**PANDEMONIUM**

**Being**

**A scornful Account of the Activities of Mr Boris Johnson and ‘Others’**

**during the Pandemic and its Aftermath**

**written by**

**Armando lannucci**

 ***directed by*
Patrick Marber**

**Featuring a First Class company of actors to be Announced**

**1 December 2023 to 6 January 2024**

**at the Soho Theatre**

***Pandemonium*** is a wild account of our great leaders grappling with the Pandemic and then with each other.

A caustic entertainment for the winter months, ***Pandemonium*** relates the Johnson-Truss-Sunak years in all their glory. Re-live the horror. The Mess. The Murk. The Lying about the Lies.

Jingle while you mingle. It’s one big party. Bring a suitcase.

Armando Iannucci:

*“I wanted to write something furious and energetic about the past three years. Pandemonium is partly about us wanting those in charge to be up to the job, to be heroes, and the anger that started building when the news of the drinks parties began to emerge. And yes, I wanted to write something funny (don’t forget, we also had Liz Truss!). Laughter is a great release, and my aim is for the audience to have a good time and a good laugh, but I also hope it helps people process the tumultuous and crazy time we went through.”*

Wayward Productions in association with Soho Theatre bring *Pandemonium* to the stage from 1 December 2023.

**NOTES TO EDITORS**

**ARMANDO IANNUCCI** (WRITER)

**Armando Iannucci** is a political commentator, writer and director. His screenplay for the film *In The Loop* was Oscar nominated and his iconic series for the BBC, *The Thick of It,* was nominated for 13 BAFTA Awards, winning five. His series *Veep* picked up four Emmys for Outstanding Comedy Series. He is the co- creator of the Steve Coogan character Alan Partridge. Armando wrote and directed the films *The Death of Stalin,* which was nominated for two BAFTAs and winner of Best Comedy at the European Film Awards, and *The Personal History of David Copperfield* (2020) which was nominated for a Golden Globe. He created HBO’s *Avenue 5*, the second season which aired in 2020.

***Pandemonium*** is his first piece written for the theatre. He is currently working on an adaptation of Kubrick’s Dr Strangelove for 2024.

**PATRICK MARBER** (DIRECTOR)

**Patrick Marber** is an award-winning playwright, screenwriter and director. His work has won Evening Standard, Olivier, Time Out, New York and London Critics’ Circle and Writers’ Guild Awards and received BAFTA, British Comedy and Royal Television Society Awards. Most recently he won the 2023 Tony Award for Best Director of a Play and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Director of a Play for Tom Stoppard’s *Leopoldstadt (*London/Broadway*).*

His screenplays have been nominated for Golden Globe, BAFTA and Academy Awards. He received the British Independent Film Award for *Notes on a Scandal.* His second play, *Closer,* has been produced in more than 200 cities across the world.

Other plays include *Dealer’s Choice*, *Howard Katz*, *The Red Lion*, *Three Days in the Country, The Musician, The School Film, After Miss Julie*, *Don Juan in Soho.* Stage adaptations include versions of *Hedda Gabler, Exit The King* and *The Beaux’ Stratagem* (National Theatre) and *Trelawny of the ‘Wells’* (Donmar). Screenplays include: *Closer, Notes on a Scandal*, *Old Street,*  *Love You More.*

As a director his productions include *Dealer’s Choice* (NT/Vaudeville); *After Miss Julie* (BBC); *Closer* (NT/Lyric/Music Box NY); *‘1953’* (Almeida); *The Old Neighbourhood* (Royal Court); *The Caretaker* (Comedy); *Travesties* (Menier/Apollo/Broadway) *Don Juan in Soho* (Wyndhams); *Venus in Fur* (Theatre Royal Haymarket); *Blue Remembered Hills, Howard Katz, Three Days in the Country* and *Exit The King* (National Theatre).

Patrick is the co-creator with Peter Curran of *Bunk Bed* (BBC Radio 4).

**WAYWARD PRODUCTIONS** (PRODUCER)

**Wayward Productions** is a theatre production company set up by Judith Dimant, following her 25 years as Executive Producer at Complicité where she produced all of Simon McBurney’s work including *The Encounter*, *The Master & Margarita* and *A Disappearing Number.* Productions for Wayward include *Grief is the Thing with Feathers* starring Cillian Murphy (Galway, Dublin, Barbican, St Ann’s Warehouse New York), *The Language of Kindness* based on the book by Christie Watson (UK tour, winner Off West End Award Best idea Production 2021) and *Shifts* for BBC Radio 3’s *Between the Ears* – winner of the Life in Covid 19 award UK Audio Production Awards 2021.

[www.waywardproductions.co.uk](http://www.waywardproductions.co.uk)

**SOHO THEATRE**

**Soho Theatre** is London’s most vibrant producer for new theatre, comedy and cabaret. Opened in 2000, bang in the creative heart of London, it is one of the country’s busiest venues with a buzzing bar and a year-round festival programme with a queer, punk, counter-culture flavour. Work extends far beyond its home with a UK and international touring programme and connections; presenting shows and scouting talent at Edinburgh Festival Fringe plus close links with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Soho Theatre is UK’s leading presenter of Indian comedians from the burgeoning scene there. In 2024 Soho will open a new second London venue, Soho Theatre Walthamstow, reinventing a glorious, 1930s art deco venue with an incredible heritage as a 1000 -seater venue for world-class comedy, panto, performance and participation.

**LISTINGS**

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**Press Night:**  Monday 11 December at 7.15pm

**Performance schedule:** Monday – Saturday, 7.15pm

 Thursdays and Saturdays, 2.30pm

*\*Please check the website for the full Christmas schedule*

**Ticket Price:** From £15

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