



Chriskirkpatrickmas: A Boy Band Christmas Musical

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

Wednesday 2nd – Monday 28th August 2023 (not 9th, 16th, 23rd), 15:10

Chriskirkpatrickmas: A Boy Band Christmas Musical is a surprisingly historically accurate parody musical inspired by *NSYNC, featuring 12 original songs and plenty of 90s nostalgia. Created by **Valen Shore**, a songwriter/artist whose work has been featured on *Riverdale*, *Lucifer*, and *Pretty Little Liars*, and award-winning writer, actor and filmmaker **Alison Zatta**, this punchy piece includes music direction by **Taylor J Williams** (*Hamilton*; *Moulin Rouge!*) and sound design by **Josh Millican** (*SIX The Musical*; *The Band's Visit*).

It's Christmas Eve 2009, seven years into the world-famous boy band's indefinite hiatus, and *NSYNC's Chris Kirkpatrick has until midnight to make a wish that could change his life forever. *A Christmas Carol* meets *It's A Wonderful Life* meets *NSYNC in this laugh-out-loud original musical.

Chris Kirkpatrick may not be the first name people associate with *NSYNC, but it was his tenacity and determination that started the band. He may not have been the breakout star, but he still had everything - until it all abruptly ended. So, what happens after you achieve your Big Dream?

Chriskirkpatrickmas isn't simply just an energetic escapism, full of catchy tunes about the rise and fall of one of the most successful boy bands of all time, but also about looking back on your decisions, and wondering if you made the right choices. This is a musical for everyone who has questioned if they held onto the wrong dream, and who they would be if they let go of that thing that shapes their identity. It engages with the feeling of being too old to not have it all figured out yet.

Valen Shore and Alison Zatta comment, *We both grew up during the boy band era and for over a decade have been working in the entertainment industry, with all the ups and downs that entails. Chriskirkpatrickmas isn't just a story about *NSYNC, it's also a story about identity and what might happen on the other side of a dream come true.*

This ensemble is a tour de force in story, singing, movement, and creativity... The show is a triumph and will warm your heart with its sharp-witted, fresh, and fun way (Hollywood Revealed).

*Though Chriskirkpatrickmas will prove a particular treat to *NSYNC fans, even the uninitiated will find much to relish in Shore and Zatta's laugh-packed book... and the many exhilarating dance numbers choreographed by the gifted Lili Fuller (StageSceneLA).*

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Chriskirkpatrickmas: A Boy Band Christmas Musical</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 nd – Monday 28 th August 2023 (not 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd), 15:10
Running Time	1 hour
Location	Pleasance Courtyard (Pleasance Two), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.pleasance.co.uk Previews: £8 Weekday: £13.50 (£12) Weekend: £15 (£13.50)
Valen Shore	Music / Lyrics / Book / Director / Producer / Performer
Alison Zatta	Lyrics / Book / Director / Producer / Performer
Taylor J Williams	Music Director / Arrangements
Josh Millican	Sound Designer
Lili Fuller	Choreographer
Riley Rose Critchlow	Assistant Director / Performer
Hannah Cairo	Stage Manager
Cast	
Riley Rose Critchlow	Lance / Brody / Others
Elizabeth Ho	Joey / Joseph / Others
Emily Lambert	Lou / God / Others
Mia-Carina Mollicone	J.C. / Barista Mary / Others
Valen Shore	Chris
Nicole Wyland	Justin / Others
Alison Zatta	Marky Mark
Notes	Ages 12+, contains some strong language

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