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Playful Productions, Kilimanjaro Theatricals, Karl Sydow, Tulchin/Bartner and Lyric Hammersmith Theatre present

the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre production of

NOISES OFF

By Michael Frayn Directed by Jeremy Herrin Designed by Max Jones

- WEST END TRANSFER ANNOUNCED FOR MICHAEL FRAYN'S HIT COMEDY
- GARRICK THEATRE, LONDON FROM 27TH SEPTEMBER
- TICKETS GO ON SALE ON WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY AT 10am VIA NoisesOffPlay.com

Two plays for the price of one!

Michael Frayn's classic farce about a farce, **Noises Off**, which has played all over the world where theatre is done, returns to the West End for the fourth time as it heads to the Garrick Theatre from 27th September 2019 to 4th January 2020. "Is this the funniest farce ever?" asked the Evening Standard when this production opened at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre. And replied: "Yes. Yes it is."

ALSO, simultaneously, and at no extra cost, the farce that the characters of **Noises Off** are playing, *Nothing On*, is making its epic tour from Weston-super-Mare to Stockton-on-Tees. "Is this the most remarkable entertainment to hit Ashton-under-Lyne since the Black Death?" asked the Ashton-under-Lyne Advertiser. And replied: "Possibly. Apart from the Second World War."

Reprising their roles for the West End in the side-splitting comedy play(s) will be:

BAFTA Television Award nominee **Meera Syal** (*Beautiful Thing, Absolutely Anything* and *The Kumars at No. 42*) as Dotty Otley portraying Mrs Clackett, the housekeeper with a taste for sardines.

Lloyd Owen (*Cleaning Up, Monarch of the Glen* and *The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles*) as *Nothing On's* director extraordinaire Lloyd Dallas.

BAFTA winning **Daniel Rigby** (BBC Two's *Eric & Ernie* and *One Man, Two Guvnor*) as Garry Lejeune, who in turn gives us his best Roger Tramplemain.

Simon Rouse (*Hangmen, Local Hero, The Bill*) is Selsdon Mowbray, who, if he can remember where he is in the script, will play the Burglar.

Further casting to be announced.

This rip-roaring production, directed by **Jeremy Herrin** (*All My Sons, This House, Wolf Hall*), is currently bringing the house down at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre.

After watching from the wings a production of his 1970 farce *The Two of Us* with Richard Briers and Lynn Redgrave, also at the Garrick Theatre, and noting that the goings on behind the scenes were funnier than out front, Michael Frayn wrote *Noises Off*. The original production directed by Michael Blakemore, opened at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre in 1982 before heading to the West End, Broadway and beyond. A feature film was made of *Noises Off* in 1992.

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LISTINGS

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Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2H oHH

First performance: 27^{th} September 2019 Last performance: 4^{th} January 2020

Monday to Saturday at 7.30pm Wednesday and Saturday matinee performances at 2.30pm

Prices from £15

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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Monday 23rd December 2019 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tuesday 24th December 2019 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th December 2019 No performances

Thursday 26th December 2019 7.30pm

Friday 27th December 2019 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Saturday 28th December 2019 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Sunday 29th December 2019 No performances

Monday 30th December 2019 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tuesday 31st December 2019 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Wednesday 1st January 2020 No performances

Thursday 2nd January 2020 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Friday 3rd January 2020 7.30pm

Saturday 4th January 2020 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Sunday 5th January 2020 No performances

NOTES TO EDITORS

For cast and creative team biographies see www.noisesoffplay.com