

Welcome to your May 2010 newsletter from the Liverpool Empire Theatre. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the new shows confirmed and remind you of the shows gracing our stage this month.

New Shows on Sale Now!

We Will Rock You (6 Sep - 8 Oct 2011, Tickets £15.00 - £39.50 onsale Monday 10 May 2010 at 10am). When it became news some years back that one of Britain's most phenomenally successful comedy writers Ben Elton was teaming up with legends of rock Queen, for a musical we all wondered what such a unique collaboration would turn out. Especially when screen icon Robert de Niro became so impressed after attending the original workshop that his company Tribeca came on board as American partner.

The result was a new chapter in theatre history – '**WE WILL ROCK YOU**' – a rock 'theatrical' which defied all comparisons and has gone on to rock London's West End for the past eight years, play theatres around the world and complete a sell-out UK tour in 2009. This totals a global audience of well beyond 11 million... and still counting.

Elton fashioned a hilarious futurist comedy around more than 24 of Queen's biggest hit songs delivered in a show that boasts the scale and spectacle that marked Queen's live performances. And with Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor as music supervisors and "a band without parallel in the theatre" behind the cast you'd be right to expect '**WE WILL ROCK YOU**' to rock as fiercely as the best of Queen's concerts.

"This show is all about legend." Says Ben Elton. "We take the legend of Queen and create our own fantastical story of young kids battling the mighty corporations who want to suppress their individuality and their love of music. They need a hero who can help them in their struggle, and we have two – the dreamer Galileo and the sassy rock chick Scaramouche. Guess who ends up winning?"

Expect your favourite Queen songs including "We Are The Champions", "Another One Bites The Dust", "We Will Rock You", and, of course, "Bohemian Rhapsody". Says Brian May "The amazing bonus is that Ben's script subtly works as a metaphor too. People definitely come out of the theatre feeling that in a strange way they now know us Queen and our struggle, our journey."

New One Night Concerts

Strictly Tap Dance Fever (19 July 2010) - takes the audience on a whistle stop tour of the greatest tap dance moments in show business history. Starting in the era when Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were the stars of the day, the show tap dances its way through history, thrilling and exciting audiences with the vibrant tap dance styles that entertained generations. (Tickets £20.50, £22.50, £24.50).

Ross Noble – Non Sensory Overload (29 November 2010). Nonsensory Overload is Noble back fresh from his travels, not to mention his own TV show, doing what he does best, spinning forth hilarious nonsense for your amusement. Now is your chance to see one of the best comics working internationally today. (Tickets £22.00).

Sally Morgan – Psychic Sally on the Road (28 January 2011). Fresh from her new TV series – 'Psychic Sally On The Road on LIVING TV, Britain's best loved celebrity psychic brings her amazing abilities and her tremendous personality to the stage with a unique theatrical experience. (Tickets £21.50).

This Month's Shows – Rat Pack (3-8 May) The Boys are back in town! Take a trip back in time to the glamorous, glitzy nights of Las Vegas in the late 1950s and early 60s where, in the company of three of the world's most popular entertainers, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jnr & Dean Martin. **Jimmy Carr – Rapier Wit** (9 May) If you only see one comedy show this year... what's the matter with you? Get out more. **BOST Crazy For You** (12-15 May) with a hilarious script, memorable music and songs plus superb dancing this is a welcome addition to the BOST repertoire. **One Night In Istanbul** (17-29 May) Liverpool's fastest selling play of all time returns with an all new production for 2010. Starring John McArdle and Neil Fitzmaurice. Join the boys in Istanbul hoping their heroes are going to bring "Old Big Ears" back home. **Jake & Elwood** (30 May) The Best Blues Brothers Show explodes on stage for their soul, rhythm and blues extravaganza.

Best Regards
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