

JULIAN OVENDEN

Critically-acclaimed actor & singer Julian Ovenden has donned his cowboy hat and boots to star with Jane Horrocks in the Young Vic's revival of *Annie Get Your Gun*. Known for his versatility and power-house performances he recently wowed London audiences with his fiercely charismatic portrayal of a penniless jazz musician in the romantic musical *Marguerite*, opposite Ruthie Henshall

Julian first won the hearts of the nation's females as Dr David Cheriton, in the ITV1 Sunday evening drama, *The Royal*. He then went on to star as Andrew Foyle in four series of the BAFTA-nominated *Foyle's War*. His extensive TV career in the UK has also included starring alongside Gina McKee and Damian Lewis in the award winning *The Forsyte Saga*.



In 2008 his career took off in America as a star of the ABC Television series *Cashmere Mafia* opposite Lucy Liu, Francis O'Connor and Miranda Otto. His other work includes the WB series *Related* and the NBC musical adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* opposite Kelsey Grammer. He has just completed filming *Così*, a romantic comedy, co-starring Richard E Grant, Mia Maestro & Sarah Brightman, which revolves around a performance of 'Così Fan Tutti'.

Julian's stage work includes the RSC's production of *King Lear*, alongside Sir Nigel Hawthorne, directed by the legendary Royal Japanese director Yukio Ninagawa. He also earned the distinction of being the youngest actor to play a leading role at the Donmar Warehouse when director Michael Grandage cast him in the Stephen Sondheim musical *Merrily We Roll Along*. He then went on to star in another Michael Grandage Donmar production, *Grand Hotel*, opposite Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. Both plays received the Olivier Award for Best Musical. Other theatre credits include a critically acclaimed lead performance in *A Woman of No Importance*, directed by Adrian Noble at the Theatre Royal Haymarket and the Broadway production of *Butley* opposite Nathan Lane. He has also performed a sell-out one-man show to audiences in New York and Los Angeles

The son of the chaplain to the Queen, Julian grew up a musically gifted child. At the age of seven, he received a scholarship to sing in the choir at St. Paul's Cathedral and by 13 was awarded a musical scholarship to Eton College. He later attended Oxford University on a choral scholarship and the Webber-Douglas Academy of Performing Arts in London where he was awarded an Arts Council Scholarship.

He currently lives in London with his fiancé, opera singer Kate Royal.