

Kenny Wax Family Entertainment in association with MAST Mayflower Studios Empowering pop musical Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World heads to Edinburgh Fringe 2022

Pleasance Courtyard (Grand), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 1.30pm

A truly terrific show with stories and lessons for everyone –  $\star \star \star \star \star$  All in Edinburgh

The kickass-pirational pop musical, *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World*, is heading to Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2022, following a hugely successful UK tour. This empowering stage show, based on the popular children's book by Suffragette descendant Kate Pankhurst, and adapted by Chris Bush (*Faustus: That Damned Woman*, Headlong; *Pericles*, National Theatre; *The Band Plays On*, Sheffield Theatres), comes from one of the producers of international hit musical *SIX*.

Featuring catchy original songs by hit songwriter Miranda Cooper (Girls Aloud; Sugababes; Kylie Minogue) and Jennifer Decilveo (Miley Cyrus; Ben Platt), *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World* follows young heroine Jade on a school trip where she meets impressive historical women in the Gallery of Greatness. Celebrated – and often forgotten – female stories are brought to life on stage, including those of Rosa Parks, Sacagawea, Amelia Earhart, Marie Curie, Mary Seacole, Frida Kahlo, Jane Austen, and Pankhurst's own relative Emmeline. This uplifting, feel-good musical is full of remarkable stories, surprising lessons and a toe-tapping soundtrack played by a live band that packs a popstar punch.

Playing these brilliant women is a talented all-female cast including two original *SIX* queens: **Renée Lamb** (*SIX*, West End; *Be More Chill*, The Other Palace and Shaftesbury Theatre; *Little Shop of Horrors*, Regent's Park Open Air Theatre), **Christina Modestou** (*SIX*, West End; *We Will Rock You*, Dominion Theatre; *In The Heights*, Southwark Playhouse), **Jade Kennedy** (*The Snow Queen*, Brighton Open Air Theatre; *Billy Elliot*, Victoria Palace Theatre), **Kirstie Skivington**  (Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Apollo Theatre and The Crucible Sheffield; Jesus Christ Superstar, Regent's Park Open Air Theatre; Bend It Like Beckham, Phoenix Theatre), Kudzai Mangombe (Malindadzimu, Hampstead Theatre), Elise Zavou (Red Riding Hood, Theatre Royal Stratford East) and Clarice Julianda (Priscilla: Queen of the Desert, UK tour).

Producer Kenny Wax comments, *We're thrilled to be taking* Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World *to Edinburgh Fringe following on from its run in London at Theatre Royal Stratford East. We have been developing this new show for 7 years, even before we came across a certain new musical called* SIX, *which had its breakthrough season at the Edinburgh Festival. As a company we are excited to continue our work celebrating extraordinary women from history.* 

Inspired and inspiring –  $\star \star \star \star \star$  Musical Theatre Review

A pop-fuelled celebration of female empowerment – Norwich Evening News

A wonderfully original pop of colour, music and storytelling –  $\star \star \star \star \star$  Fairy Powered Productions

*Full of laughs and heart. Glorious* –  $\star \star \star \star \star$  Grapevine

## **Notes to Editors**

Title	Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World		
Performance Dates	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2022, 1.30pm (except 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> August)		
Running Time	85 minutes		
Location	Pleasance Courtyard (Grand), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ		
Adapted by		Chris Bush	
Lyrics		Chris Bush and Miranda Cooper	
Music		Miranda Cooper and Jennifer Decilveo	
Orchestrations and Music Production		Miranda Cooper and Jennifer Decilveo	
Director		Amy Hodge	
Set and Costume Designer		Joanna Scotcher	
Choreographer		Dannielle Lecointe	

Lighting Designer	Zoe Spurr
Sound Designer	Carolyn Downing
Co-Sound Designer	Rob Bettle
Casting	Rosie Pearson of Pearson Casting
Additional Music Production	Nick Coler
Live Arrangements	Jen Green
Producer and General Management	Kenny Wax Family Entertainment

Cast

Sacagawea/Frida Kahlo	Jade Kennedy				
Amelia Earhart/Rosa Pa	Renée Lamb				
Gertrude Ederle/Jane A	Christina Modestou				
Emmeline Pankhurst/Agent Fifi/Miss Johnson			Kirstie Skivington		
Jade			Kudzai Mangombe		
Swing			Elise Zavou		
Swing			Clarice Julianda		
Band					
Musical Director/Keys -	- Original Production	Audra Cramer			
Musical Director/Keys -	– Edinburgh Fringe	Shonagh Murray			
Assistant Musical Director/Percussion/					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keys – Original Proc	duction	Nicola T. Chang			
Assistant Musical Director/Percussion/					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keys – Current Proc	luction	Rhiannon Hopkins			
Drums		Chloe Rianna			
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.pleasance.co.uk.				
	Preview: £16.50				
	General admission: £22 (£20 concessions)				
Ages	Recommended for ages 7+				
Website	https://fantasticallygreatwomenthemusical.com/				
Social Media	dia @fantasticallygw				

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