

# press release

19 June 2008

## MARTI PELLOW TO STAR IN THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK

MARTI PELLOW is to star in a brand new production of the musical THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK. Based on the Warner Brothers film which starred Jack Nicholson, THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK opens at the **Theatre Royal Norwich** on **Wednesday 27 August** with previews from **Saturday 23 August** prior to a major national tour. Starring alongside Marti Pellow are 'Witches' RIA JONES, REBECCA THORNHILL and POPPY TIERNERY with RACHEL IZEN playing the role of Felicia Gabriel.

When three desperate housewives in small town America wish for the man of their dreams they get far more than they bargain for. All hell breaks loose – quite literally – when Darryl Van Horne (MARTI PELLOW) arrives to liven things up!

After leading *Wet Wet Wet* to a plethora of multi-platinum singles and albums, peaking with *Love Is All Around's* sixteen week stint at the top of the charts, **MARTI PELLOW** has gone on to a successful solo career as well as West End and Broadway seasons in *Chicago*. His most recent album, *Sentimental Me*, inspired by playing at the famous Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, was released in April this year and he has just completed a sell out UK tour as well as starring as The Arbiter in *Chess in Concert* at the Royal Albert Hall

**RIA JONES** stars as Alexandra Spofford, an artist who's lost her inspiration! Ria's credits include Mrs Overall in the national tour of Victoria Wood's *Acorn Antiques*, Carla in *Nine* at the Donmar Warehouse and Florence and Svetlana in *Chess*.

**REBECCA THORNHILL** plays Sukie Rougemont a journalist who always seems to be at a loss for words. Rebecca's credits include Mrs Banks in *Mary Poppins*, Roxie Hart in *Chicago* and Lina Lamont in the West Yorkshire Playhouse production of *Singin' in the Rain* for which she was nominated for an Olivier Award. Rebecca is no stranger to Eastwick having played the role of Sukie at the Prince of Wales Theatre in London's West End.

**POPPY TIERNEY**, who completes the trio of desperate housewives, is currently starring as Giulietta in the national tour of *Aspects of Love*. Other credits include the title role in *Mary Poppins* at the Prince Edward Theatre, Cosette in the national tour of *Les Miserables* and Ellen in *Miss Saigon* at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

Chief busybody and self appointed moral guardian of Eastwick, Felicia Gabriel, is played by **RACHEL IZEN** who was most recently seen squeezing into a pair of jeans several sizes too small in the comedy musical *Hot Flush!*

This brand new production is directed by **NIKOLAI FOSTER**, one of the country's leading young talents. His production of *Aspects of Love* starring David Essex played to sell out houses at theatres around the country. Other credits include a major revival of Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus* at the Sheffield Crucible and David Essex's new musical *All the Fun of the Fair*. Set and costumes are by **PETER MCKINTOSH** whose credits include the Olivier and Tony award winning *The 39 Steps*. Choreography is by GEOFFREY GARRETT, lighting by GUY HOARE and sound is by COLIN PINK. The original orchestrations are by WILLIAM DAVID BROHN with additional orchestrations by CHRIS EGAN and CHRISTOPHER JAHNKE with musical supervision by KEVIN AMOS and musical direction by TOM DEERING.

The Witches of Eastwick is produced by MICHAEL HARRISON, KENNY WAX and PAUL ELLIOTT by arrangement with CAMERON MACKINTOSH.

**Ends 19.6.08**

**For further information please contact Philip Lee at LEEP marketing+pr on 020 7439 9777 or philip@leep.biz**



# press release

## TOUR SCHEDULE

*Saturday 23 August – Saturday 5 September*

Theatre Royal  
Theatre Street NORWICH  
Box Office 01603 630000  
[www.theatreroyalnorwich.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyalnorwich.co.uk)

*Tuesday 9 – Saturday 13 September*

Marlowe Theatre  
The Friars CANTERBURY  
Box Office 01227 787787  
[www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com)

*Tuesday 16 – Saturday 20 September*

The Derngate  
NORTHAMPTON  
Box Office 01604 624811  
[www.royalandderngate.co.uk](http://www.royalandderngate.co.uk)

*Tuesday 23 – Saturday 27 September*

Alhambra Theatre  
Morley Street BRADFORD  
Box Office 01274 432000  
[www.bradford-theatres.co.uk](http://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk)

*Tuesday September – Saturday 4 October*

New Wimbledon Theatre  
The Broadway WIMBLEDON  
Box Office 0870 060 6646  
[www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk](http://www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk)

*Tuesday – Saturday 11 October*

Regent Theatre  
Piccadilly STOKE ON TRENT  
Box Office 0870 060 6649  
[www.regenttheatre.co.uk](http://www.regenttheatre.co.uk)

*Monday 13 – Saturday 18 October*

Opera House  
Quay Street MANCHESTER  
Box Office 0844 847 2295  
[www.palacetheatreandoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.palacetheatreandoperahouse.org.uk)

*Monday 20 – Saturday 25 October*

Theatre Royal  
Royal Parade PLYMOUTH  
Box Office 01752 267222  
[www.theatreroyal.com](http://www.theatreroyal.com)

*Tuesday 28 October – Saturday 1 November*

New Victoria Theatre  
The Ambassadors WOKING  
Box Office 0870 060 6645  
[www.theambassadors.com/woking](http://www.theambassadors.com/woking)

*Tuesday 4 – Saturday 8 November*

Wycombe Swan  
St Mary Street HIGH WYCOMBE  
Box Office 01494 412000  
[www.wycombeswan.co.uk](http://www.wycombeswan.co.uk)

# *press release*

*Tuesday 11 – Saturday 15 November*

Ipswich Regent  
3 St Helen's Street IPSWICH  
Box Office 01473 433100  
[www.ipswichregent.com](http://www.ipswichregent.com)

*Monday 17 – Saturday 22 November*

The Mayflower  
Commercial Road SOUTHAMPTON  
Box Office 023 80 711811  
[www.mayflower.org.uk](http://www.mayflower.org.uk)

*Tuesday 25 – Saturday 29 November*

Grand Theatre  
Lichfield Street, WOLVERHAMPTON  
Box Office 01902 429212  
[www.grandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.grandtheatre.co.uk)

*Tuesday 2 – Saturday 6 December*

Lyceum Theatre  
Tudor Square SHEFFIELD  
Box Office 0114 249 6000  
[www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk)

*Wednesday 10 December – Saturday 3 January*

Edinburgh Playhouse  
18 – 22 Greenside Place EDINBURGH  
Box Office 0844 847 1660  
[www.edinburghplayhouse.org.uk](http://www.edinburghplayhouse.org.uk)

**Further dates in 2009 to be announced**