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The West End return of **TIM RICE** and **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S**

MUSICAL MASTERPIECE

EVITA

The story of an ordinary woman's meteoric rise to power at a time of extraordinary political unrest, **Evita** is set to captivate West End audiences again as it makes a much anticipated return to London, playing 12 weeks at the **Phoenix Theatre** from 28 July – 14 October 2017, with a press Gala performance on Wednesday 2nd August at 7pm.

The season marks the 65th anniversary of the death of Eva Perón which will be commemorated in Argentina in July. This enigmatic figure, whose rise from humble beginnings to extraordinary wealth and power is immortalised in the musical **Evita**, passed away on 26 July 1952 and was laid in state exactly 65 years prior to the commencement of this latest West End season.

Taking on the iconic role of Eva Perón is one of musical theatre's most exciting young leading ladies **Emma Hatton**, who has performed the lead role of Elphaba in the West End production of *Wicked*, the principle roles of Scaramouche and Meatloaf in *We Will Rock You* at the Dominion Theatre, and Donna in the West End production of *Dreamboats and Petticoats*.

Leading Italian performer **Gian Marco Schiaretti** plays Che, a character who reflects the voice of the Argentine people. Linked to Eva by destiny; he brings balance to the story of Eva's rise to fame. Gian Marco Schiaretti most recently played the title role of Tarzan in Disney's Musical *Tarzan*, in Stuttgart. Prior to this he played Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet* across Italy.

Joining them will be **Kevin Stephen-Jones**, as Argentine President Juan Perón. He has performed extensively across the UK and Europe in over 20 different operas. His musical theatre credits include *Cats*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* and *Love Beyond*.

The cast is completed by **Oscar Balmaseda**, **Sarah O'Connor**, **George Arvidson**, **Lewis Barnshaw**, **Jessica Ellen**, **Callum Fitzgerald**, **Kellie Gnauck**, **Dominic Adam Griffin**, **Joe McCourt**, **Jude Neill**, **Jordan Oliver**, **Chrissie Perkins**, **Oliver Slade**, **Matias Stegmann** and **Yuval Zoref**.

Telling the story of Eva Perón, wife of former Argentine dictator Juan Perón, **Evita** follows Eva's journey which ultimately lead her to be heralded as the 'spiritual leader of the nation' by the Argentine people.

With more than 20 major awards to its credit, and an Oscar winning film version starring Madonna and

Stars, You Must Love Me, and Another Suitcase in Another Hall, this spectacular production promises to be the theatrical event of the summer. Don't miss the chance to see Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's extraordinary musical **Evita** in the West End.

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EVITA LISTINGS INFORMATION

Lyrics by TIM RICE Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
Directed by Bob Tomson and Bill Kenwright
Designed by Matthew Wright
Choreographed by Bill Deamer
Sound Design by Dan Samson

Phoenix Theatre

Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0JP

DATES

Friday 28 July to 14 October 2017

PRESS NIGHT

Wednesday 2 August, 7pm

TICKETS

<http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/phoenix-theatre/>

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PERFORMANCE TIMES

Monday - Saturday: 7:45pm;
Thursday Matinees: 3pm
Saturday Matinees: 4pm

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