

**Cheltenham Operatic and Dramatic Society "CRAZY FOR YOU"**

Thank you so much, for inviting me to see the above production, which Denis and I so enjoyed last night. It was a sheer delight from start to finish, with the whole company pulling out all the stops to ensure our ultimate enjoyment.

With superb leads playing Bobby and Polly and splendid support from the Principal line-up, as well as lovely, talented dancers and the strong ladies' and men's chorus, we were never in any doubt that this was a show par excellence! From the first notes of the Overture and the soaring Gershwin score, we were transported straight to 30's New York and such was the style of the production, we stayed firmly in that period. Tap-dancing of course was in its infancy, but not yours, with excellent routines, culminating in the impressive Act 1 Finale "I Got Rhythm". I congratulate you on authentic-style 30's costumes, with delicious colours blending successfully with décor and delivering the most exquisite effects in your Finale with the successful toning of white, silver and turquoise. We must not forget the complementary lighting and effects either, as the use of rose/mauve washes were so pleasing and I simply loved the cascade of silver confetti at close of show. Super!

During the Interval it was my great privilege to present your long-term member Dave Palmer with his NODA 50 years Gold Bar and Certificate. This is no mean feat, especially as the whole time has been spent with your society, showing tremendous loyalty – you are most fortunate in having him as a member.

Please pass on my kindest regards to everyone and I do hope the production proves to be as great a financial success as it undoubtedly is artistically!

Yours sincerely,



**Geraldine Branton, NODA South West Councillor.**

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