



No Horizon

Underbelly Med Quad (Cow Barn), Teviot Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9AG

Wednesday 3rd – Saturday 27th August 2016 (not 16th), 17:00

Described by Chris Evans (Radio 2, BBC's *The One Show*) as *Yorkshire's Les Mis*, *No Horizon* tells the true, long forgotten story of sacrifice and an impossible dream. Blind Yorkshireman Nicholas Saunderson was an 18th century visionary.

Despite adversity and his lack of pedigree, Saunderson always harboured a hidden genius and an unquenchable thirst for learning. But before the invention Braille and with nobody to help him, there was little hope. Yet Saunderson had aspirations. This tale of courage and love is set against the contrasting earthiness of Yorkshire and the dreaming spires of Cambridge.

Saunderson rose to mix with Royalty; his brilliance was celebrated across Europe and as Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Christ's College, Cambridge, he occupied the most prestigious mathematical seat in the country - a position until recently held by Stephen Hawking.

Saunderson's bust now stands yellowing in a distant corner of Christ's College. But, it's time to remember who he was and *No Horizon* tells his story.

Looking beyond his extraordinary achievements, *No Horizon* relates a heart-rending human tale from impoverished Yorkshire origins through adversity, prejudice and humiliation to triumphant success.

With stunning music, this inspiring story tells how a young blind boy overcame many hurdles. Touchingly told, the show features music that is both beautiful and memorable, ranging from evocative ballads, to intense uplifting numbers, culminating with the inspirational and uplifting title track, *No Horizon*.

Writer Andy Platt comments, *Saunderson, the man, like his story was astonishing. It's a tale of passion, genius, love and hardship. He has been cruelly forgotten by history and I want to help restore him to where he belongs - as a national icon.*

Notes to Editors

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Performance Dates	Wednesday 3 rd – Saturday 27 th August (not 16 th), 17:00
Running time	1 hour 25 minutes
Location	Underbelly Med Quad (Cow Barn), Teviot Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9AG
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.underbellyedinburgh.co.uk Previews: £6 Weekday: £10 (£9) Weekend: £11 (£10)
Twitter	@nohorizon_, @FollowTheCow, #NoHorizon
Writer/co-producer	Andy Platt
Co-producer	Max Reid
Director	Louise Denison
Production Manager	Helen Reid
Musical Arranger	Rob Cooper
Nicholas Saunderson	Sam Reid
Abigail Fox	Sophie Bradley
Josh Dunn	George Griffiths
Reverend Fox	Jim Ball
John Saunderson (father)	John Hall
Anne Saunderson (mother)	Sam Griffiths
Professor Newton/Staniforth	Ken Taylor
Professor Cranmore	Jonathan Maxwell

Andy Platt

Andy, a Headteacher with a passion for the power of the arts, has spent the last twenty years working in Education, specialising in music and drama. He has written and produced numerous successful shows in an educational context. His work has been performed at various venues including Barnsley's Lamproom Theatre, the Royal Armouries and Leeds Town Hall. His work has featured regularly on national and regional Radio and T.V. Andy's creative work in schools (Hofmann's Medal and The Wheel) and the community has been widely recognised, featuring extensively in national and regional press, including the Times Educational Supplement, Yorkshire Post, Sheffield Star and many others.

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