

# MEDIA RELEASE

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NICA BURNS, GARRY MCQUINN, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, LYNDI ADLER  
PRESENT  
THE SHEFFIELD THEATRES PRODUCTION OF



## Everybody's Talking About Jamie

Sydney Opera House, Sydney Coliseum Theatre West HQ, The Art House Wyong,  
Arts Centre Melbourne, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Canberra Theatre Centre,  
Perth Theatre Trust and Adelaide Festival Centre

**From 18 July 2020**

**Tickets On Sale at 9am Tuesday 17 March**

**Waitlist from Sunday 8 March - [www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.com.au](http://www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.com.au)**

**"Punchy, funny, fabulous" – Time Out**

**"A burst of joy!" – The Times**

An inspiring story, feel-good pop score, and one fabulous teen. Meet Jamie New.

The critically acclaimed, Olivier Award nominated, West End hit musical ***Everybody's Talking About Jamie*** will have its **Australian Premiere Season** at the **Sydney Opera House** from **18 July 2020 prior to a national tour**.

There's a reason everybody's talking about Jamie. It's rare that a show like this comes along, with the power to grab you by the heart and never let go.

Jamie New is sixteen, he lives on a council estate in Sheffield, and is sensitive, witty and strong. If only the bullies would get out of his way. Supported by his brilliant loving mum and surrounded by his friends, Jamie overcomes prejudice, beats the bullies and steps out of the darkness, into the spotlight.

Inspired by a true story and a BBC documentary "Jamie: Drag Queen at 16", ***Everybody's Talking About Jamie*** is topical and timely. The joyous, high-spirited musical presents an extended modern "family" of characters that everybody knows and depends on. They'll make you laugh and move you to tears. It speaks from the heart and shoots for the stars.

Rising star **James Majoos**, fresh from Yve Blake's *Fangirls* (Belvoir/Queensland Theatre Company), will steal hearts as Jamie New. Veteran stage, film and television performer **Simon Burke AO** known for his roles in *Devil's Playground* (NBC/Universal), *Playschool* (ABC TV), *Mary Stuart* (Sydney Theatre Company), *La Cage Aux Folles* (West End), *Mary Poppins* (Australian tour), *The Sound of Music* (West End, Toronto), and *The Phantom of the Opera* (West End) as Jamie's mentor Hugo/Loco Chanelle.

Helpmann Award-winner and television star **Helen Dallimore**, who wowed audiences in *Wicked* (West End), *Into the Woods* (London), and *Here Come The Habibs!* (Nine Network) and who picked-up the 2013 Helpmann Award for Best Female Actor in a Supporting Role in a Musical, for her role in *Legally Blonde The Musical* (Australian tour) as Margaret New, Jamie's loyal mum.

Featuring an all Australian cast of 22 performers, **Everybody's Talking About Jamie** will also star **Elise McCann** (*Matilda The Musical* Australian tour) as Miss Hedge and **Shubshri Kandiah** (*Aladdin* Australian tour) as Pritti.

**Garry McQuinn** said "**Everybody's Talking About Jamie** is a simple but very important story, told with exceptional care by a wonderful team of theatre artists and passionately / bravely produced by Nica Burns in London. After many years taking Australian shows to the world I'm proud to be joining Nica, the Sydney Opera House and Lyndi Adler in bringing this extraordinary, moving and joyous tale to Australian audiences."

**Sydney Opera House, Head of Contemporary Performance, Olivia Ansell**, says: "There is something irresistibly charming about the story of Jamie New – told in this intelligent contemporary musical full of heartache, panache and humour, brilliantly written by Tom MacRae. The Sydney Opera House is extremely proud to join forces with Nica Burns, Garry McQuinn and Lyndi Adler to co-produce and present the Australian tour of this Olivier nominated smash hit, to eight cities nationally with an all Australian cast."

Originally produced by Sheffield Theatres, **Everybody's Talking About Jamie** has a feel-good pop score written by **Dan Gillespie Sells**, the lead singer of British rock-group **The Feeling**, that has more than 11 million song plays on [Spotify](#). The music is performed live by a seven-piece under musical supervision by **Theo Jamieson** (original UK Musical Supervisor). The on-point book and lyrics are penned by BAFTA and Olivier Award nominated screenwriter, author and playwright **Tom MacRae** (*Doctor Who* BBC, *The Librarians* TNT), from an idea by **Jonathan Butterell**. This Olivier nominated musical features original choreography by hip-hop sensation **Kate Prince**.

