

THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN!

STAN LAUREL AND OLIVER HARDY RETURN TO THE WEST END FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST 60 YEARS

Chalkfoot Theatre Arts presents

Neil Bromley

Simon Lloyd

in

Laurel and Hardy

by Tom McGrath

directed by Philip Dart

It's almost six decades since Hollywood funnymen Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy completed the last of a series of legendary UK theatre tours.

But the boys are heading back to the West End, with Simon Lloyd and Neil Bromley delivering an uncanny portrayal of the most loved comedy duo of all time, in Tom McGrath's acclaimed play, **Laurel and Hardy**.

Laurel and Hardy plays at Jermyn Street Theatre from Wednesday July 1 - Saturday July 18. Press night is Wednesday July 1 at 7.30pm.

Laurel and Hardy begins in a limbo-like waiting room somewhere between this life and the next as the boys retrace the highs and lows in their long careers. They bicker then make up, swap gags and re-enact some of the most memorable comedy routines in cinema history.

Occasionally taking on the guise of other characters in their rich lives, they gradually build a touching portrait that illustrates the very essence of their unique relationship and reveals that their real life personas were very different from their on-screen characters.

Stan Laurel, born in 1890 in Ulverston, Cumbria, and Oliver Hardy, born in 1892 in Harlem, Georgia, appeared together in more than 100 films, from their early silent 'shorts' of 1928 to their last feature in 1950. Along the way they gained a worldwide fan base. Since their deaths in 1957 and 1965, the laughter has continued as new generations of fans have discovered them through TV repeats and more recently on DVD.

Neil Bromley (Stan Laurel) is an actor, writer and comedian. He was formerly one part of the double act Gonoude and Bromley.

Simon Lloyd (Oliver Hardy) is currently appearing in the West End in "The 39 Steps" at the Criterion theatre.

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Wednesday 1 July -Saturday 18 July

Performance times:
Tuesday to Saturday at 7.30pm
Saturday & Sunday at 4.00pm

**press night:
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Tickets: £17.00
£14.00 (concs)