



*Our Country's Good* a Winner! ... Theatre Erindale director Patrick Young calls it "one of the most inspiring plays of the last 30 years – a beacon to theatre people the world over." ... Young (director and set) James Smagata (lighting), Joanne Massingham (costumes), Daniel Levinson (fight direction) and Barbara McLean Wright (stage manager) all deserve a round of applause for successfully staging the show on the Theatre Erindale stage.

Last night's [preview] performance was captivating. The 11-member cast are seamless in performing multiple roles. Chris White, who stars as 2nd Lieutenant Ralph Clark, anchors the stage while Josh Wiles, who plays Captain Jemmy Campbell and Meg Long, brings comic relief to the show in his portrayal of both characters. The stand-out performers, though, are Jessica Allen as Liz Morden and Nicholas Marinelli as Midshipman Harry Brewer ...

## THE MEDIUM

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Theatre Erindale's latest production, *Our Country's Good*, celebrates everything to do with live theatre. ... The story ... is unconventional, and Theatre Erindale presents a lively adaptation. The staging is for the most part simple, but uses a few key props to great effect. ... Many of the actors (almost all of whom play multiple roles) show off their comedic chops. ... The actors ... transitioned seamlessly through the play's shifts in tone.

One actor who balances comedy and drama especially well is Brandon Gillespie ... fun to hate, but ... legitimately dangerous. Michael Esposito II also gives a charismatic and genuinely funny performance as Sideway, ... while Heather Dennis's colourful convict, Dabby [is] made loveable by Dennis's boldly comedic performance. The character of Liz Morden (played by Jessica Allen) is arguably the heart of *Our Country's Good*. ... Allen's fearless performance only enhances the pathos of Liz Morden, and her portrayal rings strikingly true. ... White is also strong in the central role of Lieutenant Clark. ... a heartfelt, wry, funny performance ... Walls deserves credit as well for taking on two large roles and performing both equally well...

An enjoyable ride!

## Ontario Arts Review



**Theatre Erindale** has scored a triumph! ... Connected scene vignettes ... look at the experience from three different aspects ... George III's Royal Marines, the harshly treated draconically sentenced criminals, and the aboriginal community. Most of the cast perform in two or more of these diverse categories, and perform they do – superlatively! ... To be so credible in such diverse guises is a credit to UTM's training. ... To be able to put ones' self so realistically into such non-complementary roles boggles this writer....

The pivotal roles of 'Mary' & 'Duckling' are played by Alison Blair & Brittany Kay with empathy and innate understanding ... Ingeniously creative staging ... instantly convert[s] locales or situations. ... Just one more rationale to visit ERINDALE before February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ONLY FIVE MORE PERFORMANCES – MUST CLOSE FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>!**

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