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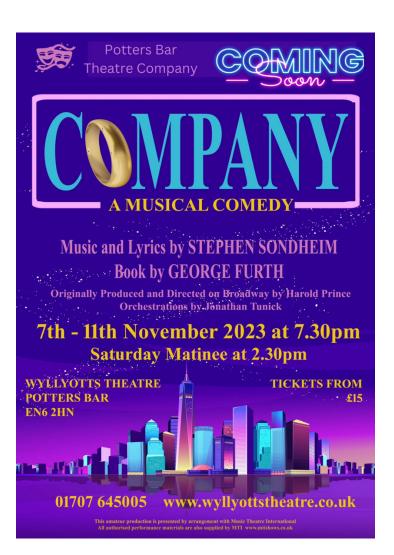
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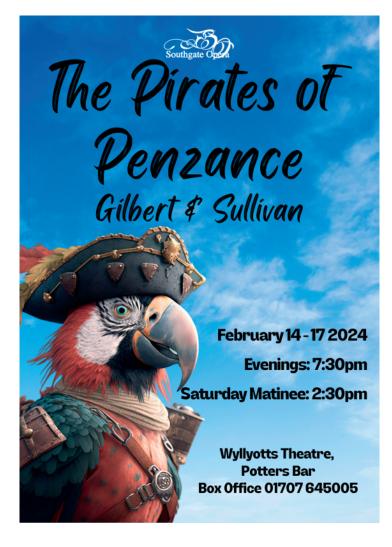
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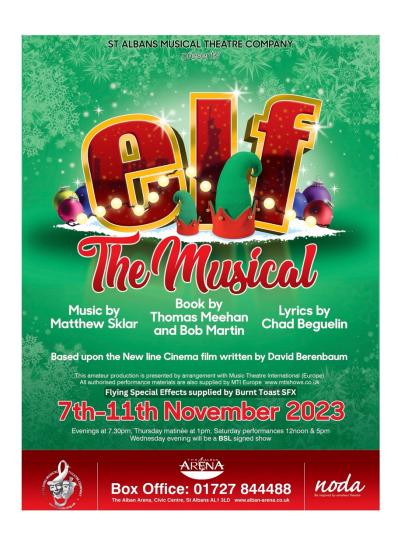
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WELCOME



On behalf of Green Room Productions, welcome to the Wyllyotts Theatre.

Following our sell-out production of *Kinky Boots* here in May, we are thrilled to bring you the regional premiere of Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn*, an exuberant, stage adaptation of the classic 1942 Fred Astaire/Bing Crosby film

This joyous musical features dazzling dance numbers, laugh-out-loud comedy and a glorious parade of Irving Berlin hit songs. If you're after a bit of escapism, this *Holiday Inn* is the perfect place to check into. The show has been described as "a postcard to 1946" but, with a revitalised script, has a joyful spirit, more heart and a more modern sensibility than the film. Rehearsals have certainly been joyful, and we're excited that you are among the first to see this show in the UK, here at Wyllyotts.

Don't confuse this show with the musical White Christmas! Although the same song occurs in both musicals, one deals solely with the festive season while Holiday Inn goes through an entire year, highlighting all the major holidays from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July. The song 'White Christmas' first featured in the 1942 Holiday Inn and was such a hit that Paramount Pictures created an entire musical around it, in its movie White Christmas of 1954. While White Christmas was turned into a stage musical in 2004, (did you see Green Room's 2014 production?), Holiday Inn didn't get this treatment until 2014, and the show has yet to receive its professional premiere in the UK.

Once again, we have several new faces on stage: on behalf of the company, I extend a very warm welcome to our new members and hope that this is the first of many shows with us. And I take this opportunity to formally record our thanks to our innovative and dedicated creative team, to our backstage and front of house crew, and to the Green Room committee: together they make a formidable group enabling us to bring you this and every show.

Thank you for coming to see us and for supporting Green Room-we couldn't do this without you. I hope you enjoy this production. In taking us on a musical tour through a year of holidays, it is perfect, as Irving Berlin's song says, for "Shaking the Blues Away."

