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Ashbourne's music the strongest

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ited away to New York The evil Mr. Baldhead (whose identity it is a gross mistake to reveal in the programme) has magic power over people. Until a stronger charm is used against him Love and goodness triumph in the end, the wicked are (temporarily) reformed, and the couples pair off tidily.
Peter Ashbourne's music, nicely arranged, and well played by the small orchestra, is the strongest element in the show. It might have seemed stronger, had there been a few more people in the cast who could sing more than passably (Alaine Grant is the outstanding exception).
The set is noticeably inexpensive this year and a basic element of it did not extend far enough into the wings. Sitting not far left of centre, I was obliged to observe a steady hand extended each time the Nufus facade came down. George Carter's lighting is helpful throughout (though strobe lighting has become obtrusively cliché).
What makes the biggest difference between the two casts is the performance of the biggest roles. I willingly accord Ranny Williams the reverence due to any well established institution, and it is only fair to note that many people revel in him year after year, but he doesn't amuse me nearly as much as Oliver Samuels usually does. They alternate as Mr Nuffus.
As Miss Inez (Mother of Johnny Reggae) Hyacinth Brown is nice to look at but isn't strong enough to dominate whole scenes the way she should. Andre Bonner is visually less persuasive but her well projected performance is an excellent counterweight to Oliver Samuels'.
Denise Oates (a bit tall for her young man) looked a little uncomfortable on opening night, and her singing was nothing special. Alaine Grant, the other Princess, sings better than anybody else in either cast, and, although she hasn't got the acting skill of a Denise Oates, achieved a lovely

innocent quality.
Bert Johnson sings, and acts, a better Johnny Reggae than does Colin Douglas — at least that's what I thought until Douglas and the second night cast electrified us all in that final half hour. Made up oddly (to look like Elvis Presley?), Colin Douglas was wonderfully confident at the end but he did not go for the pleasant Bert Johnson conveyed so well.
Gabrielle Harban plays Cutie the record shop vamp who's after Johnny, with energy and seductiveness. Gary Harvey and Allan Jones did good work as an every changing pair of oafs, broadly introducing topicalities. Franchot Henry, second night alternate to Alan Jones was amusing too but much weaker in projection. The Dame, Mrs Dry Up, was underplayed, clothes don't help enough to remind us she is a man — the track shoes and socks for example are not emphatically masculine. It's not entirely clear that the part was actually written as a Dame. Nor is it clear that Johnny Reggae needs one.
Since everybody acknowledges that the annual LTM Pantomime is basically a Jamaican musical comedy, perhaps it's time to free up the scriptwriters. There's no need to write a Louise Bennett part especially now she doesn't do the show any more. We don't need topicalities when they are only loosely connected to the main storyline. We don't have to have a Dame. The late President, in her final programme note invites us to watch the pantomime musical for "the Art Form that has emerged and is emerging". I am not at all sure that the hodge-podge of elements we have now is in any creatively helpful sense a Form what we undoubtedly have is an annual occasion.
After all these years it's time that the LTM December show turned out to be a major Jamaican musical comedy of broad popular appeal which might remain as worthy of revival as our best straight plays.

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