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Dear Debbie,

Re: Show Visit; Footloose 13th February 2012

Thank you and the WOW group for your invitation to Footloose and for the hospitality extended to us. Jane and I were delighted to attend and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Such a talented and energetic young cast, some of the dance routines made me exhausted just watching them! Probably one of the most difficult aspects for a youth based group with this particular show is the number of middle aged roles. The performance from Steve Patient was very well delivered I thought, so too from Bailey Whitnell as Vi Moore. Another production with many fine characterisations; Jake Davis, Matilda (Tilda) Bourne, Josh Read and Zoe Rogers to name but a few.

Apart from the vitality, musical accompaniment, good singing, set and costumes, one thing which really stood out for me was the emotional drain on the audience. I'm sure many in the audience had a tear or two in their eyes, I know I did. Three pieces of pure theatre; the sinister "eyes", the trio singing "Learning to be Silent" (I think that was the number) and "Can you find it in your heart". Just brilliant.

Well done to all involved with the production, and such a pleasure to talk to so many nice young people (and slightly older folk) after the performance.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Farr.

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