-

The guy I was just talking to there said "thought-provoking"... but he didn't say what he meant! .. what do you think he meant?

Audience member
(female 1):-

Yeah! Well I suppose there's lots of things you can think about if you think about no dialogue - about how much you

*can say without saying anything, err ..
So that's one thought that I had... but
also..maybe.. like I'm wittering on now..
maybe you can say too much!! You know..
maybe you don't have to say as much as you
think you do... so that was another aspect,
maybe.*

Charlie:- *What did you think?*

Audience member
(male 2):- *I really enjoyed it I thought it was
really good. It's good the way it
developed the personal stories without
having to say anything really.*

Charlie:- *Have you ever seen anything like it
before?*

Audience members
(male 2 and
female 1):- *No! Nothing like that at all... "no.. no"*

Audience member
(male 2):- *And I really got into their little routine
as well (laughter).. having their dinner
and going to bed and him playing his
harmonica (laughter)!*

Charlie:- *If we could give any "top tips" you know
"how could we improve the show guys?" ...
does anything come to mind? I'll start the
ball rolling 'cos I'm nothing to do with
the show... I'm just like you.. I must admit
I think I'd say.. "I might shave 15
minutes off it?" .. or is that just me?*

Audience member
(female 1):- *(sceptical sounding) "yeah...."*

Audience member
(male 2):- *Personally I didn't feel like it was
dragging on at all. I did look at my watch
and thought "wow I've been sitting here an
hour" - and then the next 20 minutes went
by like that really (snaps fingers) - so I
didn't think it was too long at all.*

Charlie:- *Great...*

Audience member
(male 2):- *So I enjoyed it really...yeah..*

Audience member
(female 1):- *Yeah... I think I did find it quite
hypnotic...(laughter) so... I probably
would've taken a little bit out of the
middle...*

Charlie:- *The thing that surprised me about it was*

that I felt quite emotional about it! And then I felt strange about feeling emotional about it because they haven't said anything!

Audience member
(female 1):-

Yeah.. And their enthusiasm at the beginning of it when you know, they have just come in and they are doing all the tests and everything it's really quite heart warming!

Audience member
(male 2):-

Yeah.. and they're stuck in this shed and they're both missing their families and.. you really have a good story - from them not saying a word! You really know their backgrounds!

Charlie:-

When they came in with their yellow suits on .. I was like.. "they must have thought about this long before the Ebola outbreak..

Audience member
(male 2) (female
1):-

(laughter)... yeah that's right!

Charlie:-

And I thought "hang on a minute.. I've just been watching this on the news!"

Audience member
(female 1):-

I did think as well when you're sitting there to begin with and you see the shed and you've got all these artefacts and things - and suddenly this bright light.. I did not expect it to be kind of so "sci-fi" in a way - that was a bit of a shock to begin with, I think..

Audience member
(male 2):-

You think you're seeing the future.. yeah..

Audience member
(male 2) (female
1):-

So.. Really enjoyed it.. yeah.. excellent!