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IMPRESSIVE: Co-op Juniors Christmas Spectacular at Snape Maltings. Below, Owen Berry and Symone Pemberton

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Heart-warming show helps to beat the chill

Co-op Juniors Christmas Spectacular, at Snape Maltings until Tuesday, and at Charter Hall, Colchester, from December 28-30

BATTLING through the blizzard was certainly worth the effort when the reward was the stunning Co-op Juniors Christmas Spectacular at Snape Maltings on Thursday night.

As the concert hall filled with the warmth of the Juniors' beautiful singing and step-perfect dance routines it was easy to

forget the weather raging outside.

The stage was set with a magnificent mansion façade, fully decked with boughs of holly, which cleverly manoeuvred with seamless precision throughout the performance, providing a festive backdrop for the talented youngsters.

And what talent! From the tiniest tots in shimmering little snow fairy tutus to the surefooted slick routines from the senior dancers, every member of the cast gave their all.

Highlights are difficult to choose, as I enjoyed every moment, but judging from the reactions of the enthusiastic



audience 'The Boys', with their version of the Blues Brothers, went down a storm.

And the lads continued to impress throughout the evening with Daniel Garnham and Adam Wegg delivering a heart-warming

version of Stevie Wonder's *Isn't She Lovely* (backed by six of the cutest girls you could wish to see) followed later by the equally-talented Owen Berry, Jack Brett, Peter Hazelwood and Marley Njie with their impressive tribute to the *Jersey Boys*.

From a Michael Jackson tribute to Christmas carols the varied and interesting programme was sheer delight.

The costumes could easily have stolen the show but for me it's the trademark, all-round song-and-dance package, the Co-op Juniors deliver that never fails to impress.

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