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For immediate release

[Once](#)

Book by Enda Walsh

Music & Lyrics by Glen Hansard & Markéta Irglová

Based on the motion picture Written & Directed by John Carney

Show Sponsor: [Christchurch Casino](#)

Location: [The Court Theatre, Addington, Christchurch](#)

Dates: 19 June - 24 July



Multi award-winning musical warms up your winter at The Court Theatre.

The award-winning musical *Once* is coming to Ōtautahi's Court Theatre this June. This enchanting play is about the power of music and how the right notes can reignite your heart.

The story follows Guy, a Dublin busker who is about to give up his dream of being a musician, when Girl, a Czech musician walks into his life like a breath of fresh air - broken Hoover in her hand, hope in her heart.

Based on the Oscar-winning film, *Once* 2007, this captivating and uplifting show is the first-ever to feature music that won an Academy Award, a Grammy Award, an Olivier Award and eight Tony Awards.



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The 13 strong cast are ecstatic to recreate the music-steeped streets of Dublin with all performers singing, dancing and playing instruments live on stage. The cast for this show is exceptional, featuring Amy Straker, Cameron Douglas, as Guy and Girl.

"One of the best things to happen to Broadway in the past decade. An exquisite reminder of theatre's singular capacity to transport us." - Hollywood Reporter

The Court Theatre's production of this world-renowned play will be directed by Melanie Luckman (*A Streetcar Named Desire, In the Next Room, or the vibrator play*), with Musical Supervision by Luke Di Somma (*That Bloody Woman, Hedwig and the Angry Inch*) and Musical Direction by Andy Manning (*Billy Elliot the Musical, That Bloody Woman*), the audience is in safe hands with this expert creative team calling the tune of this musical.

"I got to see this play in the Westend a few years ago, and it filled my heart with joy. It felt like we were sitting round the campfire with a guitar and instruments sharing songs and tales of dating and love. It filled me with warmth, I wanted to sing along and stomp my foot. I think this is the perfect show for us to be doing this winter". Dan Pengelly, The Court's Theatre's artistic director.

A show like this only comes around *Once*.

Once runs at The Court Theatre from 19 June - 24 July 2021.

Cast

Girl	Amy Straker
Guy	Cameron Douglas
Billy	Tom Knowles
Reza	Ania Upstill
Baruska	Juliet Reynolds-Midgley
Bank Manager	William Duignan
Da	Matt Chamberlain
Svec	Christopher Alan Moore
Andrej	Cameron McHugh
Eamon	Andy Manning
Emcee	Helen Fahy
Ivonka (Child actor)	Lily-Marie Chapman
Ivonka (Child actor)	Briar Jarman

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Creatives

Director	Mel Luckman
Musical Supervisor	Luke di Somma
Musical Director	Andy Manning
Stage manager	Scott Leighton
Set Designer	Daniel Williams
Choreographer	Hillary Moulder
Lighting Designer	Giles Tanner
Costume Designer	Deborah Moor
Sound Designer	Glen Ruske

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