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Cabaret

St Oswald's Hall, until 23 Aug, 19.40, various prices, Tempo Musical Productions

★★★★★

Granted, the words 'Holocaust' and 'musical' don't seem especially compatible. But this really is what Cabaret is about and it launches itself unflinchingly into the midst of any lingering moral squeamishness. Recently arrived in pre-war Berlin, aspiring writer Clifford Bradshaw is drawn into a confused relationship with a vivacious Kit Kat Klub songstress, while around them Nazi doctrine begins to take a forceful hold of their friends and neighbours. Action spills over from stage to auditorium, and combines moments of heart-warming fuzziness, humour and surrealism – yet is consistently sinister. You might find yourself thinking 'my, that's a very stocky young lady', but no, you haven't stumbled across the Ladyboys of Bangkok - they're just trying to camp it up. By no means a traditional soft and fluffy musical, this is a vibrant and surprisingly hard-hitting show



thrill: Actors sitting at the front tables.

spill: Leaves you feeling at a bit of a loose end.

Katy Monson

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