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**A NEW PARODY MUSICAL ABOUT FRIENDS**

**INSPIRED BY THE ICONIC TV SHOW *FRIENDS***

**MARKING THE SHOW’S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WILL TOUR NATIONALLY FROM 15 JULY 2019**

**WITH A FULL RUN AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE**

**FROM 1 – 25 AUGUST AS PART OF THE ASSEMBLY FESTIVAL PROGRAMME AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS**

The UK tour of the hilarious parody musical ***Friendsical*** written by **Miranda Larson**, opens at the **Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham** on **15 July 2019** followed by a nationwide tour visiting: **Darlington, Derry, Newcastle, Kingston, Malvern, Blackpool, Chelmsford, Southampton** and **Croydon**. *Friendsical* will have a full run at the Edinburgh Festival from 1 – 25 August as part of the Assembly Festival programme in the Music Hall of **The Assembly Rooms**.

***When Ross’ wife leaves him for another woman, he fears he will never find love again. But then Rachel runs back into his life... will he end up with his one true love?***

***Featuring original songs such as ‘(He’s her) Lobster!’, ‘Richard’s Moustache’ and ‘You’re Over Me? When Were You Under Me?’, the gang take on naked Thursdays, a power cut, and a dinosaur convention.***

***What could possibly go wrong?***

This is a loving parody not to be confused with the Warner Bros Entertainment Inc. series *Friends*.

**Miranda Larson** is a highly experienced writer-director for TV and theatre. A huge fan of the TV Show, *Friends,* Miranda was inspired to write her own friends-based comedy, *The Box Upstairs* and it was her first commissioned play in 2004.

Her most recent credits include the adaptation of Tom Fletcher’s *Christmasaurus* for the Hammersmith Apollo, and the writing and directing of Peter Harris and Deborah Allwright’s *The Night Pirates*, which opened at the Rose Theatre Kingston and toured the UK. In addition are *Cartoon Network Live* and *Trolls Live* currently touring overseas. Other live show credits include the comedies *SpongeBob Live & The Amazing World Of Gumball*.

TV credits include Life Bites and Bienvenue Bienvenida Welcome for the Disney Channel. Hubble, Bubble & Squeak for Nickelodeon, Chip and Potato for Darrall Mcqueen & Netflix.

Miranda is currently developing *Sleepy Hollow* for the stage.

***Friendsical*** is produced by **Birdbrooke Entertainment ltd**. Full casting and creatives will be announced in due course.

**LISTINGS**

***FRIENDSICAL***

**WRITTEN BY MIRANDA LARSON**

**15 JULY – 2 NOVEMBER 2019**

**UK TOUR**

**Twitter/Instagram:** @Friendsical

**Production Artwork**: Available to download [**HERE**](https://we.tl/t-K2Ko2Jfts4)

**TOUR DATES**

**CHELTENHAM Everyman Theatre** **Everymantheatre.org.uk**  
15 – 20 July 2019 01242 572 573

**DARLINGTON Hippodrome** **Darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk**

22 – 27 July 2019 01325 405405

**EDINBURGH Assembly Rooms assemblyfestival.com**

01 – 25 August 2019 01316233030

**DERRY Millennium Forum Millenniumforum.co.uk**26 – 31 August 2019 028 7126 4455

**NEWCASTLE Northern Stage** **Northernstage.co.uk**

2 – 7 September 2019 0191 230 5151

**KINGSTON Rose Theatre** **Rosetheatrekingston.org**

9 – 14 September 2019 020 8174 0090

**MALVERN Festival Theatre**  **Malvern-theatres.co.uk**

16 – 21 September 2019 01684 892277

**BLACKPOOL Grand Theatre Blackpoolgrand.co.uk**

23 – 28 September 201901253 290 190

**CHELMSFORD Civic Theatre Chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres**14 – 19 October 2019 01245 606 505

**SOUTHAMPTON Nuffield Theatre** **Nstheatres.co.uk**

21 – 26 October 2019 0238067 1771

**CROYDON Ashcroft Theatre** **Fairfield.co.uk**  
28 October – 2 November 2019 0203 292 0001

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