ROM COM CON
Mace and Burton
Bakehouse Theatre
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Review by Maggie Wood

Lizzy Mace and Juliet Burton are looking for love, and for the want of a better idea decided to road test the ideas and theories on successful pairings that romantic comedy movies use. Thus ensues an hour of trial and error, process of elimination and some interesting sharing. The pair has made clever use of the filmic technique (as per "When Harry Met Sally") of interviewing real life couples to intersperse throughout the show and add to their argument. The two ladies are engaging and funny and make some valid and interesting points with their findings.

Their research is thorough and hilarious and the use of film and graphics adds depth and variety to the show. There are some raw, honest moments that will have you closer to tears (but in a good way) when they tackle the question "Does love exist?" and the gravitas works well alongside the silliness of the rest of the show because of the respect given to the interviewees.

Mace and Burton make an interesting duo who spark off each other pleasingly. I look forward to seeing more of their work together.

Rating: 3.5 stars (out of 5)

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