



# Review of 'Islander' at Olney Theatre: A Magical Musical Featuring Live Vocal Looping

## Description

"Islander" is a modern play rooted in Scottish stories. It's not just about old legends, but also about our own personal myths. This play has two main actors and uses special sound effects. These add to the mystery of the setting - an island losing its people.

The lead characters are Eilidh, the last teenager on the island, and a mysterious woman named Arran. Their growing friendship and stories shape the play. Live vocal looping and mixing of folk, pop, and electronica music make everything seem more real. Strange tales are unfolded - like how the island was split into two!

The play also tells the story of the islanders who must decide whether to leave their home or stay, even as it is fading away. Despite multiple character roles, the lead actors perform excellently.

"Islander" first gained fame in 2017 and has since traveled far. It talks about maintaining our roots in a rapidly changing world and the kindness we share. The poignant promise made by Eilidh and Arran to meet again, if they and the whales are still around, leaves us with hope.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Scottish** // (adjective): Related to Scotland or its people.
2. **Legends** // (noun): Traditional stories passed down through generations.
3. **Mystery** // (noun): Something that is difficult to understand or explain.
4. **Teenager** // (noun): A person aged between 13 and 19 years old.
5. **Folk** // (noun): Traditional music and stories of a community.
6. **Poignant** // (adjective): Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is defined as the payment or benefits received by an employee in exchange for their services?

- Option: Shares
- Option: Bonus
- Option: Salary
- Option: Unhappy

2. What is the abbreviation for the Chief Financial Officer in a company?

- Option: Performance
- Option: Concert
- Option: Gospel
- Option: CFO

3. What term is used to describe a temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product service or result?

- Option: Polka
- Option: Attendees
- Option: Soap opera
- Option: Project

4. Who are the individuals in an organization with authority over employees?

- Option: Character
- Option: Secrets
- Option: Cancellation
- Option: Bosses



5. What term is used when an event or agreement is terminated before completion?

- Option: Transparency
- Option: Refunded
- Option: Coverage
- Option: Cancellation

6. What word means to become known or apparent?

- Option: Scottish
- Option: Legends
- Option: Mystery
- Option: Emerged

7. What type of story involves solving a puzzling crime or unexplained event?

- Option: Teenager
- Option: Folk
- Option: Poignant
- Option: Mystery

8. What are units of ownership in a company?

- Option: Bluegrass
- Option: Polka
- Option: Attendees
- Option: Shares

9. What term is used to describe a scheduled period of work?

- Option: Compensation
- Option: Bonus
- Option: Unhappy
- Option: Shift

10. Which nationality is associated with kilts and bagpipes?

- Option: Coverage
- Option: Refunded
- Option: Transparency
- Option: Scottish

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. In business \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the monetary worth of something.

12. The number of \_\_\_\_\_ at the conference exceeded expectations.



13. Employees were \_\_\_\_\_ with the new company policies.
14. The company awarded a year-end \_\_\_\_\_ to all employees.
15. A person's true \_\_\_\_\_ is revealed during challenging times.
16. The book revealed the hidden \_\_\_\_\_ of the main character.
17. The company prides itself on its commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ in all its dealings.
18. She enjoys listening to traditional \_\_\_\_\_ music from different cultures.
19. Many consider \_\_\_\_\_ music to be a blend of country and jazz styles.
20. The movie's ending was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it left many viewers in tears.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The band's live at the concert received rave reviews from the audience.
22. The local orchestra will be performing a special to raise funds for charity.
23. The church choir sang beautiful hymns during the service.
24. The dance enthusiasts gathered to enjoy the lively music and movements.
25. The long-running has captivated audiences with its dramatic storylines.
26. The latest of the popular TV series left viewers eagerly anticipating the next installment.
27. The folklore is full of mythical passed down through generations.
28. The coming-of-age story focuses on the challenges faced by a young .
29. The customers were pleased when the store promptly their money for the defective product.
30. The news channel provided extensive of the breaking story.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Salary 2. CFO 3. Project 4. Bosses 5. Cancellation 6. Emerged 7. Mystery 8. Shares 9. Shift 10. Scottish



**Gap-Fill:** 11. Value 12. Attendees 13. Unhappy 14. Bonus 15. Character 16. Secrets 17. Transparency 18. Folk 19. Bluegrass 20. Poignant

**Matching sentence:** 1. Performance 2. Concert 3. Gospel 4. Polka 5. Soap opera 6. Episode 7. Legends 8. Teenager 9. Refunded 10. Coverage

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