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THEATRE

28 October 2020

For immediate release

## Jersey Boys

Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice

Music by Bob Gaudio | Lyrics by Bob Crewe

Directed by Stephen Robertson

Musical Direction by Richard Marrett

Location: The Court Theatre, Addington, Christchurch

**Dates: 21 November 2020 – 23 January 2021**

### Short show description:

The winner of four Tony Awards and a pop-culture phenomenon, *Jersey Boys* is a global sensation, packed full of musical hits including *Sherry*; *Big Girls Don't Cry* and *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*.

## BROADWAY IS BACK AS JERSEY BOYS TAKES THE STAGE AT THE COURT THEATRE



### IN-BRIEF:

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Making its South Island premiere, this worldwide sensation tells the rise and fall of hit 1960s band, The Four Seasons, famous for hit songs *Sherry* and *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*.

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“*Jersey Boys* is staged with a small but hugely versatile cast who get to showcase their vocal, dancing and acting ability,” explains director Stephen Robertson. “It will be spectacular.”

The Court’s *Jersey Boys* will be played by a cast of incredible local performers, including internationally renowned *Rocky Horror Show* star, Kristian Lavercombe!

“I’ve performed in *Rocky Horror* more than anyone in its 47-year history. It has become a part of me and I adore it!” explains Lavercombe. “However, there is nothing more exciting than learning a show that you haven’t done before.”

Kristian’s fellow crooners will be played by Isaac Pawson, Fergus Inder and Cameron Douglas, alongside an impressive ensemble cast and band.

While other theatres around the world close their doors, The Court Theatre are thrilled to be getting back on the boards. “We feel so fortunate to be getting back to what we do best,” says Artistic Director Dan Pengelly. “Creating world-class theatre right here in Ōtautahi.”

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Described as a “musical-mentary” by director Stephen Robertson, this spectacular show goes behind the music, charting the rise and fall of this legendary band, characters communicating directly with the audience as their journey unfolds.

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With a talented crew of local actors and musicians, all aspects of this show have been produced on-site at The Court, from the construction of the set to the outfits and wigs that each character wears.

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Having returned home due to Covid-19, Lavercombe is famous for over 1,800 performances as Riff-Raff, including the West End and Cinema live productions!

“I’ve performed in *Rocky Horror* more than anyone in its 47-year history. It has become a part of me and I adore it!” explains Lavercombe. “However, there is nothing more exciting than learning a show that you haven’t done before, getting to know a new character, new music and a new cast.”

Kristian’s fellow crooners will be played by Isaac Pawson as songwriter Bob Gaudio (known for his role as Tick in Showbiz Christchurch’s *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*); Fergus Inder as trouble-maker Tommy DeVito (*Jesus Christ Superstar; Chicago*) and Cameron Douglas as bass player Nick Massi (an original cast member of *That Bloody Woman*).

“Frankie Valli’s story is an absolute rollercoaster. Those men did some amazing things with their lives – but also made some awful mistakes along the way,” says Lavercombe. “It’s a true story that’s told warts and all. Combine that with some of the most iconic music of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and it’s a win-win situation!”

Described as having the best collection of pop-hits since *Mamma Mia*, audiences can expect stunning renditions of *Walk Like a Man; My Eyes Adored You; Beggin’* and *Who Loves You* to name just a few.

With theatres around the world closing their doors, bringing this musical to life during Covid-19 is a bold decision, but The Court’s Chief Executive, Barbara George, assures The Court is confidently forging ahead with Covid plans in place.

“Safety measures have been planned in case we move up in Alert Levels, with our key priority to protect our patrons and our teams,” she explains. “It’s been a difficult year and we’re so excited to bring audiences this joyful musical, with a Plan B in place, if need be.”

“We feel so fortunate to be getting back to what we do best,” adds The Court’s Artistic Director Dan Pengelly. “Creating world-class theatre right here in Ōtautahi.”

“In this post-Covid world, this production is a big investment of faith,” Robertson notes. “However, we are extremely lucky to be able to bring this production to New Zealand audiences and give our talent employment during such uncertain times.”

Lavercombe counts himself as one of those lucky performers, saying “I think Covid has given everyone the occasion to rethink what is truly important to them. Being in lockdown made us realise how essential

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community is for our happiness and sanity. Theatre gives us an opportunity to come together and share a combined experience. There aren't too many places where we can do that anymore, so we must encourage all Kiwis to rediscover this experience – because nurturing our theatres also nurtures our society."