Best wishes

Alastair

Alastair Woodgate
Chair, Green Room Productions



Jim HardyMatt GreenbankTed HanoverElliot MooreLinda MasonHolly MacerLila DixonLucy RamageLouiseKim DavisDannyHoward Salinger

Charlie Winslow Noah Clarke (Tues, Fri, Sat mat)

Charlie Green (Weds, Thurs, Sat eve)

Ensemble: Claire Andrews
Zachary Barber

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Katrina Stokes

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Lily Tello

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MD/Conductor Susana Tierney Karen Stocker Keyboard I Keyboard 2 Karen Burrage Trumpet I **Toby Simmons** Trumpet 2 Des Moss Fred Slide Trombone I Trombone 2 Martin Smith Laura Bookbinder Reed I Reed 2 Andy Stewart Reed 3 Rachel Craggs

Bass Gareth Covey-Crump

Drums Jono Pamplin

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Choreographer Michelle Loader
Musical Director Susana Tierney
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The story, as suggested by the title, goes through an entire year, highlighting all the major holidays from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July. It follows singer-songwriter Jim Hardy, who surprises his best friend Ted, and fiancée Lila, by leaving the bright lights of Broadway for a new life on a farm in Connecticut. But Jim soon finds that life just isn't the same without a bit of song and dance. His luck takes a spectacular turn when he meets Linda, a spirited schoolteacher with talent to spare. Together they transform the farmhouse into the Holiday Inn, a fabulous venue with dazzling performances to celebrate every holiday in the calendar. Will Jim's shot at happiness be foiled when Ted tries to lure Linda to Hollywood to be his new dance partner, or will love prevail?

The film *Holiday Inn*, directed by Mark Sandrich, premiered on August 4, 1942, starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Virginia Dale, Marjorie Reynolds and Walter Abel. The film received a 1943 Academy Award for Best Original Song (Irving Berlin for "White Christmas") and Academy Award nominations for Best Score (Robert Emmett Dolan) and Best Original Story (Irving Berlin).

After premiering at the Goodspeed Opera House in 2014, the stage adaptation opened on Broadway at Studio 54 in October 2016, produced by the Roundabout Theatre Company.

CurtainUp wrote that the show is a "trip back to sheer old-fashioned good-time entertainment" while the New York Observer described it as "heartfelt musical eggnog." Variety said "the 1942 film has had a complete and first-class stage redo ... making it the feel-good show of the fall."

A professional production has yet to be staged in the UK.

SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act I

Overture

SCENE I: THE CAT'S MEOW NIGHTCLUB, AUGUST 1946

Steppin' Out With My Baby /

I'll Capture Your Heart Jim, Ted, Lila and the Ensemble

SCENE 2: LILA'S DRESSING ROOM, THE CAT'S MEOW – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

The Little Things in Life Jim

SCENE 3: MASON FARMHOUSE, MIDVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Blue Skies Jim and the Ensemble

Marching Along With Time Linda and Jim

SCENE 4: NIGHCLUBS, THE MID WEST / MASON FARMHOUSE

Heat Wave Ted, Lila and the Ensemble

SCENE 5: MASON FARM

It's a Lovely Day Today Jim, Lila and Louise

SCENE 6: KENO RADIO STUDIOS, LAS VEGAS

Plenty to be Thankful For Ted, Lila and the Ensemble

SCENE 7: LINDA'S APARTMENT, THANKSGIVING 1946

Plenty to Be Thankful For (reprise) Linda and Charlie

Marching Along With Time (reprise) Linda

SCENE 8: KENO RADIO STUDIOS / MASON FARMHOUSE

Nothing More to Say Linda

SCENE 9: MASON FARMHOUSE, CHRISTMAS EVE 1946

Shaking the Blues Away Louise and the Ensemble

White Christmas Jim and Linda

SCENE 10: HOLIDAY INN, NEW YEAR'S EVE 1946

Holiday Inn / Happy Holiday Jim, Louise and the Ensemble

Let's Start the New Year Right Linda, Jim, Ted and the Ensemble

Interval of 15 minutes



SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act 2

Entr'acte

SCENE I: MASON FARMHOUSE BEDROOM AND LANDING - NEW YEAR'S DAY 1947

You're Easy to Dance With Te

Ted and the Girls

SCENE 2: OUTSIDE MIDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – A FEW DAYS LATER

Let's Take an Old-Fashioned Walk Jim and Linda

SCENE 3: REHEARSAL STUDIO, NEW YORK CITY - FEBRUARY 1947

SCENE 4: HOLIDAY INN - VALENTINE'S DAY 1947

Be Careful, It's My Heart Jim, Linda and Ted

SCENE 5: HOLIDAY INN

Cheek to Cheek Ted, Linda and the Ensemble

SCENE 6: HOLIDAY INN - EASTER 1947

Easter Parade Ted, Linda, Jim and the Ensemble

SCENE 7: HOLIDAY INN - INDEPENDENCE DAY 1947

Song of Freedom Linda, Ted and Jim

SCENE 8: HOLIDAY INN

Let's Say It with Firecrackers /

Song of Freedom *Jim, Ted, Linda and the Ensemble*

Nothing More to Say (reprise) Linda

SCENE 9: HOLIDAY INN - THANKSGIVING 1947

SCENE 10: UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, LOS ANGELES

White Christmas (reprise) Linda and Jim

SCENE II: OUTSIDE THE MOVIE THEATRE

SCENE 12: MASON FARMHOUSE

Finale The Company

Exit Music Band

The running time of the show, including the interval, is approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Please note that photography is strictly prohibited.

