

WORLD PREMIERE FOR BRITISH MUSICAL *BURLESQUE*

America. 1952. The war in Korea grinds on as McCarthy's anti-Communist witch-hunts reach their peak. Meanwhile, in a run-down Burlesque Theatre, popular comedian Johnny Reno is trying to keep a low profile. Blacklisted for not co-operating with the authorities, Johnny is rapidly running out of options. Until a chance to clear his name at once promises to save him and threatens to tear his world apart. When a country goes insane – someone has to make a stand. A tale of sex, politics, persecution and the birth of the culture of terror.

Burlesque, a gritty new musical with Book and Lyrics by Adam Meggido and Roy Smiles, Music by Adam Meggido, is to have its world premiere in a six-week season at Jermyn Street Theatre from Wednesday 9 November - Sunday 18 December.

Press night Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm

Cast: Linal Haft, Buster Skeggs, Jon-Paul Hevey, Chris Holland, Alicia Davies, Victoria Serra, Sinead Mathias, Jeremiah Harris-Ward.

Writer Roy Smiles is an award-winning comedian, author and playwright whose West End credits include *Ying Tong*, *The Rat Pack* and *Bombing People*. His recent hit *Pythonesque* was broadcast on Radio 4. His book *Funny People* was published earlier this year.

Director/Writer & Composer Adam Meggido is the award-winning creator of *Showstopper! The Improvised Musical* which has played in the West End, Edinburgh Fringe Festival and all over the UK and recently broadcast its first series on BBC Radio4. He is the creator of Britain's only annual festival of horror theatre and Grand Guignol and is artistic director of www.thestickingplace.com, currently celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Producer Danielle Tarento recently produced *Parade* (nominated for eight BroadwayworldUK Awards and 4 Off West End Offie Awards) and the sold-out *Company*, both at Southwark Playhouse, and *Noël & Gertie* at the Cockpit. She is co-founder of the Menier Chocolate Factory and co-produced all in-house shows 2004- 2006, including *Sunday In The Park With George*, which received a West End transfer and 5 Olivier Awards.

Director: Adam Meggido
Choreographer: Cressida Carré
Musical Supervisor: Michael Bradley
Designer: Martin Thomas
Lighting Designer: Howard Hudson
Sound Designer: Anthony Coleridge

Produced by Danielle Tarento and The Sticking Place in association with Jermyn Street Theatre

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LISTINGS INFO

Burlesque

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**Wednesday 9 November –
Sunday 18 December**

Tuesday – Saturday
at 7.30pm
Saturday & Sunday
matinees at 3.30pm

**Press Night
Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm**

Tickets: £20.00 (£17.50 concessions)

Previews Wednesday 9 November -
Sunday 13 November
all seats £15.00

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