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HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY!!!

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE

CELEBRATES 1 YEAR IN THE WEST END

AND EXTENDS TO SEPTEMBER 2019

Everybody's Talking About Jamie, the award-winning feel good musical sensation, today (6 November) celebrates its 1st anniversary at the Apollo Theatre in the West End and announces that booking is extending to 28 September 2019. The fairy tale continues.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie opened at the Sheffield Crucible in 2017 and is now playing at the Apollo Theatre in the West End, booking until 28 September 2019. In its fabulous and glittering first year *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* has received a host of **5 star reviews, won 7 major theatre awards**, including the What's On Stage Award for Best Musical and received **nominations for 5 Olivier Awards**. The **official West End cast recording** was released, and the show was **screened live from the Apollo Theatre into over 500 cinemas** across the UK, Ireland and select European territories.

From 7 November *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* will be screened in cinemas across North America taking the total number of cinemas to have screened the show to over 1000 worldwide by the end of 2018. The show has also been shortlisted for Best Musical at the 2018 Evening Standard Theatre Awards and is being made into a major film by Sheffield based production company Warp Films.

Nica Burns, Producer of *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* said: *"It is the stuff of dreams that our home-grown British musical based on a local true story, should have found a home in the heart of the West End. We are all absolutely delighted. A very big thank you to our fantastic audiences that have kept us here and to everyone who has supported us so brilliantly. Please keep on talking about Jamie so we can celebrate many more birthdays!"*

Inspired by a true story, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* is the hit musical for today.

Jamie New is sixteen and lives on a council estate in Sheffield.
Jamie doesn't quite fit in.

Jamie is terrified about the future.
Jamie is going to be a sensation.

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.

With songs by lead singer-songwriter of The Feeling, **Dan Gillespie Sells**, and book and lyrics by writer **Tom MacRae**, this funny, fabulous, feel-good, musical sensation has been wowing audiences and critics alike.

Sixteen: the edge of possibility. Time to make your dreams come true.

Watch the *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* trailer [here](#).

Music by **Dan Gillespie Sells**
Book and Lyrics by **Tom MacRae**
From an idea by **Jonathan Butterell**
Directed by **Jonathan Butterell**
Design by **Anna Fleischle**
Choreography by **Kate Prince**
Lighting design by **Lucy Carter**
Sound design by **Paul Groothuis**
Musical direction by **Theo Jamieson**
Casting by **Will Burton**

Everybody's Talking About Jamie stars **John McCrea** as Jamie New, **Rebecca McKinnis** as his Mum, Margaret, **Lucie Shorthouse** as Pritti Pasha, **Shobna Gulati** as Ray and **Lee Ross** as Hugo/Loco Chanel with **Michelle Visage** as Miss Hedge. The cast also includes **Alex Anstey** (Laika Virgin), **Luke Baker** (Dean Paxton), **Luke Bayer**, **Courtney Bowman** (Fatimah), **Marvyn Charles**, **Ken Christiansen** (Jamie's Dad), **Jordan Cunningham** (Sayid), **Daniel Davids** (Levi), **James Gillan** (Tray Sophisticay), **Ryan Hughes** (Mickey), **Daniel Jacob** (Sandra Bollock), **Cherelle Jay**, **Jordan Lavinier** (Cy), **Harriet Payne** (Bex), **Chloe Pole**, **Lauran Rae** (Becca), **Emily Kenwright** (Vicki).
Layton Williams takes over the role of Jamie New from 28 January 2019.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Sheffield Theatres Production of *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* is produced in the West End by Nica Burns, Ian Osborne, Paula Marie Black, Teresa and Craig Beech.

Director Jonathan Butterell saw the Firecracker documentary film 'Jamie: Drag Queen at 16' the true story of Jamie Campbell and his mother, Margaret. This inspired him to create this musical which is a dramatised portrayal of a period in Jamie's life but is not a faithful account. Certain events and characters have been fictionalised.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie has won 7 major theatre awards, including the UK Theatre and What's On Stage Awards for Best New Musical and the Attitude Culture Award 2017, and was nominated for 5 Olivier Awards.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie was screened live from the Apollo Theatre into over 500 cinemas across the UK, Ireland and select European territories on Thursday 5 July 2018 and is being screened

in cinemas across the US, Canada and Australia this November. The official West End cast recording was released digitally worldwide and on CD in the UK on Friday 27 April 2018.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie is also to be made into a major film by Sheffield based production company Warp Films completing the fairy-tale journey from a 16-year-old approaching a documentary maker to hit West End Show and now the big screen. Filming is expected to commence in Spring 2019.

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Performances Monday to Saturday at 7.30pm, Matinees – Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30pm
Ticket prices - £10 to £65.

Currently booking until 28 September 2019