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Empowering pop musical

Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World heads to Edinburgh Fringe 2022

Pleasance Courtyard (Grand), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ

Thursday 4th – Monday 29th August 2022, 1.30pm

A truly terrific show with stories and lessons for everyone – ★★★★★ 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 – ★★★★★ Musical Theatre Review

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

A wonderfully original pop of colour, music and storytelling – ★★★★★ Fairy Powered Productions

Full of laughs and heart. Glorious – ★★★★★ Grapevine

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World</i>
Performance Dates	Thursday 4 th – Monday 29 th August 2022, 1.30pm (except 10 th , 17 th and 24 th 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

