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JOHANNES RADEBE

TO EMBARK ON SECOND UK TOUR

JOHANNES RADEBE: FREEDOM UNLEASHED

DUE TO OVERWHELMING DEMAND

FROM 31 MARCH 2023

TV dancing sensation and international champion Johannes Radebe is thrilled to be presenting a brand-new production **Johannes Radebe: Freedom Unleashed**, after the phenomenal success of his debut sell-out UK tour earlier this year. **Johannes Radebe: Freedom Unleashed** will open on 31 March and run through to 27 May 2023, **coming to Theatre Royal Plymouth on 14 May.**

In **Freedom Unleashed**, Johannes will be joined by a diverse, world-class cast of talented dancers and singers, performing to a mix of African rhythms and huge party anthems - with a touch of ballroom magic – making the show a jubilant celebration of culture, passion, and freedom.

Johannes said, "I was so thrilled and overwhelmed by the reception my first tour received earlier this year. The British public really has opened its heart to me and I feel very thankful. So it is with enormous pride and gratitude that I'm able to announce today my second UK Tour. I can't wait to see you all somewhere in the country in 2023!"

Born in the township Zamdela Sasolburg, South Africa, Johannes Radebe started



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dancing when he was seven. He was fascinated by the discipline and the glamour of Ballroom and Latin. Over the next 13 years, Johannes competed in local competitions, climbing up the Latin ranks with top honours, and eventually adding Ballroom and other dance styles, such as African Contemporary and Jazz. He became a finalist at national dance competitions and received an invitation to compete internationally in St Petersburg, Russia.

At the age of 21, Johannes left South Africa to work on the internationally renowned Italian cruise liner Costa. Persistence and experience saw this young, vibrant South African given more responsibilities including choreographing, teaching new dancers, and then eventually being promoted to Dance Captain. In 2018, he was invited to join the debut season of the international hit show, *Dancing With The Stars*, in South Africa.

Johannes toured the world in the international dance show *Burn The Floor* before being headhunted by *Strictly Come Dancing*. He moved to the UK to dance on the flagship BBC show. In his second series, he was partnered with Catherine Tyldesley and danced the first same-sex routine with fellow *Strictly* star Graziano Di Prima. In 2022, he and his celebrity partner, John Waite, made history by being the first all-male partnership to compete on the show. The pair made it to the final and recently won the British LGBT Award for Media Moment of the Year. Johannes will return to the ballroom for his fifth series in September.

The UK Tour of **Johannes Radebe: Freedom Unleashed** is presented by ROYO.

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ROYO is a theatre company formed by Tom de Keyser and Hamish Greer after several years of producing together in the UK, on tour and in the West End and around the world.

ROYO's current musicals include a brand-new production of *The Cher Show* (directed by Arlene Phillips, choreographed by Oti Mabuse and with costumes by Gabriella Slade), *Fisherman's Friends: The Musical* (based on the true story of the chart topping Cornish fishermen and 2019 film) and *The Osmonds: A New Musical* (a new biographical musical about one of America's biggest boy bands).

ROYO also produce several profile-driven events including *Oti Mabuse: I am Here*, *Johannes Radebe: Freedom* and *Johannes Radebe: Freedom Unleashed*.

ROYO are the co-owners of *stream.theatre* and *The Studio*: a digital venue, ticketing platform and production studio that in the last year has created events with partners including Sky Arts, ENO, the London Evening Standard, TikTok, WhatsOnStage, and The Shanghai Grand Theatre.

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