

Popular play announces charity partnership

As North West audiences prepare for the return of the popular play 'Twopence to cross the Mersey' in Autumn 2016, producers have today (insert date), announced a partnership with Church and charity, The Salvation Army.

Audiences will be able to donate to The Salvation Army at every performance of the stage adaption of Helen Forrester's story about a young girl and her formally wealthy family who are suddenly thrown into poverty during the Great Depression of the 1930s in Liverpool.

Money raised at each performance will help to fund the work of the Church and charity supporting some of the most vulnerable people in the community.

Major Drew McCombe, Divisional Commander for North Western region at The Salvation Army, said: "We run a number of community projects, and centres across the region including Lifehouses which are residential centres supporting those experiencing homelessness.

"We are delighted that audiences of the latest 'Twopence to cross the Mersey' tour will have the opportunity to donate to this work which is transforming lives in every community the play is set to visit."

The Salvation Army is a movement Helen Forrester was aware of while writing 'Twopence to cross the Mersey' and wrote in a letter:

"Every week the Salvation Army Band came to our street corner, all dressed up in their uniforms, cymbals clashing, drums rattling, trumpets blowing. They would play all kinds of lively hymn tunes, while we stood and listened, and sometimes joined in the singing. Another musical effort was that of the hurdy-gurdy man. He had a monkey with him, who used to carry a hat round the audience to collect pennies from us. Then there were sad Welsh miners, standing in the gutters and singing superbly their Welsh songs for pennies."

The tour begins at The Royal Court in Liverpool and a Salvation Army band from local corps (church), Walton, will perform as the audience arrive for the evening performance on 22nd September 2016.

FULL TOUR LISTING

TWOPENCE TO CROSS THE MERSEY - The Stage Play

LIVERPOOL

Royal Court Theatre

20 September - 8 October 2016

0151 709 4321

www.royalcourtliverpool.com

RHYL

Pavilion Theatre

12 - 15 October 2016

01745 330000

www.rhylpavilion.co.uk

PRESTON

Charter Theatre

19 - 22 October 2016

01772 804444

www.prestonguildhall.com

SOUTHPORT

Theatre and Convention Centre

24 - 27 October 2016

0844 871 3021

www.atgtickets.com/southport

WARRINGTON

Pyramid & Parr Hall

28 - 29 October 2016

01925 442345

www.pyramidparrhall.com

STOCKPORT

Plaza Theatre

1 - 4 November 2016

0161 477 7779

www.stockportplaza.co.uk

ST HELENS

Theatre Royal

7 - 12 November 2016

01704 756000

www.sthelenstheatreroyal.com

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The Salvation Army is an international Christian church and registered charity which has been transforming lives throughout the last 150 years. Working in 127 countries worldwide The Salvation Army offers friendship, practical help and support for people at all levels of need. In the UK and Republic of Ireland this work includes more than 800 community churches and social centres.

Registered Charity Nos. 214779, 215174 and in Scotland SC009359, SC037691.

For more information visit the website www.salvationarmy.org.uk