

ACT THREE
PRODUCTIONS



STAGE RAGE

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On stage at the Wallace Development Company Theatre
Until 4 June 2022

Have you booked your tickets yet?
The GODSPELL cast is blowing the audiences away and announcing to
Palmy that live theatre is BACK!
Don't miss out on all the laughter, fun and some tears in this beautiful telling of GODSPELL.

Review – by Damian Thorne

I've started using sharpie pens when I review so I can see my notes in the dark. During GODSPELL I wrote so much I was heightened from the fumes and from the very original production unfolding before me.

It's wonderful to see ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS return to their roots with a smaller show, although definitely not in stature, with a focus on the music with some wonderful detailing by Musical Director Bronwyn Boddy, a sublime five piece band, and a director in Michael Doody who was allowed to let his creativity shine.

Doody has achieved a rare chemistry in his entire young cast ...

This GODSPELL has originality, energy, commitment and fabulous chemistry. Boom – it's a hit!

Cast List

Jesus	Jayden Colban
John the Baptist/Judas	Benjamin Grant
Anna Maria	Emily Andrew
Celisse	Katie Monaghan
George	Gemma Humphrey
Lindsay	Jorgia Redfern
Morgan	Leanora Potten
Nick	Terado Bassett & Matthew Lyne
Telly	Logan Tahiji
Uzo	Shawanda Scanlon-Parker
Ensemble	Katherine Large, Nicola Burton, Lily McDonald, Charlotte Davis, Brittney Dicker, Jon Samia



MEMBERSHIP

Your ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS (ATP) membership expired on 31 January.

Therefore, if you have not already done so, this is a reminder that renewal of your ACT THREE membership is now due if your membership expired on 31 January **2022** (noted on your membership card). If you wish to make payment direct to the ACT THREE bank account, the number is **06 – 0729 – 0024947 – 00**. Please don't forget to put your name in the "Reference" field, along with "Membership".

Please note that unless you renew your membership for the 2022/23 year, this will be the last "Stage Rage" you will receive.



Please also note that membership rates are changing from 31 January 2023. Therefore, if you don't want to pay an increased membership fee, please ensure you renew your membership by 31 January 2023.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

Following this year's AGM, the ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS Board for the 2022/23 year is;

President:	Allan Nagy
Board Members:	Jacob McDonald, Paula Fredericks, Lorna Stanley, Samantha Peters, Andrea Maxwell, Michelle Luke, Jessie Feyen Graham Johnston (seconded)
Youth Representative:	Finn Davidson
Board Secretary:	Kay Nagy
Patron:	Grant Smith

The Board thanks Frankie Curd who decided to stand down from the Board for her services over the last two years.

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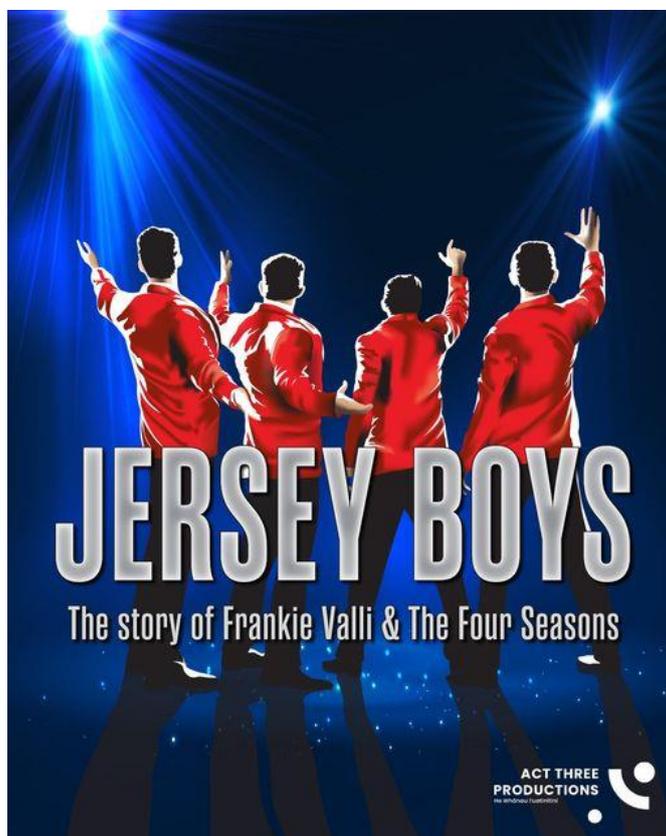
At this year's AGM, Life Membership of ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS was awarded to;

- Jayne McQueen
- Noeline Steward

Congratulations!



With phenomenal music, memorable characters and great storytelling, JERSEY BOYS follows the fascinating evolution of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop-music history. Winner of Best Musical at both the Tony Awards® and Olivier Awards®, JERSEY BOYS takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons to discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. Chart-topping hits include "Sherry", "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Can't Take My Eyes Off You", "Dawn", and "My Eyes Adored You" which brought The Four Seasons the highest honour; induction into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame.



Tickets on sale now:

Almost Famous Musical Coming to Broadway

by Allison Hussey

A stage musical adaptation of Cameron Crowe's *Almost Famous* is coming to Broadway later this year. Crowe wrote the book and co-wrote lyrics for the update of his 2000 comedy-drama, and it premiered at San Diego Old Globe Theatre in 2019. Crowe's inspiration for *Almost Famous* came from his experience as a teenage reporter for *Rolling Stone*. Tom Kitt wrote music and lyrics for the stage production. The production has not yet announced its opening dates or any casting decisions.

Six to release original Broadway cast recording

by Caitlin Hornik



The original Broadway cast of 'Six' (Photo: Joan Marcus)

Six is set to release an original Broadway cast recording. The album, entitled *Six: Live on Broadway* was recorded live onstage on 3 October 2021, during opening night of the production. According to press representatives, *Six: Live on Broadway* marks the first time an original Broadway cast recording has ever been recorded live on opening night. "After two and a half long years it is a dream come true to release *Six*'s Broadway cast recording, which was captured live on a night that ignited the Broadway community at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre," the producers of *Six* said. "The applause and cheers of the 1,069+ people in the audience that night can all be heard on this historical collection. As we listen, sing and dance along to the gorgeous voices of the original Broadway cast, we are transported back to that magical night when we finally got to say 'Happy Opening!'" The recording will be released via streaming and digital formats. Physical CDs and vinyls will be announced at a later date. *Six: Live on Broadway* will include 18 tracks featuring the original Broadway cast, plus a bonus track by the Broadway Alternates. The all-female band 'The Ladies in Waiting' are also featured on the recording. Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss said, "We wanted to capture that buzz, that electric atmosphere that can only be created by a group of pop royalty stepping out onstage in front of an audience of squealing fans. So – welcome to the show."



WICKED Screen Adaptation, Starring Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande, Split Into Two Movies

by Caitlin Moynihan



Cynthia Erivo & Ariana Grande (Photos: Emilio Madrid & Amy Sussman/Getty Images)

The *WICKED* movie adaptation, starring Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba and Ariana Grande as Glinda, will be split into two parts. The first will be released Christmas 2024 and the second in 2025. Composer Stephen Schwartz has revealed the movie will contain at least three new numbers. He also plans to incorporate at least one song cut from the Broadway show into the films. Schwartz and the show's librettist Winnie Holzman are collaborating on the screenplay. Based on the novel by Gregory Maguire, *WICKED* spotlights the untold stories of The Wizard of Oz's Wicked Witch of the West and her unlikely friend, Glinda the Good. The show follows the tale of green skinned Elphaba through the life changing events that eventually label her "wicked" *WICKED* is a tale about love, friendship and trust that reveals there are two sides to every story. The Grammy winning score by Schwartz features the songs 'The Wizard and I', 'Popular' and 'Defying Gravity'.

Wayne Brady & More Set for *Kinky Boots* at the Hollywood Bowl

by Lindsey Sullivan



Wayne Brady (Photo by Emilio Madrid for Broadway.com)

Wayne Brady to lead Hollywood Bowl's *Kinky Boots*.

Everybody will be saying "yeah, yeah" for this casting! After cancelling its summer season for the first time in its 100 year history, the Hollywood Bowl is back. This summer's offerings include the Tony winning musical *Kinky Boots* from 8 July through 10 July. Wayne Brady still step back into the boots as Lola, alongside Scissor Sisters' Jake Shears as Charlie. *Star Wars* alum Kelly Marie Tran, who made history voicing Disney's first South East Asian princess with her role as Raya in *Raya and the Last Dragon*, will play Lauren.

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Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cinderella* to close in the West End

by Gillian Russo



Carrie Hope Fletcher plays the title role in *Cinderella* - described by critics as having a "snappy contemporary edge"

The clock has struck midnight for *Cinderella* in the West End. Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical has set a West End closing date of 12 June. The closure was announced on 1 May via social media and a statement from Lloyd Webber. "I am incredibly proud of *Cinderella*. Not only did it get some of the best reviews of my career, but we led the charge to reopen the West End, ensuring that theatre and live entertainment remained relevant and in the news. While mounting a new show in the midst of COVID has been an unbelievable challenge, we held the government's feet to the flames throughout their changes of heart during the pandemic." Webber also said in his statement that he is in the process of bringing *Cinderella* to Broadway in 2023. At the time of its West End closing, *Cinderella* will have run at the Gillian Lynne Theatre for just under a year. The show, which was initially slated to open in March 2020, began performances on 25 June 2021 after multiple delays amid COVID-19. The London Theatre review of *Cinderella* reads, "Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cinderella* is a different kind of fairytale, one that ... reminds us of our humanity and that sometimes things turn out as you least expect them to." In addition to music by Webber, *Cinderella* features lyrics by David Zippel, a book by Emerald Fennell, and direction by Laurence Connor. Carrie Hope Fletcher stars in the titular role and the cast also featured Victoria Hamilton-Barritt, who received the production's sole Olivier Award nomination in 2022.



Andrew Lloyd Webber's production, starring Carrie Hope Fletcher as *Cinderella*, opened last August



Heathers the Musical film to be recorded at The Other Palace

by Sophie Thomas



This is definitely big fun! *Heathers the Musical* will be recorded at The Other Palace in May, ahead of a future release. The *Heathers the Musical* film recording will take place between 3 to 19 May and *Heathers* performances will resume at The Other Palace on 20 May. *Heathers* has captured the hearts and imaginations of so many people in the UK since it was first produced here in 2018. "This marks an exciting next step in the show's journey," said *Heathers* director Andy Fickman. As part of the *Heathers* film recording, there will be two live performances, with audiences able to apply for tickets via a ballot. *Heathers* film casting is to be announced. *Heathers* opened at The Other Palace in 2018, starring Carrie Hope Fletcher as Veronica Sawyer. Since then, the musical has played two West End engagements at Theatre Royal Haymarket and is back in its original London theatre for a homecoming run. *Heathers* is currently at The Other Palace to September 2022. The *Heathers the Musical* film is being created by Steam Motion and Sound.

& Juliet to host sing-along performance

by Sophie Thomas



Throw some glitter, make it rain!

The pop musical *& Juliet* will invite audiences to sing along for one night only in the West End. A sing along performance of *& Juliet* will take place at the Shaftesbury Theatre on 6 June. During the performance, screens around the Shaftesbury Theatre auditorium will display the lyrics to every song. The *& Juliet* musical includes hits such as 'Love Me Like You Do', 'Confident' and 'Roar'. "We wanted to create a special occasion where everyone is welcome to join in and have as much fun singing our songs as the actors do every night - when normally we ask the audience to leave the performing to them!" said director Luke Sheppard. "A key message of the show is celebrating inclusivity through the magic of theatre, and our hope is that this event continues to open up this show to new audiences as well as those who want to experience the show in a unique way." Miriam-Teak Lee leads the *& Juliet* cast as Juliet, joined by *The Greatest Showman* star Keala Settle as the Nurse, Cassidy Janson as Anne Hathaway, Oliver Tompsett as William Shakespeare, Tim Mahendran as Francois and Alex Thomas-Smith as May, Tom Francis as Romeo and Julius D'Silva as Lance.

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