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Orphan Annie returns to Hull

Hit family musical bound for Hull New Theatre Stage in 2019

Direct from the West End, Annie returns in 2019! This "glorious revival"™ (The Times) comes to Hull New Theatre for one week only from 1-6 April 2019.

Set in 1930s New York during The Great Depression, brave young Annie is forced to live a life of misery at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. Her luck soon changes when she's chosen to spend a fairytale Christmas with famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. Meanwhile, spiteful Miss Hannigan has other ideas and hatches a plan to spoil Annie's search for her true family!

With its Tony® award-winning book and score, including the unforgettable songs "The Hard-Knock Life, Easy Street, I Don't Need Anything But You and Tomorrow, you can bet your bottom dollar that you'll love it!

Tickets for Annie at Hull New Theatre from 1-6 April 2019 will be on sale to extra members from 10am on Monday 30 April to Extra Members and from 10am on Tuesday 1 May to the general public. Book at the Hull City Hall Box Office, call 01482 300 306 or visit our website www.hulltheatres.co.uk to book online.

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Ambassador Theatre Group presents

Ian McKellen on Stage

Tolkien, Shakespeare, others and you!

Ian McKellen is set to make a very special appearance at Hull New Theatre next year as part of a solo UK tour to raise

funds for theatres in honour of his 80th birthday.

It all begins in January 2019 with a Tour of London from the National Theatre to the Theatre Royal Stratford East, as well as performances in the West End and Outer London. Then, across the country, he will visit theatres large and small with which he has personal connections, including amateur groups he knew as a child and notable playhouses he has played in as a professional actor over the last half-century, taking in 80 venues in total.

The intimate one-man show, which comes to Hull on 16 June 2019, is a mixture of anecdote and acting, including Tolkien, Shakespeare, others...and the audience. Accessibly priced tickets will be available everywhere and all profits will benefit specific causes at each theatre.

Ian said: "I'm celebrating my 80th birthday by touring a new solo show to theatres I know well and a few that I don't. The show starts with Gandalf and will probably end with an invitation to act with me on stage. In-between there will be anecdotes and acting. I open at my local arts centre in January and end up by August in Orkney.

"Live theatre has always been thrilling to me, as an actor and in the audience. Growing up in Lancashire, I was grateful to those companies who toured beyond London and I've always enjoyed repaying that debt by touring up and down the country myself, with the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, Prospect Theatre, the Actors Company, as well as with commercial productions. Sean Mathias, the director and I have worked together for stage and screen, many happy times.

"I was last at the New Theatre in Hull with the Actors Company with Chekov, Congreve, and Shakespeare, high time that I returned as I tour the country with my new solo show of anecdote and acting. All profits will benefit young people particularly the disadvantaged who are not able to easily access theatre performances."

Ambassador Theatre Group's Executive Producer Adam Speers said: "ATG is proud to be presenting Ian McKellen on Stage and is committed to supporting regional touring. The UK's regional venues are integral in supporting and developing artists and practitioners across all areas of the theatre, both on and off stage.

"All of us in this industry are united by a passion for the arts and love of what we do and this special show is a rare and excellent opportunity to celebrate what's best in our industry while at the same time celebrating one of its greatest actors and raising vital funds to keep the lifeblood of theatre in this country flowing."

Tickets for Ian McKellen on Stage at Hull New Theatre on 16 June 2019 go on sale from 10am on Friday 9 November 2018 priced £10-£55. Book at the Hull City Hall box office or call 01482 300 306. Visit our new website www.hulltheatres.co.uk to book online.

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