

House on the Hill Productions present



The team behind the critically acclaimed, sold out UK premiere of Stephen Sondheim's *The Frogs*, adapted by Nathan Lane at Jermyn Street Theatre, are to present a new production of the hit Broadway musical **Once Upon A Mattress**.

Once Upon A Mattress, a modern-day family musical retelling of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale *The Princess and the Pea*, with music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer, will open at The Playground Theatre from Tuesday 18 December, 2018 to Saturday 19 January, 2019.

Press Night is Thursday 20 December at 7:30pm.

Winnifred, better known as Fred, is not your average princess - she's loud, independent and knows her own mind. But for her to marry Prince Dauntless, she must prove to his overprotective mother, Queen Aggravain, that she is indeed a true princess in an impossible test.

Set against the colourful backdrop of her beloved's castle, and with an upbeat jazzy score, this is the perfect comedy musical to see this holiday season, and will delight young and old alike. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again!

Cast to be announced.

Directed by Alex Pearson and Grace Wessels.

Produced by House on the Hill Productions.

Presented by arrangement with R&H Theatricals Europe.

Once Upon A Mattress marked the Broadway debut in 1959 of stage and TV personality Carol Burnett, who originated the role of Princess Winnifred. A later US tour starred Buster Keaton as the King. The West End premiere at the Adelphi Theatre in 1960 featured Max Wall as the Jester. A 1996 Broadway revival starring Sarah Jessica Parker as Winnifred, and Jane Krakowski as Lady Larken was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical. A 2005 Disney TV movie version featured Tracey Ullman as Princess Winnifred, and *Glee* star Matthew Morrison.

Mary Rodgers, the daughter of celebrated composer Richard Rodgers (over 900 songs and 43 Broadway musicals to his credit) also wrote children's books, most notably *Freaky Friday*, in which a mother and daughter trade bodies. It was twice made into a film, first with Jodie Foster and Barbara Harris in 1976 and then Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Le Curtis in 2003. Her son, Adam Guettel, is the Tony award-winning composer of musicals *Floyd Collins* and *The Light in the Piazza*.

LISTINGS INFO

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The Playground Theatre

Latimer Rd
London
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Tuesday 18 December 2018
to Saturday 19 January 2019

Performances:

Tuesday - Saturday
evening at 7:30pm

Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
matinees at 3pm

26 December 2018 - 1 January 2019
performances at 5pm

Press Night:
Thursday 20 December at 7:30pm

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