

PRESS RELEASE
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Sunshine on Leith to be Pitlochry Festival Theatre's dazzling Winter Production

- A brand-new production of *Sunshine on Leith* to play at Pitlochry Festival Theatre this winter.
- The production will be directed by Pitlochry Festival Theatre's Artistic Director Elizabeth Newman.
- Featuring the songs of the much-loved Scottish band The Proclaimers and made into a hugely successful British film in 2013.
- Production running from 17 November – 23 December.
- Tickets go on general sale from Wednesday 17 May.

Pitlochry Festival Theatre is excited to announce *Sunshine on Leith*, **Stephen Greenhorn's** much-loved musical featuring the songs from world-renowned Scottish band The Proclaimers, is set to play in Pitlochry this Winter.

Sunshine on Leith sees the return of service members Davy and Ally from war overseas, to be confronted with civilian life relationships, blind dates, and new responsibilities. As the pair embark on intertwining journeys of love, they begin to question what home really means to them as they rediscover their sense of identity.

Set to the classic songs of the much-loved **The Proclaimers**, including "*I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)*", "*Letter from America*" and of course the emotive "*Sunshine on Leith*", this feel-good Scottish musical asks the question, would you walk 500 miles for love?

Sunshine on Leith was originally staged at Dundee Rep in 2007 before being transformed into the 2013 smash hit feature film adaptation starring Jane Horrocks and Peter Mullan.

Pitlochry Festival Theatre's Artistic Director **Elizabeth Newman** said:

"We are thrilled to announce that we are creating a brand-new version of Sunshine on Leith to entertain audiences this Christmas. After the hugely successful sold-out production that

we made with Capital Theatres last summer we couldn't resist the chance to make a new production for audiences this Festive Season to celebrate the greatest and most loved Scottish musical by Stephen Greenhorn. Once again, Stephen will be joining me in rehearsals along with a cracking company of actors who'll be singing their hearts out to the awesome Proclaimers classic hit songs."

Fiona Gibson, CEO of Capital Theatres said:

"We're super excited that Sunshine on Leith, which we co-produced with Pitlochry Festival Theatre last year, is returning to the stage this winter in Pitlochry. Sunshine on Leith holds a particular significance for us at Capital Theatres as it was the final King's Theatre show before closing to start its transformational redevelopment and sits at the heart of our aim to support Scotland's theatre community in developing new and exciting projects for the benefit of audiences across Scotland. This new production, directed by the hugely talented Elizabeth Newman, will bring absolute joy and musical delight to many this winter.'

Playwright **Stephen Greenhorn** added:

"I'm thrilled that Sunshine in Leith will be returning to Pitlochry Festival Theatre later this year. Their production was simply joyous, and I can't wait to see it again."

Originally conceived last year in partnership with Capital Theatres, *Sunshine on Leith* will run at Pitlochry Festival Theatre from 17 November until 23 December.

Further information about casting will be announced in the coming months.

The 2023 Autumn season will also see the world stage première in the Theatre's Studio of Cathy Forde's new play *Helping Hands* directed by the Pitlochry Festival Theatre's Associate Director Ben Occhipinti.

Tickets for the Pitlochry Festival Theatre revival of *Sunshine on Leith* and the première of *Helping Hands*, will go on sale on Wednesday 17 May and will be available from the box office on **01796 484626** or online at www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com

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NOTES TO EDITORS

PRESS NIGHT:

Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 November at 2pm & Friday 24 November at 7pm

CREATIVES

Pitlochry Festival Theatre presents

SUNSHINE ON LEITH

A Musical written by **Stephen Greenhorn**

Featuring the songs of **The Proclaimers**

Directed by Elizabeth Newman

New Musical Arrangements by **David Shrubsole**

Original production at **Dundee Rep** on 18th April 2007

Performed by arrangement with **Music Theatre International**

LISTINGS

AUDITORIUM

November

2pm – 18, 22-26, 29 -30

7pm – 17, 18, 24 & 25

December

2pm – 1, 2, 3, 6- 10, 13 -17, 20-23

7pm – 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23

Tickets: From £16-42

Tickets go on general sale from Wed 17 May

Box Office and group bookings: 01796 484626

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Pitlochry Festival Theatre is supported by funding from Creative Scotland and Perth & Kinross Council. It is also grateful to the many individual donors, trusts and foundations who continue to support the Theatre in its vision.

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

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Capital Theatres

Capital Theatres presents world-class shows to entertain and inspire audiences of all ages.

Our three venues; Festival Theatre (1,915 seats), King's Theatre (1,300 seats) and The Studio (155 seats) host over 700 performances each year with a broad and inclusive programme featuring the very best in drama, dance, musical theatre, live music, comedy and pantomime.

In the last year alone we have staged a series of co-productions including **James IV - Queen of the Fight**, **Sunshine on Leith** and festive early years commissions, including, **The Enormous Christmas Turnip**, and **The Gift** and **The Unexpected Gift** with Barrowland Ballet, an inclusive piece for young people with complex needs. Our new artist development strand is being piloted called Open@The Studio.

Much of our programme is exclusive to our venues in Scotland, providing the only opportunity for audiences to see the biggest shows touring north of the border, the best in international contemporary dance and the latest productions from leading local and national companies.

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We are a registered Scottish charity (SC018605) and our theatres, and our programme are supported by the City of Edinburgh Council.
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