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West End performers set to bring the Pitlochry hills alive this summer with the sounds of the greatest musicals of all time.

West End musical performers and Pitlochry Festival Theatre summer 2023 ensemble members **Shona White** and **Ben Stock** are set to bring the Pitlochry hills alive with the sounds of some of the greatest musicals of all time when they perform a series of must-see concerts this summer at Pitlochry Festival Theatre.

Join us for two celebratory concerts, *The Greatest Musicals of All Time* and *West End Musical Extravaganza* featuring some of the greatest show-stopping songs from the musicals we all know and love.

Prepare to enjoy *The Greatest Musicals of All Time*, an electrifying musical concert taking audiences on the full spectrum of the human experience through the alchemy of great composers. The concert features performances of unforgettable songs such as “*There’s No Business Like Show Business*” from *Annie Get Your Gun*, “*Do Re Mi*” from the *Sound of Music*, “*Maybe this time*” from *Cabaret*, “*I’m Not That Girl*” from *Wicked*, “*Send in the Clowns*” from *A Little Night Music*, “*Suddenly Seymour*” from *Little Shop of Horrors* and “*Don’t Rain on My Parade*” from *Funny Girl*.

And take your seats for *West End Musical Extravaganza*, a wonderful medley of smash hits from the musical theatre stages of London’s famous West End featuring smash hit songs including “*I Know Him So Well*” from *Chess*, “*Luck be a Lady*” from *Guys and Dolls*, “*Oom pah pah* and “*As Long As He Needs Me*” from *Oliver!*, “*Winner Takes It All*” from *Mamma Mia!*, “*Any Dream Will Do*” from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, “*Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*” from *Mary Poppins*, “*On My Own*” from *Les Misérables*, and many more classic songs.

Both concerts feature two wonderful performers who have regularly starred on the West End stage. Fife born **Shona White**, who will be playing Mamma Rose in the forthcoming Pitlochry Festival Theatre production of the musical *Gypsy*, has performed in the West End in *Wicked* (Apollo Victoria), *The Rocky Horror Show* (UK Tour and Playhouse, London), *Mamma Mia!* (Prince Edward) and the award winning Donmar Warehouse production of *Merrily We Roll Along*. Shona most recently appeared in the National Theatre production of *Jack Absolute Flies Again*.

Shona White said about the forthcoming concerts:

“Growing up in Fife inspired by the old movie musicals on TV, I played Annie in my local Children’s Theatre and was hooked! After 25 years of performing in musicals all over the world it is thrilling to be bringing these concerts so close to home with the fabulous Ben Stock.”

Shona will be joined onstage by fellow *Gypsy* cast member **Ben Stock**, who is making a welcome return to the Pitlochry Festival Theatre for the first time in 10 years having appeared in, amongst other productions, *Hello Dolly* and *A Chorus of Disapproval*. Ben’s West End credits include *Grease*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, as well as appearing on tour as Lumiere in the much-loved musical *Beauty and the Beast*.

Ben Stock added:

“Ever since my first show at the age of 10, music from musicals has been a soundtrack of my life. I was in the Pitlochry Festival Theatre ensemble in 2013 and it’s really exciting to be bringing some of the songs that have inspired me, and that I have performed in shows, to the Pitlochry stage. All alongside the brilliant Shona White.”

The Greatest Musicals of All Time will be performed on 23 May; 24 June; 1, 13 and 25 July, 10 August and 2, and 17 September.

The West End Musical Extravaganza will be performed on 25 May; 18 & 29 June; 16 July; 1 & 13 August and 7 & 21 September.

Tickets are priced from £16 and can be purchased by calling **01796 484626** or online at www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com/whats-on

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Notes to Editors:

Listings

23 May-21 September

AUDITORIUM

Greatest Musicals of all Time

May 23 (8pm)

June 24 (8pm)

July 1, 13, 25 (8pm)

Aug 10 (8pm)

Sept 2 (8pm) & 17 (2pm)

West End Musical Extravaganza

May 25 (8pm)

June 18 (2pm) and 29 (8pm)

July 16 (2pm)

Aug 1 (8pm) and 13 (2pm)

September 7, 21 (8pm)

Ticket prices: £16-£39 (Concessions available for under 16s and Equity members)

Auditorium, Pitlochry Festival Theatre

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Shona White (Mama Rose)

Shona was born and raised in Fife!

She is an Associate of the Royal Academy of music. Whilst training there she won the Ronald White Prize for Acting Through Song.

Most recently Shona was in the original cast of *Jack Absolute Flies Again* at The National Theatre.

Theatre credits include: *Jack Absolute Flies Again* (National Theatre) Miss Gordon in Michael Grandage's award winning *Merrily We Roll Along* (Donmar Warehouse), Leda Cotton in *I Capture the Castle* (Watford Palace, Bolton Octagon), Florence Vassy in the award winning production of *Chess* directed by Craig Revel Horwood (UK Tour &

Princess of Wales Theatre Toronto), Elphaba in Wicked(Apollo Victoria), Usherette/Magenta in The Rocky Horror Show(UK Tour and Playhouse, London), Lisa and Sophie Sheridan in Mamma Mia!(Prince Edward Theatre)

BEN STOCK

Ben was born in Bristol and trained at GSA. West End work includes GREASE, CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG, DAME EDNA - THE SPECTACLE, MAGICAL MERLIN, JUNGLE RUMBLE and OVER MY SHOULDER and work on tour includes A SPOONFUL OF SHERMAN, TOMFOOLERY, 'Lumiere 'in DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, 'Noël Coward' in NOËL AND GERTIE, SALAD DAYS and JOSEPH.

At Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Ben was seen in A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL, LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN, SINGLE SPIES and as 'Cornelius' in HELLO DOLLY. Other regional work includes roles such as 'Geoffrey in STEPPING OUT and 'Cosmo 'in GLORIOUS in seasons at Oldham, Leeds, Sonning, Perth, Frankfurt and Frinton amongst others. Ben has appeared on FRIDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT for the BBC and presents a weekly show on BOX OFFICE RADIO. He regularly appears in Music Hall, was in THE TALE OF MR TUMBLE for CBEEBIES and has completed 13 seasons as an 'Ugly Sister' in CINDERELLA.

Ben's directing work includes ELTON JOHN: IT'S A LITTLE BIT FUNNY, ADORABLE DORA, TELL ME ON A SUNDAY, ME AND MY GIRL and four shows across the Cunard fleet. Musical direction includes GAYS THE WORD, FREE AS AIR, BYE BYE BIRDIE, OLIVER, SALAD DAYS and solo albums for Caroline Sheen and Stephen De Martin.

Ben's solo cabarets have played to sell-out audiences in London, in New York at 54 Below and across the UK, Far East and on QM2. He has also recorded two solo albums AND THERE WAS MUSIC and BEN STOCK SINGS NOËL COWARD. www.benstock.biz

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