Illuminated phone screens are distracting to fellow audience members: please refrain from taking out a phone during the show and please ensure your phone is set to silent or is switched off.

Thank you.

















Matt Greenbank Jim Hardy

Matt is delighted to be back with Green Room Productions, playing the role of Jim Hardy in Holiday Inn - a somewhat unusual role for Matt, as this character is happy and smiling for a large proportion of the show! Previous favourite roles include Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar, Davy in Sunshine on Leith, and Leo Frank in Parade. He hopes you enjoy this whistle-stop tour of a year's worth of holidays squeezed into a couple of hours!

Elliot Moore Ted Hanover

Off the back of the wonderful production that was *Kinky Boots*, Elliot is delighted to be back with his Green Room family, portraying Ted Hanover, a part made famous by none other than Fred Astaire. He hopes that you have a fabulous foot tapping time! Starting his Green Room career back in 2008 in *My Fair Lady*, Elliot went on to attend one of the most prestigious performing academies in the country. Credits whilst training included Sweeney Todd (*Sweeney Todd*), Tommy (*Brigadoon*) and Private George Tilly (*Brass*).

Holly Macer Linda Mason

Holly is once again happy to be treading the boards with the brilliant cast of Green Room in this all-singing, all-dancing stage musical of Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn. Holly has been part of Green Room for 10 years now and previous roles she's been lucky to play include Betty in White Christmas, Christine Colgate in Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Sandra in Made in Dagenham, Luisa in Zorro and Inga in Young Frankenstein. She hopes this show will help you to be 'Shaking the Blues Away' and she'll see you in the bar after!

Lucy Ramage Lila Dixon

Lucy is a primary school teacher and has been a member of Green Room for the past fifteen years. Her last role was Nicola in *Kinky Boots* and her favourite roles to date include playing the esteemed Ginger Rogers as Dale Tremont in *Top Hat* and "showing off" as Janet Van De Graff in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Lucy has loved playing the hilariously ditsy Lila Dixon and hopes you enjoy the show.

Kim Davis Louise

Kim is so happy to be performing once again with Green Room. Previously for Green Room Productions, Kim has played Norma Desmond (Sunset Boulevard), Giuletta (Aspects of Love) and Inez (Zorro). Other parts Kim has played locally include Evita, Edith Piaf and Velma Kelly. Kim would like to thank John Hebden and Alastair Woodgate for all their support, encouragement and commitment. "It's good to be home".

Howard Salinger Danny

Howard has worked with various companies over the past 20 years, but this is his first show with Green Room. He has taken on many roles in musicals and plays. Highlights include Fagin (Oliver!), Francis Henshall (One Man, Two Guvnors), Parris (The Crucible), Mushnik, (Little Shop of Horrors) and Benny (Guys & Dolls) - a double act with Director, John Hebden. Howard is excited to play Danny in Holiday Inn, and perform with this incredibly talented cast. Enjoy the show boychik!

Noah Clarke Charlie Winslow

Noah is in Year 6 at St Catherine's School in Ware. He loves all aspects of theatre and has been attending musical theatre classes since he was 3. Noah also loves cricket, and learning the trombone. This year, he played the title role in Oliver! for Ware Musical Theatre and Young Charlie in Kinky Boots for Green Room. Noah is absolutely thrilled to be playing Charlie in Holiday Inn (and trying out his American accent!) and to be working with Green Room again. He continues to learn so much from all the company!

Charlie Green Charlie Winsolw

Charlie is delighted to be performing in his second show with Green Room, after having a blast playing Young Lola in *Kinky Boots*! Charlie has played a number of other roles with other companies, some of his favourite shows being *The Sound of Music, Grease, Oliver* and *Matilda*. He has also played various roles in pantomimes. Charlie is also continuing his journey with the Pauline Quirke Academy in Hertford.



Claire Andrews





David Barton





Sam Buckingham



Noah Clarke



Mar Copues-Out



Kim Davis



Alice Erman



Tom Field



Charlie Green



Matt Greenbank







Heather Jordan



Chris Lucas



Holly Macer



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Beckie Rowley



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Howard Salinger



Lucas Salinger



Katrina Stokes



Lily Tello





Adrienne Viall



Joshua Watson





CREATIVE TEAM



John Hebden Director

Green Room has staged five Irving Berlin musicals, of which John has directed three of them, Annie Get Your Gun, White Christmas and now Holiday Inn (the other Irving Berlin shows being Call Me Madam and Top Hat). John is looking forward to staging Green Room's forthcoming production of Beautiful: the Carole King Musical which will play Wyllyotts in May 2024.



Michelle Loader Choreographer

Michelle has been extremely fortunate to have not only performed in but also choreographed a number of several Green Room productions over the years including, more recently, Young Frankenstein and Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat as well as stepping in for a special 'one night only' performance as Jean in Sunshine on Leith! They are an unbelievably talented bunch and she is delighted to be back choreographing Green Room's latest show Holiday Inn. It's full of wonderful music and dancing and is such an uplifting, high energy show which is guaranteed to leave you with a big smile on your face!



Susana Tierney Musical Director

Susana graduated from Trinity College of Music where she studied the piano, and then went on to assist the musical director in coaching the boys for the production of Oliver! at the London Palladium. She now works within a music management agency that looks after some of the most acclaimed classical conductors, singers and instrumentalists. Susana has been Musical Director for many shows including Guys & Dolls, The Music Man, Me and My Girl, Kiss Me Kate, Half a Sixpence, Children of Eden, Summer Holiday, Once Upon a Mattress, I Love You Because, Annie, Anything Goes, Pirates of Penzance, Little Shop of Horrors, Spamalot, Sister Act, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Sunshine on Leith, Shrek and Kinky Boots. Susana is thrilled to be back with Green Room, although it feels like she has never been away!

















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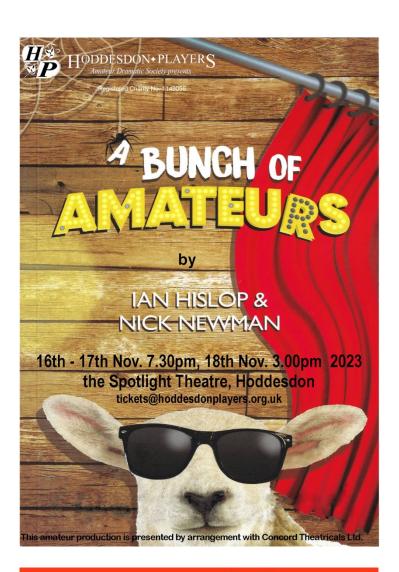
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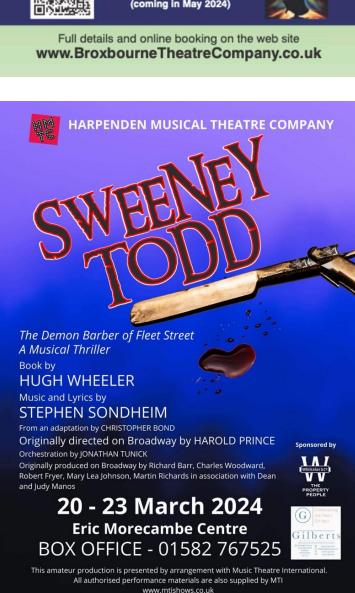
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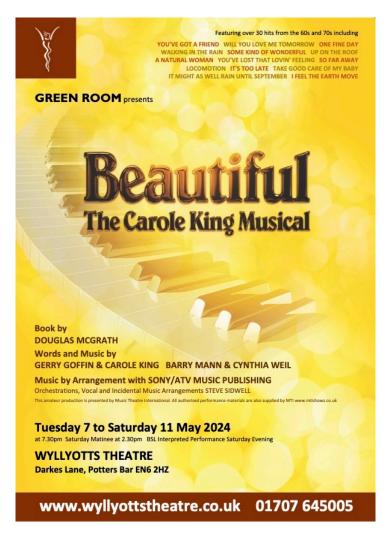


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1054	Lisbon Story	1992	Brigadoon
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1958	On Monday Next Come What May	1994	Meet Me in St Louis My Fair Lady
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1961	Guys and Dolls The Most Happy Fella	1998	Crazy For You
1962	Make Me an Offer The Flower Drum Song	1999	The Pirates of Penzance The Mystery of Edwin
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1979	The Pajama Game Charlie Girl	2014	Aspects of Love White Christmas
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1983	Brigadoon Irene	2019	Bonnie and Clyde Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
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1985	The Good Companions Hans Anderson	2022	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Sunshine on Leith
1986	Pippin Hello, Dolly!	2022	Young Frankenstein
1987	Jack the Ripper Chicago	2023	Kinky Boots



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