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We are a new(ish) company, featuring a team of talented individuals with extensive experience across various sectors of the arts industry.

Unity was born with three main principles:

- To establish a committed team throughout the company that are enthusiastic, supportive and willing to get involved with all aspects of theatre production and not just the performance.
- To perform fringe, lesser-known shows that are not usually suitable for larger societies.
- To produce a theatrical piece that lives up to our high standards and expectations, of which we can all be proud.

We are a registered charity (No. 1184497) and hope that other local charities will be beneficiaries of our endeavours.

SUPPORTING CHARITY

We are proud to support local charities and to date have donated the following:

The Leukaemia Unit Appeal Fund (supporting the Georgina Unit): £2,753 from the production of 'Rent' 2020.

Various charities

£11.400 from the London Marathon and London Virtual Marathon 2021.

The Leukaemia Unit Appeal Fund (supporting the Georgina Unit): £2,000 from the production of 'Rent' 2022.

£3,500 from a triple marathon challenge 2023.

The James Brindley Foundation

£2,000 from the tour of 'The Long Road' 2023.

TOTAL = £21,653





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Unity Productions' inaugural show, Rent, was set for Stourbridge Town Hall in March 2020, but the pandemic forced theatres across the country to close just as we were ready to perform. In a last-minute turn of events, we were granted special permission by the family of the writer Jonathan Larson, to live-stream the production on YouTube – believed to be the first time this had ever been allowed. Performing to an empty auditorium was strange, but the generosity of our patrons, who donated their ticket money, kept the company alive and even allowed us to support the Georgina Unit at Russells Hall Hospital.

When live theatre returned, we resurrected Rent in March 2022 with a slightly different cast, finally bringing our first show to a live audience and again raising funds for the Georgina Unit.

In 2023 we embarked on The Long Road, a hard-hitting play about the effects of knife crime. