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Media Alert



TICKETS ON SALE FOR THE LYRIC HAMMERSMITH'S FUNDRAISING GALA, LYRIC FEST, FEATURING JUDE LAW ONSTAGE WITH LYRIC YOUNG ARTISTS

On Sunday 24 September, the Lyric Hammersmith celebrates their life-changing work with young people with a night of entertainment hosted by Mel Giedroyc. Lyric Fest, the Lyric's biennial Fundraising Gala will raise funds to deliver and grow the Lyric's important work in supporting a diverse new generation of artists and creatives. For one night only, the main auditorium will be transformed into a festival setting to showcase the Lyric's world-class work onstage and its innovative programmes with and for young people.

The show curated by the Lyric's Artistic Director, Sean Holmes and hosted by Mel Giedroyc and Lyric alumni, writer and Benidorm star Nathan Bryon, will feature performances from Jude Law, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Joe Stilgoe, Vikki Stone and Deanna Rodger alongside the Lyric's young artists.

The Lyric is committed to working with exciting artists and young people to create innovative and exceptional performances and projects. Over the past decade the Lyric has established a national and international reputation for its work with young people. The Lyric celebrated 10 years of START last December, a theatre based programme for vulnerable young people struggling to engage with education, employment or training.

The Lyric is profoundly committed to giving young people from all backgrounds access to the arts in order to develop their creative, social, personal and economic potential. In particular they recognise the power of bringing young people into the Lyric to create work in a professional theatre alongside professional artists.

Sean Holmes, Artistic Director said: "This Gala celebrates the unique vision of the Lyric as a home to the highest quality theatre and the best inspirational work with young people.

"In a glorious synthesis of these two strands, leading theatre, comedy and music artists will partner with our young performers to deliver a Gala show of surprise, delight and collaboration across the generations.

"At the centre of this, in a splendid showcase of his acting mettle - Jude Law will perform in six two character mini plays written by our young writers. Each of the plays will feature one of our Young Lyric actors, giving them the chance to share the main stage with Jude.

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“All that is great about the Lyric celebrated over one great night and securing a fundraising legacy that will support the next generation of diverse young artists.”

NOTES TO EDITORS

Tickets from £45.

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ABOUT LYRIC HAMMERSMITH:

The Lyric Hammersmith is one of the UK’s leading producing theatres. For more than one hundred and twenty years it has been responsible for creating some of the UK’s most adventurous and acclaimed theatrical work. It has also gained a national reputation for its work with and for children and young people. Productions include their critically acclaimed annual pantomimes, the smash hit *Bugsy Malone*, the international tour and co-production with Filter Theatre of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, the Olivier award-winning production of Sarah Kane’s *Blasted* and most recently the world-wide phenomenon, *Terror*.

The Lyric’s dual commitment to producing the highest quality contemporary theatre, alongside nurturing the creativity of young people is what makes it unique within the cultural ecology of the UK. It is a local theatre rooted in its community with a national and international reputation for the quality and innovation of its artistic work.

In April 2015 the Lyric reopened following a multi-million pound capital project, which saw the addition of the Reuben Foundation Wing housing state-of-the-art facilities for theatre, dance, film, music, digital and more. The ‘new’ Lyric is now the largest creative hub in West London and home to an innovative partnership of like-minded leading arts organisations who work together to deliver life-changing creative opportunities for thousands of young West Londoners.

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