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## Cast



Frankie Valli  
[Kristian Lavercombe](#)



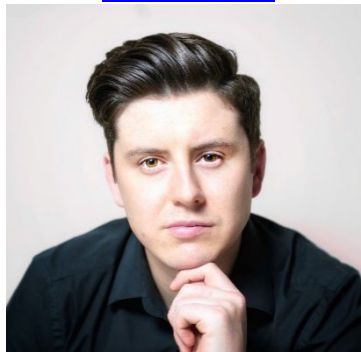
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Tommy DeVito  
[Fergus Inder](#)



Nick Massi  
[Cameron Douglas](#)



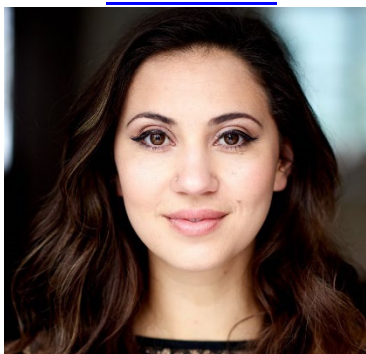
Frankie Valli Understudy/Others  
[Josh Johnson](#)



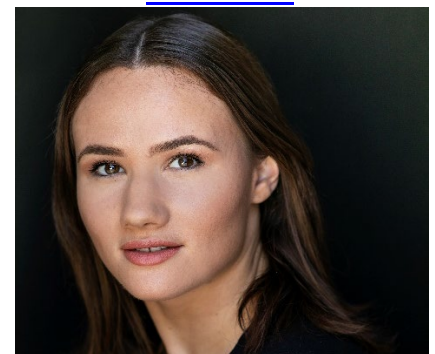
Bob Crewe  
[Nick Purdie](#)



Gyp DeCarlo/Others  
[Jack Marshall](#)



Mary Delgado/Others  
[Monique Clementson](#)



Lorraine/Others  
[Jane Leonard](#)

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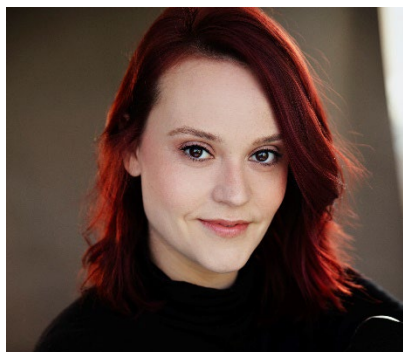
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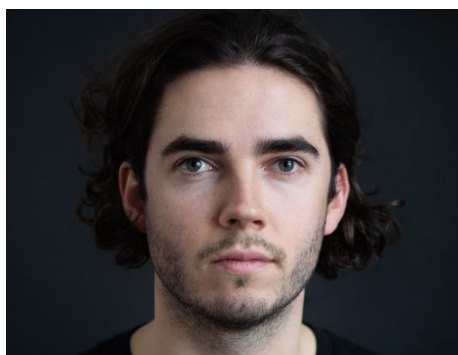
Francine/Others  
[Nomi Cohen](#)



Female Cover/Dance Captain  
[Hillary Moulder](#)



Norm Waxman/Nick DeVito/Others  
[Ben Freeth](#)



Joey/Others  
[Tom Worthington](#)



Barry Belson/Others  
[Lewis Frances](#)



Charlie Calello/Others  
[Jake Byrom](#)

## Band

Musical Director/Keyboard 1

Bass

Guitar 1

Guitar 2

Drums

Keyboard 2/Keyboard 1 Cover

Keyboard 2 Cover

[Richard Marrett](#)

[Michael Story](#)

[Michael Ferrar](#)

[Heather Webb](#)

[Mitchell Thomas](#)

[Caelan Thomas](#)

[Kimberley Wood](#)

## Creatives

Director/Choreographer/Costume Designer

Musical Director

Set Designer

Sound Designer

Lighting Designer

AV Designer

Wig Stylist

Stage Manager

[Stephen Robertson](#)

[Richard Marrett](#)

[Harold Moot](#)

[Tane Hipango](#)

[Grant Robertson](#)

[Dave Spark](#)

[Sarah Greenwood Buchanan](#)

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Adult	\$81 - \$86
Senior	\$74 - \$79
Supporter	\$69 - \$74
Group (6+)	\$65
Community Services or KiwiAble Leisure cardholders	\$50
30 Below (aged 30 & under - limited numbers)	\$30

## Show Times

- Monday & Thursday 6:30pm
- Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat 7:30pm
- Forum 6:30pm Monday 30 November
- Matinee Performances 2pm Saturday 12 December & Saturday 9 January

**Bookings:** phone 03 963 0870 or visit [www.courttheatre.org.nz](http://www.courttheatre.org.nz)

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