

Last night, I attended a presentation of the Opera *Carmen* put on by students at the local university.

All in all, it was surprisingly well done. The students playing Carmen and Escamillo definitely have potential.

The Teatro Calderon opened in 1897 and is a classic, well preserved example of opera houses of the period.



One nice difference was the lack of a sound system. You got more of a feel of what going to the opera may have been like when *Carmen* had its debut.

As I mentioned before, there are free or budget priced cultural activities going every week, mainly Thurs – Sun.

Tickets for *Carmen* were 30 or 50 Pesos, \$2.70 or \$4.50. and there was a free band concert going on at roughly the same time.



