

Jeremy Walker for NYMT in association with Whatsonstage.com present

**Lily James Matt Lucas Gina Beck
Gavin Spokes Ben Barnes Simon Thomas
Jasper Britton Michael Jibson
Jason Robert Brown**
celebrate 40 years of National Youth Music Theatre
at a star-studded West End gala at the Adelphi Theatre

The National Youth Music Theatre is to celebrate its 40th birthday in style - with **ENCORE: 40 Years of NYMT**, a star-studded West End gala night at the Adelphi Theatre.

ENCORE will feature appearances from past, present, and future NYMT students including Lily James, Matt Lucas, Gina Beck, Jason Robert Brown, Lara Pulver, Ben Barnes, Simon Thomas, Gavin Spokes, Stuart Matthew Price, Jasper Britton and Toby Jones*.

The glittering evening, on Sunday 30 October, will feature an array of performances celebrating the last 40 years of NYMT, lots of surprise guests and items and some previews of what is to come. Tickets start at £15 with the majority at £40 - to mark the 40th anniversary year.

Jeremy James Taylor, NYMT Founder and Artistic Director (1976 - 2005) said: "Forty years have raced by. It's been a roller-coaster ride - but they say time flies when you're having fun!"

NYMT Producer Jeremy Walker added: "We may be playing an ENCORE but it's only just the beginning! We look forward to commissioning still more great new musicals and to nurturing the next generation of musical theatre talent."

The NYMT represents the very best in work with young people through musical theatre enabling thousands of youngsters across the UK to develop both their creative and personal potential, leading Andrew Lloyd Webber to dub it "the best youth music theatre in the world".

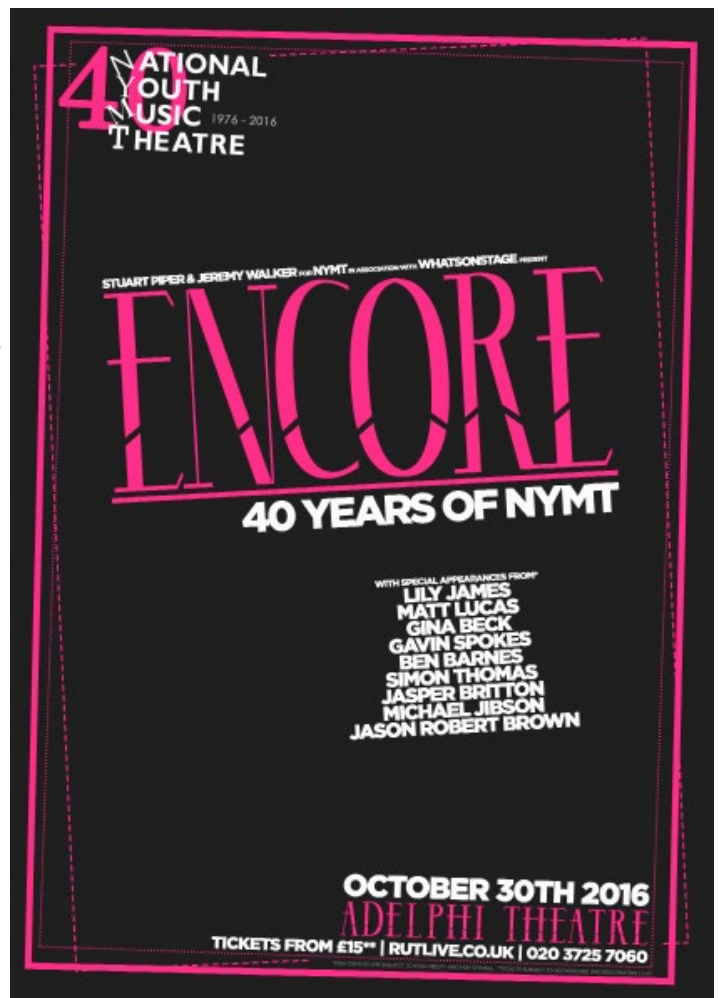
Since its inception, it has produced over 50 productions at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, premièred 50 new musical theatre works, toured several times outside the United Kingdom, and had runs in the West End and on Broadway. Among the many alumni of the NYMT who have gone on to careers in the performing arts are Jude Law (one of its patrons), Jonny Lee Miller, Sheridan Smith, Connie Fisher, Idris Elba and Matt Lucas.

NYMT's 2016 season will include a tour of John Rutter's *The Piper of Hamelin*; the world premiere of *The Battle of Boad*, a new musical by Donnelly & Maltby; *Spring Awakening* directed by Nikolai Foster at Curve, Leicester, and *Brass*, the UK Theatre Award-winning musical by Benjamin Till, to be staged at Hackney Empire.

ENCORE: 40 Years of NYMT

General Management Christopher D Clegg
Directors Michael Jibson and Jeremy James Taylor

*All artists appear subject to availability



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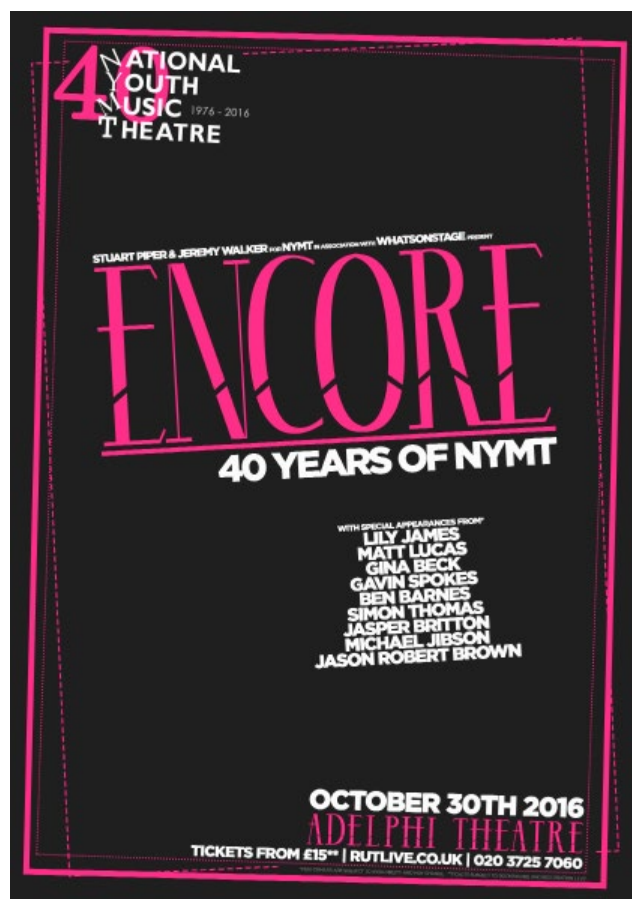
ENCORE: 40 Years of the NYMT

Adelphi Theatre
Strand,
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Sunday 30 October
at 7.00pm

Tickets from £15

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