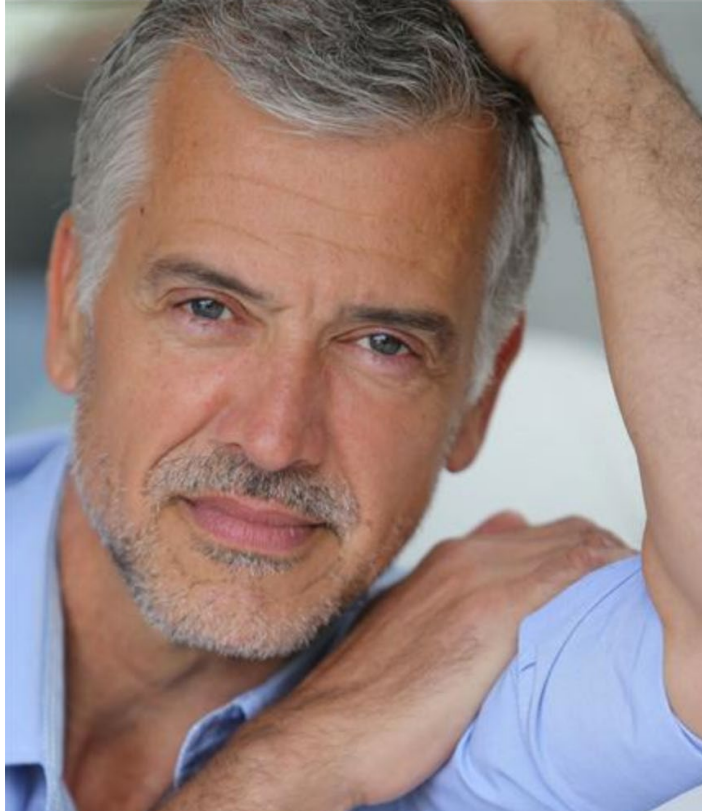


Cast change at Death Takes A Holiday

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Producers have announced that there has been a cast change for the upcoming European première of the musical *Death Takes A Holiday*.

Maxwell Caulfield has withdrawn from the production due to unforeseen circumstances and the role of Duke Vittorio Lamberti will now be played by Mark Inscoe.

A soaring story of the preciousness of life and the overwhelming power of love, the European première of *Death Takes A Holiday* will run from Monday 16 January to Saturday 4 March. Press night remains unchanged as Monday 23 January at 7.30pm.

Death Takes A Holiday, directed by Thom Southerland, has a lush, romantic score by multi Tony Award-winner Maury Yeston (*Titanic*, *Nine*) and a book by multi Tony Award-winners Thomas Meehan and Peter Stone. It is based on the 1928 Italian play of the same name, which also inspired the movie, *Meet Joe Black*, starring Brad Pitt.

In Northern Italy, shortly after World War One, Death disguises himself as a handsome young prince to try to understand why life is so precious and death so feared. But when he unexpectedly falls in love with a newly engaged young woman, this mysterious stranger discovers that love may in fact be stronger than death. *Death Takes A Holiday* was nominated for 11 Drama Desk Awards when it premièred Off Broadway in 2011.

Mark Inscoe played Hugh Dorsey in Thom Southerland's acclaimed production of *Parade* at Southwark Playhouse. His many musical theatre credits include William Desmond Taylor in *Mack & Mabel* (Chichester), Emile de Becque in *South Pacific* and Professor Higgins in *My Fair Lady* (Kilworth House), Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound Of Music* (Leicester Curve), Bernadette in *Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert* (Palace) and Tabarro in *La Cage Aux Folles* (Menier Chocolate Factory).

Death Takes A Holiday stars Zoë Doano, Chris Pelulso and Gay Soper. The rest of the cast features: Kathryn Akin, Anthony Cable, Trudi Camilleri, Ken Christiansen, Scarlett Courtney, Sophie-May Feek, James Gant, Matthew McDonald, Ashley Stillburn, Samuel Thomas, Helen Turner.

Creative team: Director Thom Southerland, Set Designer Morgan Large, Costume Designer Jonathan Lipman, Lighting Designer Matt Daw, Sound Designer Andrew Johnson, Choreographer Sam Spencer-Lane, Musical Director Dean Austin, Casting Director Danielle Tarento.

Death Takes A Holiday is the third Charing Cross Theatre production, following *Titanic* and *Ragtime*, produced by Danielle Tarento, Steven M. Levy, Sean Sweeney and Vaughan Williams.

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