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## **FULL CASTING ANNOUNCED FOR UK TOUR OF**

### **DOLLY PARTON'S SMASH HIT**

### 9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

# COMING TO THEATRE ROYAL PLYMOUTH FROM 30 NOVEMBER – 04 DECEMBER 2021

**Dolly Parton's** smash-hit **9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL** is delighted to confirm full casting for the forthcoming UK Tour, coming to **Theatre Royal Plymouth** from 30 November – 04 December with tickets on sale now on the TRP website.

Joining the previously announced **Louise Redknapp** as 'Violet Newstead' will be **Vivian Panka** making her professional UK stage debut as 'Judy Bernly', **Stephanie Chandos** (9 to 5 The Musical – previously covering the role of 'Doralee', Hairspray and We Will Rock You,) as 'Doralee Rhodes', **Sean Needham** (Kinky Boots, Mamma Mia!, Wicked and Buddy) as 'Franklin Hart Jr.' - a role he played on many occasions in both the West End and on tour, **Julia J. Nagle** (American in Paris, Aspects of Love, Dirty Dancing) as 'Roz Keith' and **Russell Dickson** (Evita) as 'Joe'.

The cast is completed by returning ensemble cast members Alexander Bartles, Sierra Brewerton, Demmileigh Foster, Ross Lee Fowkes, Jon Reynolds, Kirsty Anne Shaw, Ricardo Spriggs, Grace Walker, Emily Woodford, and Richard Taylor Woods. They are joined by Rebekah Bryant, Emily Bull, Sonny Grieveson, Callum Henderson, Joshua Lear, Sarah-Marie Maxwell and Clayton Rosa.

- **9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL** features a book by Patricia Resnick, the legendary film's original screenwriter, and an original Oscar, Grammy and Tony award-nominated score by country legend and pop icon Dolly Parton. It tells the story of Doralee, Violet and Judy three workmates pushed to boiling point by their sexist and egotistical boss. Concocting a plan to kidnap and turn the tables on their despicable supervisor, will the girls manage to reform their office or will events unravel when the CEO pays an unexpected visit? Inspired by the cult film this hilarious new West End production is about teaming up, standing up and taking care of business!
- **9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL** is written by Patricia Resnick, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton. It is directed by Jeff Calhoun, choreography by Lisa Stevens, design by Tom Rogers, lighting design by Howard Hudson, musical supervision, arrangements and orchestrations by Mark Crossland, musical direction by Andrew Hilton and casting by









Victoria Roe.

**9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL** Original Broadway Cast Recording is planned for re-release via Dolly Records/Sony Music.

Based on the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Picture. Originally produced on Broadway by Robert Greenblatt, April 2009.

**9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL** is produced by Ambassador Theatre Group Productions with Gavin Kalin Productions, Selladoor Worldwide and Glass Half Full Productions.

#### **ENDS**

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Theatre Royal Plymouth works with partners to understand the challenges people face accessing the arts, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It creates pathways that are genuinely accessible to those who might otherwise never get to engage with the arts. They collaborate to co-create and co-author work that represents the community, creating the space needed for people to tell their story in their own way.

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