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**NEW CAST PREVIEWS FROM MONDAY 19 MARCH 2018 AT THEATRE ROYAL,
DRURY LANE**

Lulu returns to the West End after 30 years to join the cast of **42nd Street**, the dazzling and romantic homage to the world of musical theatre in the iconic role of 'Dorothy Brock' in this five star production.

Lulu made her acting debut at the age of 16, starring with Sidney Poitier in the unforgettable *To Sir With Love* – and taking the title song to Number One in the US for five weeks. Since then she has never been away from the spotlight as an actress, singer, song-writer and businesswoman. She has worked with some of the greatest musical talents of our time – Jimi Hendrix, Johnny Cash, The Beatles, David Bowie... Lulu's acting career has been no less stellar – her West End debut was in the Richard Eyre National Theatre production of *Guys & Dolls*; she starred in *Peter Pan*, played Tom Courtenay's wife in *Whatever Happened to Harold Smith*, performed successfully in the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical *Song & Dance* and gained rave reviews for stepping into Julie Walters' formidable shoes in the much-loved Adrian Mole tv series. She also recently showcased her comedic skills in the cult comedy film, *Absolutely Fabulous*.

Lulu's career highlights are too many to mention but include the unforgettable *Shout*, her Bowie collaboration *The Man Who Sold the World*, a Bond theme song and a Number One with Take That. She is a multi-award winning artist, including Ivor Novello and Grammy nominations for the world wide hit she penned for Tina Turner, *I Don't Wanna Fight*, and she is an OBE. Lulu continues to set new standards and challenges for herself – she has just completed a 44 date, sell-out tour of the UK and in 2017 toured Australia and the US with her band. Her most recent, self-penned album *Making Life Rhyme*, garnered the best reviews of her career.

Also joining the cast of 42nd Street is **Ashley Day** as 'Billy Lawlor'. Ashley performed the role of 'Jerry Mulligan' in the recent West End production of *An American in Paris*. Other theatrical credits include *Kiss Me Kate* (Opera North), *Oklahoma!* (National Tour), *The Book of Mormon* (West End), *The Wizard of Oz* (London Palladium), *High School Musical* (National Tour), *On the Town* (English National Opera), *Evita* (West End), *Mary Poppins* (West End), Matthew Bourne's *Nutcracker* (Sadler's Wells) and *Oliver!* (West End).

The role of 'Julian Marsh' will continue to be performed by **Tom Lister**, who played 'Carl King' in *Emmerdale* for 8 years and had recently starred as 'Wild Bill Hickok' in the UK Tour of *Calamity Jane*.

Clare Halse, whose performances have been hailed as 'outstanding' will continue as 'Peggy Sawyer'. She most recently appeared in the acclaimed production of *Gypsy* as 'Marjorie May' at the Savoy Theatre.

With an all-singing, high-kicking cast of over 50 on the West End's largest stage, 42nd Street is the biggest show in town.

The cast also includes:

Jasna Ivir is 'Maggie Jones', **Graeme Henderson** is 'Andy Lee', **Christopher Howell** is 'Bert Barry', **Bruce Montague** is 'Abner Dillon', **Mark McKerracher** is 'Mac/Doc/Thug' and **Emma Caffrey** is 'Anytime Annie'. **Matthew Goodgame** joins as 'Pat Denning'.

The 45 piece ensemble comprises Clare Rickard, Ella Martine, Hannah Amin, Lucy Andic, Sara Bispham, Pamela Blair, Abi Curruthers, Danielle Cato, Lisa Dent, Natasha Ferguson, Madeleine Francis, Maria Garrett, Maddie Harper, Leah Harris, Rebecca Herszenhorn, Bethany Huckle, Sarah Kacey, Annie Kitchen, Jenny Legg, Hannah–Faith Marram, Billie Kay, Katy Riches, Zoe Rogers, Jessica Stent, Josephina Camble, Gabrielle Cocca, Emma Johnson, Jasmine Kerr, Lucy Renouf, Christina Shard, Freddie Clements, Martin McCarthy, Zac Watts, Steph Parry, Thomas Audibert, George Beet, Philip Bertioli, Joel Cooper, Matt Cox, Adam Denman, Luke George, Ryan Gover, Alyn Hawke, Tom Partridge, James-Royden Lyley and Liam Wrate.

42nd Street is presented in London by Michael Linnit and Michael Grade together with The Global Group of Companies for Gate Ventures with Executive Producer Johnny Hon.