Daniel Buckley, Hiba Elchikhe and Kayleigh McKnight to star in new British musical *FIVER* at Southwark Playhouse



Daniel Buckley (Ferris in *Eugenius!*), Hiba Elchikhe (Princess Jasmine, Disney's *Aladdin*) and Kayleigh McKnight (*Tina: The Tina Turner Musical*) are the first cast announced to star in new British musical *FIVER*.

FIVER, by Alex James Ellison and Tom Lees, will gets its world premiere at Southwark Playhouse from Wednesday 3 July to Saturday 20 July, 2019.

Press night is Friday 5 July at 8.00pm

Have you ever looked at a £5 note and wondered "Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

FIVER follows the story of a humble £5 note as it passes through the hands and pockets of different people in London. Often unnoticed and obviously unaware, the fiver is present for significant moments in each person's life – from an appreciation of their skills as a street performer, the start or end of relationships to the simple realisation that they can afford a bed for the night.

Musical Director: Tom Lees. Set Design: Justin Williams.

More cast and creative team to be announced soon.

Alex James Ellison (Writer/Producer) is a singer/songwriter trained at the Brit School and Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. In 2016 he supported Samantha Barks on her UK tour and won *Pride's Got Talent*, performing to 20,000 people on the main stage in Trafalgar Square. His theatre credits include *Apartment 40C* (St James Theatre/ London Theatre Workshop), *The Secret Garden* (The Barn Theatre, Cirencester) and *Best of Friends* (Landor Theatre). His music is available on iTunes and Spotify.

Tom Lees (Writer/Musical Director/Producer) has been MD for several productions at London Theatre Workshop, including *Ordinary Days* (which he was nominated for a BroadwayWorld award for Best Musical Direction) and the Sondheim revue, *Just Another Love Story*. He was MD for his own award-winning musical *Apartment 40C*. He has worked extensively with *Britain's Got Talent* winners Collabro for whom he has provided numerous arrangements.

A workshop of *FIVER* ran at Crazy Coqs in 2017.

Ellison and Lees said: "Since Crazy Coqs we have expanded the show, both in terms of length and complexity. *FIVER* now runs 40 minutes longer and we are massively excited to see the changes we have made come to life on stage."

LISTINGS INFO

FIVER

by Alex James Ellison and Tom Lees

Southwark Playhouse

77-85 Newington Causeway London SE1 6B

Wednesday 3 - Saturday 20 July 2019

Press night Friday 5 July at 8.00pm

Box Office: 020 7407 0234 www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

Monday - Saturday at 8.00pm matinees:

Tuesday and Saturday at 3.30pm

Tickets:

Previews: 3 and 4 July all seats £14.00

£22.00/£18.00 concs

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