



The Bob Hope Theatre Actors' Company

A TRIP ACROSS THE UNIVERSE Director; Stuart James MAY 2018 (16th to 19th)

The Drama Committee had the pleasure of meeting with the director Stuart James last month to discuss a proposition to bring his Beatles Music Concert to The Bob Hope Theatre.

Following this, we are very pleased to announce *A Trip Across The Universe* for our May 2018 Bob Hope Theatre Actors' Company production.

Audition details and dates will be announced in due course so meanwhile, please read about this very exciting production coming to the BHT stage next season;

Stuart James is originally from New Zealand and moved to London in 2014 and immersed himself in theatre having grown up acting professionally in NZ TV Shows *The Strip*, *Seven Periods With Mr. Gormsby* and UK hit *The Tribe*.

Stuart currently enjoys reviewing for west end impresario West End Wilma and producer Kevin Wilson on his blog stuartjamesnz.wordpress.com. He serves on the committee of amateur theatre charity 'Centre Stage' working as their Social Media marketer and has just directed their sell-out production of *Fame: The Musical*.

He teaches an Acting Through Song workshop as part of the Centre Stage Summer Sessions and directed the well-loved musical *Little Shop Of Horrors* for Wimbledon Light Opera Society.

What Is The Show about?

A Trip Across The Universe: Music and Lyrics by The Beatles is a concert production which Stuart James created for his theatre company Speakeasy Theatre Ltd in Wellington, New Zealand in 2012. Inspired by the 2007 jukebox movie musical *Across The Universe*; this production features many of your favourite Beatles songs performed in a concert setting!

The movie musical film depicts the story of a group of friends, living in American during the Vietnam war. While this concert production does not have dialogue, characters or a set story; clever staging and the music itself creates a journey that the press described as "the emotion put forth by the performers is incredibly striking" and "several performances graced me with goosebumps and having been raised a Beatles' fanatic, I was very impressed." - theatreview.org.nz

Casting Information

The original production of *A Trip Across The Universe: Music and Lyrics by The Beatles* had a twenty person cast, however a larger cast is possible.

Song List

Act One

Girl/Helter Skelter/Across The Universe
Hold Me Tight
All My Loving
I Want To Hold Your Hand
With A Little Help From My Friends
I've Just Seen A Face
Let It Be
If I Fell
Come Together
Dear Prudence
I Am The Walrus

Act Two

Because
Oh! Darling
Strawberry Fields Forever
I Want You (She's So Heavy)
While My Guitar Gently Weeps
Across The Universe
Happiness Is A Warm Gun
Blackbird
Hey Jude
Don't Let Me Down
All You Need Is Love