

YEADON TOWN HALL

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Cast Announcement: *The Carole King Songbook*

Yeadon Town Hall is bringing *The Carole King Songbook* to the stage from 13th-15th June, starring a cast of four incredibly talented vocalists supported by leading professional musicians.

Eve Kitchingman joins the cast fresh from her role performing at Universal Studios Japan in Osaka. Eve has previously had roles in Futurist Theatre Productions and LIDOS shows, receiving a Leeds Guild Award in 2018 for her performance. Eve said: "Carole King is such a legendary and inspiring singer-songwriter, so I am honoured to be given the opportunity to perform some of her iconic music. Yeadon Town Hall is very special to me and has played a huge role in my life as a performer so I can't wait to be part of this new and exciting chapter."

Eve is joined by Kara Mottram, who has previously travelled Europe as lead vocalist and dance captain for TUI and First Choice Holiday Villages. Her theatre credits include: *Fairy Flora (Sleeping Beauty)* and *Belle (Beauty and the Beast)* for Fame Factory Spotlight. Since returning to Yorkshire, Kara has worked as a theatre and dance teacher and will launch her new dance school, KM Academy of Dance, later this year.

Danny Dixon works across the UK as a vocalist for live events and musical theatre, and has a host of theatre credits to his name. These include: *Over The Wire* (Menin Gate Belgium 2018), *The Wind Road Boys* (Regional Tours 2018, 2016; Edinburgh Fringe 2014), and *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Durham Cathedral 2015). Danny said: "Carole King is the songwriter of a generation

and an inspiration to musicians everywhere. It is an incredible opportunity to showcase her catalogue of iconic hits across the UK.”

The cast is completed by actor and singer-songwriter Thomas Lillywhite. His television credits include *Ackley Bridge*, *Emmerdale*, *Heartbeat*, *My Spy Family* and ITV's *The Royal*. He has also appeared in many theatre and musical theatre productions, including Helena Fox's *Bomb Happy* in 2017.

Each cast member has Yorkshire roots, nurturing successful careers in the local area. Jamie Hudson, Director of Yeadon Town Hall CIC and Producer of *The Carole King Songbook*, said: “We wanted to give young professionals an opportunity to grow and develop, offering an exciting chance to tour the UK and show the country our Town Hall talents! Many of the cast, including Eve and Thomas, have worked with youth theatre company Futurist Theatre Productions which is based at Yeadon Town Hall - so they have strong connections with Yeadon. We know the Yorkshire region has a lot to offer the arts and creative industry, and being able to champion local talent is particularly important to us.”

The show will be directed by Louise Denison. Marie Collins takes on the role of Musical Director. Live music will be provided by a professional band, made up of musicians Darren Watson, Alex Hogg, Hugh Vincent and Michael Turnbull. The Yeadon Town Hall CIC production team will be creating stunning visual effects, including the use of video projection, to provide a unique viewing experience for audiences.

The Carole King Songbook showcases the musical genius of one of the world's greatest songwriters. With performances of her classic hits, including songs she wrote for other artists such as The Drifters, this is an experience not to be missed for any Carole King fan.

The show runs from 13th - 15th June at Yeadon Town Hall, before embarking on a UK tour in the summer of 2019.

For more information and to book tickets, visit www.yeadontownhall.co.uk or contact Box Office on 0333 666 33 66.

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Notes to Editors:

Yeadon Town Hall is an entertainment venue based in Yeadon, Leeds. We serve the local community in addition to providing professional standard entertainment. Yeadon Town Hall's own work tours to theatre stages and performing arts venues across the UK, and we also curate a diverse programme of live music gigs, classical concerts, theatre performances and comedy shows - ensuring there is something for everyone.

Yeadon Town Hall is passionate about bringing theatre and the arts to the local community and beyond, inspiring every generation to connect with creative activity and experience new styles of theatre and performance. We are proud to be supported by Key Fund, Leeds City Council and of course our wonderful audiences, enabling us to continue bringing quality entertainment to the town.

Productions for 2019 include the world premiere of *The Carole King Songbook* (13th-15th June, before embarking on a UK-wide tour) *A Night at the Musicals* (24th-27th July), *Mr Montgomery's Circus Spectacular* (27th August - 1st September) and our much-loved *Christmas Spectacular* (19th-23rd December).