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Tim Rogers and Hugh Maynard to appear as Jesus and Judas Iscariot in Frinton Summer Theatre's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*

Almost fifty years to the day since *Jesus Christ Superstar* was first staged at The Palace Theatre in London, Frinton Summer Theatre is producing the only fully staged production of this iconic rock opera anywhere in the UK in 2022. *Jesus Christ Superstar* will run from 19th August to 4th September in a 320-seat marquee on the Greensward at Frinton's sea front, ensuring a memorable and unique theatrical experience.

The main roles of Jesus and Judas Iscariot have been cast with internationally renowned singers and performers Tim Rogers as Jesus and Hugh Maynard as Judas Iscariot.



Tim is absolutely delighted to be joining Frinton Summer Theatre this year in the role of Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Tim has a strong affiliation with the piece as he has performed in it a number of times, most recently as Judas in the National and European tour. Tim is a big Andrew Lloyd Webber fan, having starred in UK and International productions of *Phantom of the Opera*, *Love Never Dies*, *Whistle Down the Wind* and *Aspects of Love*. Other credits include *Carousel*, *Jekyll and Hyde* and *West Side Story*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Full Monty*. Originally hailing from Australia, Tim's theatre and concert work has taken him around the world yet for over a decade now he is thrilled to call the UK home.

West End star, Hugh Maynard, made his debut in *Jesus Christ Superstar* 1998, after being chosen by Andrew Lloyd Webber's company RUG. (Really Useful Theatre Group) playing Simon Zealotes, and understudy Judas Iscariot. He is looking forward to experiencing it again after all this time.



He says, "*My mind is clearer now, at last all too well, I can see where we all soon will be. Jesus, I am so excited to be involved in this production*"

Hugh has appeared as Simba, in the original London Cast of *The Lion King*, *Notre Dame de Paris*, *Follies*, *Dancing in the Streets*, *Sister Act*, *We Will Rock You* and he was cast as John, in the original tour of *Miss Saigon* to which Hugh remains the youngest actor in musical history to play this role.

Hugh made history again playing Sweeney Todd, in the musical *Sweeney Todd*, becoming the first British black actor ever to play this role.

Hugh has enjoyed international success touring UK, Europe, Asia and America singing in the rock group (TOR) Tenors of Rock. He also performed at the 2012 London Olympic Games concert with TOR.

TV – ITV Superstar 2012, Royal Variety Performance 2014,

Film – 1997 Frenchman’s Creek, 2015 The Heat Is Back On, The Remaking of Miss Saigon, 2016 Miss Saigon Live.

2014 – Broadway World UK/West End Awards – "Best Featured Actor in a New Production of a Musical" nomination – John in Miss Saigon

2015 – 15th Annual WhatsOnStage Awards – "Best Supporting Actor in a Musical" nomination – John in Miss Saigon

This year’s production of Jesus Christ Superstar is being made possible by generous individual support by Frinton Summer Theatre ‘Angels’.

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Listings information

Jesus Christ Superstar

Lyrics by Tim Rice, Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd.

Venue: The Greensward Tent, Frinton-on-Sea

Performances: Fri, 19th August to Sun, 4th September

Performance times: evening: 7.30pm, matinee: 3pm, 4pm (Sun)

Tickets: £30/£35/£40, group discounts available.

£25 tickets for Under 25s and Blue Light Card holders available on the day.

Box Office: 60 Connaught Avenue, CO13 9PR Frinton-on-Sea

Open Tue to Sat, 10am to 4pm

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Notes for editors

Frinton Summer Theatre

Located in Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, Frinton Summer Theatre is a charity (Registered Charity No 1170429) and non-profit organisation that offers high-quality, professional theatre for the communities in Tendring and beyond. Founded in 1934, it is the longest-running professional summer repertory theatre in the UK.

Associated with some of the biggest names in UK theatre history, Frinton Summer Theatre produces an annual summer season of drama, musicals and comedy in Frinton’s McGrigor Hall, in a big-top tent or at other venues, under the artistic leadership of Clive Brill.

Throughout its 80-year history, Frinton Summer Theatre has upheld a tradition of supporting emerging talent by offering employment to acting and theatre crew graduates. It remains an important seedbed for future talent in British Theatre.

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