



ALEXIS GERRED

An emerging talent, who has already sung in front of millions of TV viewers, 21-year old actor/singer **Alexis Gerred** has always been a performer. Growing up in a family with a passion for music, it was clear from a very early age that he had one love – entertaining. He and his twin brother would find any opportunity to perform, particularly to Queen, Rod Stewart and George Michael – some of Alexis’ persistent idols.

On leaving secondary school in 2007, Alexis gained a place at the Kent and Surrey Performing Arts School, in which he trained in Musical Theatre. As a result of his graduation showcase, Alexis was signed up by a leading agent who put him in touch with Jenny O’Grady, a top vocal coach who has worked with the likes of Elton John, Kylie Minogue and Gary Barlow.

In March 2010, Alexis was chosen as one of the final six acts to make it through to the live TV finals on the BBC’s YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU, the UK Eurovision finals. Having given an outstanding first performance, it was clear that he would get into Pete Watermans’ final three, and he did. The judge’s comments were extremely strong.

He was the first performer to sing the official UK entry, ‘That Sounds Good To Me’, and again, he gave a flawless performance, making it his own. This time, however, it went to phone votes, and Alexis came a very close second. Over 2000 facebook fans lodged their disapproval!

Undeterred, and with his focus entirely on the future, Alexis is looking forward to his first professional theatre role in DIRTY WHITE BOY: TALES OF SOHO in which Alexis, as ‘Dirty White Boy’, sings a range of dazzling torch songs. Based on Clayton Littlewood’s acclaimed book of the same name, the play follows Littlewood’s bizarre experiences running an upmarket menswear shop in bohemian Old Compton Street. The play will have its world premiere at Trafalgar Studios 2 on Monday April 26 and runs until Saturday May 23.