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**A cabaret celebrating 90 years of Sherman songwriting**

# A Spoonful of Sherman

cast

GREG CASTIGLIONI  
STUART MATTHEW PRICE  
CHARLOTTE WAKEFIELD  
EMMA WILLIAMS

featuring ROBERT J SHERMAN

Musical Director and Arranger COLIN BILLING

The Sherman family have been writing songs for three generations.

Robert and Richard Sherman are the most successful songwriting partnership in the history of Hollywood, composing more movie musical songs and acclaimed film scores than any other writing team.

From the Oscar-winning *Chim Chim Cher-ee* to *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* and *Feed the Birds* in *Mary Poppins* to the unforgettable *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, which earned them their third of nine Oscar nominations, their songs have entertained the world for more than 60 years.

Now their prolific output is celebrated in the critically acclaimed cabaret, *A Spoonful of Sherman*, which sold out all its performances at St James Theatre in January and now returns to the venue for a week-long run of nine performances from Tuesday 15 - Tuesday 22 April.

**Press are invited to attend on Thursday 17 April at 7.45pm**

*A Spoonful of Sherman* again features top West End singers Greg Castiglioni (*Titanic*, Southwark Playhouse), Stuart Matthew Price (*Parade*, Donmar Warehouse), Charlotte Wakefield (*The Sound of Music*, Regent's Park) and Emma Williams (the original West End Truly Scrumptious in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*), and Robert's son Robbie - himself a writer of musicals (*Bumblescratch*) - will also be performing and narrating.\* Songs featured will span 90 incredible years of Sherman family history by including music from the Sherman Brothers' father, Tin Pan Alley songwriter Al Sherman.

The recent Tom Hanks/Emma Thompson film *Saving Mr Banks*, about Walt Disney's epic battle to turn the much-loved book *Mary Poppins* into a film, sparked renewed interest in the story of the Sherman Brothers and their long association with the Disney studio, for whom they composed *Mary Poppins*, *The Jungle Book*, and *The Aristocats*. They also wrote what is perhaps their best-known song, *It's A Small World (After All)* for the 1964 New York World's Fair and it has featured as a boat ride around the nations of the world at Disney theme parks ever since. In 2003, four Sherman Brothers' musicals ranked in the Top 10 Favourite Children's Films of All Time in a British nationwide poll reported by the BBC. The film *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* was adapted into a West End musical in 2002 and running three-and-a-half-years, became the longest running show ever at the London Palladium. It was nominated for the Best Musical Olivier Award. A stage adaptation of *Mary Poppins* followed in 2005 in London and on Broadway, where it was nominated for seven Tonys.

2014 saw the posthumous publication of Robert B. Sherman's autobiographical book, *Moose: Chapters From My Life*.

\* Robert J Sherman will not be appearing on Tuesday 15 or Friday 18 April.

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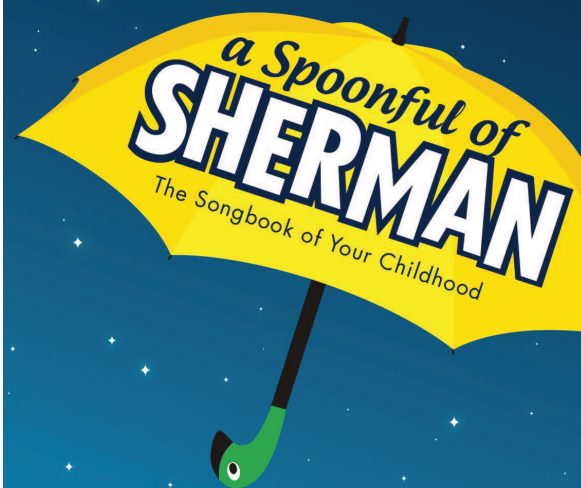
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**THE SLIPPER AND THE ROSE**  
**THE JUNGLE BOOK**



★★★★★

**"A show that strings together one joyous hit after another, delivered by a first-rate quartet of singers"**

The Times

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**"A truly scrumptious smorgasbord of smash hits. It really was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!"**

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**"An evening of magic and delight!"**

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**"The audience were on the edge of their seats yearning for more"**

West End Wilma

**"Something magical happened – it was a night of revelation, emotion and sheer joy"**

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## LISTINGS INFO

### **A Spoonful of Sherman**

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#### **St James Studio**

12 Palace Street

London

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Tuesday 15 - Tuesday 22 April

Tuesday 15 April at 7.45

Wednesday 16 April at 7.45pm

Thursday 17 April at 3.00pm

Thursday 17 April at 7.45pm

Friday 18 April at 7.45pm (Good Friday)

Saturday 19 April at 3.00pm

Saturday 19 April at 7.45pm

Monday 21 April at 7.45pm (Easter Monday)

Tuesday 22 April at 7.45pm

**Press night: Thursday 17 April at 7.45pm**

Tickets:

£12.50 - £25.00

(family concessions available for matinees)

Box office:

0844 264 2140

Online bookings:

[www.stjamestheatre.co.uk](http://www.stjamestheatre.co.uk)

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