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## **FULL CAST ANNOUNCED FOR UK, IRELAND AND CANADA TOUR OF FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: THE MUSICAL**

The producers of the world premiere production of **FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: THE MUSICAL** are delighted to announce the full cast for the UK & Ireland tour, setting sail from 1 September 2022 at Theatre Royal Plymouth. The production will also make its North American premiere, opening at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto, Canada on 27 November 2022 for a limited Christmas season, before returning to the UK in 2023.

**Jason Langley** (*Tina: The Tina Turner Musical* (West End), *Oslo* (West End/National Theatre), *Hedda Gabler* (National Theatre), *War Horse* (West End), *Enron* (West End), *Da Vinci's Demons* (BBC), *World Without End* (Netflix)) will play record promoter Danny, **Dan Buckley** (*Eugenius!* (The Other Palace and London Palladium), *Ushers: The Front of House Musical* (Charing Cross Theatre), *The Book of Mormon* (Prince of Wales Theatre), *Loserville* (Garrick Theatre & West Yorkshire Playhouse), *Lord of the Flies* (UK Tour), *Spring Awakening- The Musical* (UK Tour)) will play Rowan, **Dakota Starr** (*The Girls* (West End/Leeds Grand Theatre/The Lowry), *A Christmas Carol* (National Tour), *Troilus and Cressida* (RSC)) will play Ben, **Pete Gallagher** (original West End cast of *Only Fools And Horses* (Theatre Royal Haymarket), *Jesus Christ Superstar Arena Tour*, *Oklahoma!* (UK Tour), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (London Palladium), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Regent's Park), *The Rocky Horror Show* (Duke of York's), *Buddy* (Victoria Palace)) will play Wiggie, **Hadrian Delacey** (*Miss Saigon* (Theatre Royal Drury Lane), *Les Misérables* (Palace Theatre), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (West End, UK Tour & International Tour), *Jerry Springer The Opera* (National Theatre & Cambridge Theatre, for which he won the 2004 Olivier Award for Best Supporting Performance in a Musical), *The Producers* (Theatre Royal Drury Lane & UK Tour), *The Phantom of The Opera* (Her Majesty's Theatre)) will play Archie, **Fia Houston-Hamilton** (*The Wolf Of Wall Street* (Immersive London Production), *Mamma Mia!* (UK Tour)) will play Leah, **Hazel Monaghan** (*Romeo & Juliet/The Merry Wives of Windsor/A Midsummer Night's Dream/Macbeth/Much Ado About Nothing* (The Three Inch Fools), *The Elves and the Shoemaker* (Nottingham Playhouse)) will play Sally, **John O'Mahony** (*As You Like It* (Shakespeare's Globe), *The Tempest* (Regent's Park), *Death Of A Salesman* (European Tour), *The Good*

*Karma Hospital, Mrs Brown's Boys*) will play Eddy, **Louisa Beadel** (*Fame* (West End & UK Tour), *King Lear* (Shakespeare's Globe), *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* and *Future Conditional* (Old Vic)) will play Morwenna, **Becky Hurst** (making her theatre debut) will play Grace and **James William-Pattison** (*Once* (UK Tour), *The Last Ship* (UK Tour), *My Fair Lady* (The Mill at Sonning), *Agatha Christie's Crooked House*, *ABBA Voyage*) will play Owen, with musicians **Hazel Askew**, **Mel Biggs**, and **Alfie Gidley** with the band being lead by Musical Director **James Findlay**, and ensemble cast **Hazel Simmons**, **Janet Mooney**, **Dominic Brewer** and **Martin Carroll**.

They will be joining the previously announced **James Gaddas** (*Casualty*, *Bad Girls*, *Coronation Street*, *The Girls*, *Billy Elliot*, Monty Python's *Spamalot*, *Mamma Mia!*) as Jim, **Parisa Shahmir** (*The Snow Queen*, *The Last Ship* and *Mamma Mia!*) as Alwyn, **Robert Duncan** (*Drop the Dead Donkey*, *Casualty*, *Where the Heart Is*, *Twelve Angry Men*) as Jago, **Susan Penhaligon** (*Bouquet of Barbed Wire*, *Emmerdale*, *A Fine Romance*, *Three Sisters*, *The Real Thing*, *Mr Love*, *The Maintenance Man*, *Dangerous Corner* and *Of Mice and Men*) as Maggie and **Anton Stephans** (finalist in *The X Factor*, *Blues Brothers Meet Soul Sisters*, *Porgy and Bess*, *Starlight Express* and *Smokey Joe's Cafe*) as Leadville.

The UK, Ireland and Canada tour follows a highly successful, sold-out season at Hall for Cornwall, where box office records were smashed, making it the biggest selling production in Hall for Cornwall's 25-year history.

**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: THE MUSICAL** is based on the true story of the Cornish singing sensations, Fisherman's Friends, and the hit 2019 film about their life. When a group of Cornish fishermen came together to sing the traditional working songs they'd sung for generations, they hoped to raise a few quid for charity. Nobody, least of all the fishermen, expected their story to end on the Pyramid stage of Glastonbury. Packed with sea shanties, **FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS** is a feelgood voyage about friendship, community and music.

Featuring hit shanties made famous by the band including *Keep Haulin'*, *Nelson's Blood*, *No Hopers* *Jokers & Rogues* and many more.

**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: THE MUSICAL** is directed by James Grieve and written by Amanda Whittington with choreography by Matt Cole, musical direction by James Findlay, set and costume design by Lucy Osborne, musical supervision and arrangements by David White, sound design by Dan Samson, lighting design by Johanna Town and casting by Jim Arnold.

The hit 2019 **FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS** movie, with a screenplay by Nick Moorcroft, Meg Leonard and Piers Ashworth delighted fans across the world with the sequel film, *Fisherman's Friends: One and All*, set to be released in the UK on 19 August 2022.

**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: THE MUSICAL** is produced by ROYO with Flying Fish Productions, Mighty Village, Island Records, David Mirvish and Cornwall Playhouse Productions.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

**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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