

Children excel in Leeds play

A crowded audience of school-children in Leeds Civic Theatre last night thoroughly enjoyed the opening production of "Emil and the Detectives," by Erich Kaestner, presented by the Children's Theatre Group of the Leeds Art Centre.

No fewer than 70 children, drawn from Leeds schools and whose average age was 13 years, appeared in the cast and they acquitted themselves in a manner that reflected the utmost credit upon the producer, Mr. Arthur Cox, headmaster of the Lower Wortley County Primary School.

The roles of the five detectives were convincingly played by Leslie Burns (Leeds Modern School), Jeremy Smart (Roundhay School), David Wigley (Leeds Grammar School), Brian O'Boyle (Mount St. Mary's School), and Trevor Hodgson (St. Michael's School, Headingley). Thirty adults who also took part are all members of the Arts Centre.

Mr. Arthur Brown, Art Master at the Aireborough Grammar School, Guiseley, was responsible for the designing and painting of the scenery.

The show is the last of the season by the Children's Theatre Group and will have a fortnight's run.