

"The incredible Leslie Jordan should be available on the NHS. He's living proof that the best things come in small packages" Paul O'Grady

"The Schofields want to adopt him, we LOVE him" Philip Schofield

"I love him and want to put him in my pocket!" Katy Perry

"The fabulous and funny Leslie Jordan" Barbara Windsor

Award-winning Hollywood star **LESLIE JORDAN** to take a trip down the West End's **PINK CARPET**

The West End theatre and dates have now been confirmed for the transfer from New York of the acclaimed one-man show, **LESLIE JORDAN MY TRIP DOWN THE PINK CARPET**.

Award-winning Leslie Jordan, celebrated as one of the funniest men in Hollywood, will take the West End by storm when **LESLIE JORDAN MY TRIP DOWN THE PINK CARPET** opens at the Apollo Theatre Shaftesbury Avenue, on Thursday January 27 and runs to Saturday February 19. The press night is Thursday February 3 at 7.00pm.

Leslie Jordan, a small man but a giant, notorious scene stealer on screen, wowed New York audiences during a four-month run of the show earlier this year at the Midtown Theater. An outrageous tell-all that weaves together a hilarious collection of true life stories (which were also the basis for his popular memoir, 'My Trip Down The Pink Carpet', recently published by Simon & Schuster), it is filled with comically overwrought childhood agonies, offbeat observations, and revealing celebrity encounters. From Boy George to George Clooney, **LESLIE JORDAN MY TRIP DOWN THE PINK CARPET** delivers a laugh-out-loud take on Hollywood, fame, addiction, gay culture, and learning to love oneself.

"This is actually just a cheap ploy to get an all expense paid trip to London," Leslie laughed, **"but I am thrilled to be able to share my life story on another continent."**

Pint-sized Jordan, hailed by the American critics as "an hysterical spitfire" and "comic gold", made his name on 'Will & Grace' and won a coveted TV Oscar - an Emmy - as Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series as Beverley Leslie, the nemesis of infamous Karen Walker. Viewers in their hundreds of millions around the globe lapped it up as Leslie and Megan Mullally traded barbs and insulted as the worst of enemies. However, not many people know that his most famous role was originally written for 'Dynasty' star Joan Collins, but she refused to have her wig torn off in a fight scene with Mullally - just one of the juicy Hollywood insider stories revealed by Jordan in **LESLIE JORDAN MY TRIP DOWN THE PINK CARPET**.

Jordan has also made memorable appearances on 'Ally McBeal', 'Boston Legal', 'Monk' and 'Murphy Brown', as well as the cult classic, 'Sordid Lives' alongside 'Golden Girl' Rue McClanahan and Olivia Newton John.

Part autobiography, and part Hollywood tell-all - from small-town USA to the pink carpet of Hollywood - **LESLIE JORDAN MY TRIP DOWN THE PINK CARPET** tells the unlikely tale of how Leslie, raised in a conservative family in Chattanooga, Tennessee, boarded a Greyhound bus bound for L.A. with \$1,200 sewn into his underpants and never looked back. His pocket-sized physique and inescapable talent for high camp paved the way to a lucrative and varied career in commercials (including one memorable time alongside Boy George, as a Kimono-wearing monkey, encased in prosthetic make-up by Rick Baker, the genius behind Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' video and "An American Werewolf in London") and in major TV series. Along the way he immersed himself in writing for the stage, but with success came dangerous temptations that threatened his career and life, including drug and alcohol dependency.

Director David Galligan has worked with Leslie Jordan several times. As well as directing 'My Trip Down The Pink Carpet', he also helmed his Christmas show, 'Deck the Halls, Ya'll' and 'Like a Dog on Linoleum'.

MY TRIP DOWN THE PINK CARPET is produced by Bruce Robert Harris and Jack W. Batman, Dennis Grimaldi, Lily Tomlin/Jane Wagner, Jean McFaddin/Susan Falk, Thomas Hopkins, and Daniel Wallace in association with Julian Stoneman.

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"HILARIOUS... GENUINELY TOUCHING"

The New York Times

"COMIC GOLD! Leslie Jordan is an hysterical spitfire! Thanks to Jordan's gift for spinning a story and his effervescent presence, it charms thoroughly! Jordan has emerged as A COMEDIC COLOSSUS in this hugely satisfying show!"

Backstage

"ENDEARING... CHARMING... BREATHTAKING! A fun evening at the theatre!"

Variety

"HUGELY FUNNY! Leslie Jordan is A WONDERFUL STORYTELLER, with impeccable comedic timing and AN ABUNDANCE OF CHARM!"

Associated Press

"Jordan's story is DEEPLY HEARTFELT. He has triumphantly prevailed. And he has gained enough distance from his troubles to laugh about them heartily, which conveniently contributes to the show's jaunty, refreshing feel."

Entertainment Weekly

West End listings info

LESLIE JORDAN MY TRIP DOWN THE PINK CARPET

Apollo Theatre
Shaftesbury Avenue
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Box office: 0844 412 4658

www.nimaxtheatres.com

Thursday 27 January to Saturday 19 February

Monday to Saturday at 7.30pm
(*except press night Thursday 3 February at 7.00pm)

Thursday & Saturday matinee at 3.00pm

Ticket prices: £45.00, £40.00, £35.00, £30.00, £25.00, £20.00 (Concessions available)
Booking fees apply (includes £1 restoration fee)