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Cast steps out in style

THE cast of *Stepping Out* at Tyne-mouth Priory Theatre received a standing ovation from the first night audience after a glittering finale.

The play by Richard Harris followed a motley group of people attending a weekly dance class and we saw their faltering first steps, culminating in a polished final performance.

It took great skill to simulate the learning process and their prowess was a tribute to eight months of hard work with dancing teacher Vivienne Greener, who also took the part of teacher Mavis in the play.

Another guest performer was

Maureen McCauley, one of the best known singers in the north east.

In her debut with the theatre, she gave a riot of a performance as Mrs Fraser, the crusty accompanist, and also made full use of her exceptional musical skills.

It is a subtle play, with intriguing revelations about the people, and all the players were well cast.

The set by Steve Arnott caught the atmosphere of a down at heel church hall, down to marks on the wall where pictures had been taken down.

Altogether a splendid production, one of Priory's best, which is running until Saturday.

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