

## Talkback

what's on



■ SNAZZY: Pencil Full Of Lead.

Picture: Tom Teegan.



■ COLOURFUL: Upside Down.

Picture: Tom Teegan.

# Fabulous fusion sparkles on stage



■ SENSUAL: Forever Autumn.

Picture: Tom Teegan.



■ ALL AGES: Bing Bang.

Picture: Tom Teegan.



■ MOODY: Turning Tables by Adele.

Picture: Tom Teegan.



■ CARNIVAL: Mambo No 5.

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**Fusion, Dancing Feet  
Queen's Theatre,  
Barnstaple  
Review: Rosanna Rothery**

THE SHOW must go on – even if, in the wings, a pipe has burst, the stage crew are drenched and water is being hurriedly swept out into the streets. It's testament to the professionalism of this dance school that its attentive audience had no idea of the drama unfolding back stage.

Luckily, there was plenty of pizzazz on stage to capture our attention. The choreography team behind Dancing Feet Academy of Dance certainly know the tricks of the trade, devising routines that are not just sparkingly entertaining but artfully appropriate for all the different ages and abilities, utilising colourful, luminous costumes to offset every move.

This was fabulous fusion: tap, contemporary, modern, ballet, jazz with nods to Latin, Bollywood, street, commercial

pop and more. Routines ranged from the sassy and brassy (That Man) to the sensual and beautiful (Forever Autumn) to the seriously snazzy and stylish (Fever). Some such as Thriller were mini productions in themselves with magnificently dramatic stage make up and costumes. Others were wonderfully witty: Inspector Gadget featuring magnifying-glass-wielding snoops and Oh So Quiet! featuring mischievous schoolgirls.

While most of the Dancing Feet students, it has to be said, are girls, principal Nadine Morrish has a keen band of boys, who managed to bust out in some rather flash moves.

No one could deny the commendable standard of dance in this production. This was enhanced, however, by the impressive standard of performance. Those of us who pay attention to Strictly! each week will know by now the two are not necessarily the same thing. Great show. Well done!



■ PIZZAZZ: Fabulous fusion from Dancing Feet stars. Picture: Tom Teegan.