My Lifelong Love An Evening With Georgia Stitt and Friends

featuring
Simon Bailey (I Can't Sing!)
Norman Bowman (Mack & Mabel)
Cynthia Erivo (The Color Purple)
Jamie Muscato (Dogfight)
Eva Noblezada (Miss Saigon)
Caroline Sheen (Putting It Together)

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Georgia Stitt

One night only in the West End! Garrick Theatre, Sunday 26 October at 7.30pm

US composer and lyricist Georgia Stitt is to make her West End debut in a welcome return to London following her sell-out concerts at St Paul's Church in 2007 and The Hippodrome in 2012.

In her new show, **My Lifelong Love**, she will perform some of her best known songs from her albums *This Ordinary Thursday, Alphabet City Cycle* and, of course, *My Lifelong Love*, as well as from her shows *Big Red Sun, The Danger Year, Mosaic* and *Samantha Spade: Ace Detective*.

This is a one off, not-to-be-missed evening of humour, heart, and thrilling musicality. Expect to hear some of her most successful songs, including *She, My Lifelong Love, The Wanting Of You* and *Sonnet XXIX* as well as brand new tunes never before heard in the UK.

Georgia Sitt says she is thrilled to be back in London, the only city that might ever get her to leave her beloved New York. She performed here in 2012 at the Hippodrome (with songwriters Michael Patrick Waller and Scott Evan Davis) and in 2007 at St. Paul's Church in Knightsbridge. Her songs have been part of Notes in Heels with Paul Spicer and Julie Atherton, and she has taught master classes at several of the finest musical theater schools in the UK. Georgia wrote the original musicals Big Red Sun (Arlen Award winner with playwright John Jiler); The Danger Year (with Jamie Pachino); Samantha Spade: Ace Detective (for TADA Youth Theater with Lisa Diana Shapiro), Mosaic (for Inner Voices with Cheri Steinkellner); and The Water (with Jeff Hylton and Tim Werenko). She has released three albums of her music: This Ordinary Thursday: The Songs Of Georgia Stitt, (2007), Alphabet City Cycle (2009) and My Lifelong Love (2011). Her most recent orchestral piece, Waiting for Wings, co-written with husband Jason Robert Brown, was commissioned by the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra and premiered there in 2013 with conductor John Morris Russell. She was the music supervisor of the upcoming Anna Kendrick/Jeremy Jordan film The Last Five Years (to be released on Valentine's Day 2015), she conducted Little Shop of Horrors on Broadway, wrote arrangements for Tony Bennett's 80th birthday party, served as the vocal coach for America's Got Talent, and played a nun in The Sound Of Music Live! on NBC TV with Carrie Underwood and Audra McDonald. www.georgiastitt.com



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Georgia will be joined by some very special guests as well as a choir from Arts Ed and her own seriously cool five-piece band!

Simon Bailey most recently won rave reviews as Liam O'Deary in *I Can't Sing! The X Factor Musical* at The London Palladium. He has also played Raoul in *The Phantom Of The Opera* at Her Majesty's and on tour. Other credits include *Marry Me A Little* (St James), *Passion* (Donmar), *Parade* (Southwark Playhouse), *Les Misérables* (Queens) and *We Will Rock You* (Dominion). He was also a member of Teatro, the world's first musical theatre supergroup.

Norman Bowman has recently returned from New York, where he appeared in Kenneth Branagh's epic production of *Macbeth*. He also appeared in Michael Grandage's *Henry V* at the Noel Coward. Musical theatre credits include *Finding Neverland* (Leicester Curve), Mack Sennet in *Mack & Mabel* (Southwark Playhouse), *End Of The Rainbow* (UK tour) and *Parade* (Donmar).

Cynthia Erivo currently in rehearsal for Phyllida Lloyd's all-female production of *Henry IV* at the Donmar. She most recently appeared in the sell-out European première of *Dessa Rose* at Trafalgar Studios, played the lead in *I Can't Sing! The X Factor Musical* at The London Palladium and gave a breathtaking performance as Celie in *The Color Purple* at the Menier Chocolate Factory. She has also played Deloris in the UK tour of *Sister Act: The Musical*.

Jamie Muscato has recently finished playing Eddie Birdlace in the critically acclaimed *Dogfight* at Southwark Playhouse. He has also appeared in *The Light Princess* (National Theatre), *Rock Of Ages* (Shaftesbury), *Love Story* (Chichester & Duchess), Les Misérables (international tour) and Spring *Awakening* (Lyric Hammersmith).

Eva Noblezada, at the age of just 18, is currently making her professional and West End debut as Kim in *Miss Saigon* after being spotted when she reached the finals of the National High School Music Theater Awards in the USA.

Caroline Sheen has had a rich and varied career, including the original casts of *Mamma Mia!* (Prince Edward) and *The Witches Of Eastwick* (Drury Lane), both Eponine and Fantine in *Les Misérables* (Palace and Queens), Truly Scrumptious in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (London Palladium) and the title role in *Mary Poppins*, both here in the UK and on the US tour, where she won the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Actress in a Visiting Production. Most recently she appeared in *Putting It Together* at St James.

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