After three years conquering London, it was unanimous. Audiences and critics united, and this fabulous misfit quickly became both the hottest ticket in town and a shining light on the West End. **Everybody's Talking About Jamie** is still playing to standing ovations.

**"Jamie will sweep you away on a tide of mischief, warmth and exuberance"**  
- The Financial Times

Don't miss the Australian premiere of **Everybody's Talking About Jamie** - the open-hearted coming-of-age West End hit musical about diversity and acceptance.

[www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.com.au](http://www.everybodystalkingaboutjamie.com.au)

For production images, production footage, biographies and more please visit –

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## **SEASON DETAILS**

### **Sydney**

Venue Sydney Opera House  
Dates 18 July to 30 August 2020 (Opening Night 23 July- 7pm)  
Times Tuesday – Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 2pm & 7.30pm, Sunday 1pm & 5pm  
Tuesdays 11 & 22 August 6pm  
Bookings [www.sydneyoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com)

### **Western Sydney**

Venue Sydney Coliseum Theatre, West HQ  
Dates 4 September to 13 September 2020 (Opening Night 5 September)  
Times Tuesday – Saturday 7.30pm, Wednesday & Saturday 2pm &  
Sunday 3pm  
Bookings [www.sydneycoliseum.com.au](http://www.sydneycoliseum.com.au)

### **Wyong**

Venue The Art House Wyong  
Dates 1 October to 4 October 2020  
Times Thursday 7.30pm, Friday & Saturday 2pm & 7.30pm, Sunday 3pm  
Bookings [www.thearthousewyong.com.au](http://www.thearthousewyong.com.au)

### **Melbourne**

Venue Arts Centre Melbourne  
Dates 9 October to 25 October 2020 (Opening Night 10 October)  
Times Tuesday – Saturday 7.30pm, Wednesday 2pm, Saturday 2pm &  
Sunday 3pm  
Bookings [www.artscentremelbourne.com.au](http://www.artscentremelbourne.com.au)

### **Brisbane**

Venue Queensland Performing Arts Centre  
Dates 13 November to 29 November 2020 (Opening Night 14 November)  
Times Tuesday – Saturday 7.30pm, Wednesday 1pm, Saturday 2pm &  
Sunday 3pm  
Bookings [www.qpac.com.au](http://www.qpac.com.au) or 136 246

### **Canberra**

Venue Canberra Theatre Centre  
Dates 11 December to 13 December 2020 (Opening Night 12 December)  
Times Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 2pm & 7.30pm, Sunday 1pm  
Bookings [www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au](http://www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au)

## **Perth**

Venue His Majesty's Theatre  
Dates 22 January to 31 January 2021 (Opening Night 23 January)  
Times Wednesday to Sunday  
Bookings [www.ptt.wa.gov.au](http://www.ptt.wa.gov.au) or [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)

## **Adelaide**

Venue Her Majesty's Theatre  
Dates 5 February to 14 February 2021 (Opening Night 6 February)  
Times Tuesday 7.30pm, Wednesday 2pm & 7.30pm, Thursday, Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 2pm & 7.30pm, Sunday 1pm & 5pm  
Bookings [www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au)

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THE HIT MUSICAL FOR TODAY



## Creatives & Cast

Music by	Dan Gillespie Sells
Book & Lyrics by	Tom MacRae
Directed and from an original idea by	Johnathan Butterell
Set / Costume Design	Anne Fleishcle
Choreographer	Kate Prince
Video Design	Luke Halls
Musical Supervisor	Theo Jamieson
Directed by	Matt Ryan from original direction by Jonathan Butterell
Choreographed by	Rhimes Lecointe from the original choreography by Kate Prince
Musical Supervisor	Theo Jamieson
Jamie New	James Majoos
Margaret New	Helen Dallimore
Hugo	Simon Burke
Miss Hedge	Elise McCann
Pritti Pasha	Shubshri Kandiah
Ray	Christina O'Neill
Dean Paxton	Harry Targett
Bex	Samantha Bruzzese
Laika Virgin	Joe Dinn
Fatimah	Mariah Gonzalez
Cy	Noah Mullins
Sayid	Jake O'Brien
Levi	Bronson Pfeiler
Vicki	Madison Price
Tray Sophisticay	Tom Sarah
Mickey	Joshua Taylor
Becca	Mietta White
Swing	Chiara Assetta
Swing / Asst Dance Captain	Bayley Edmends
Understudy	Naomi Livingston
Resident Director/Understudy	David Spencer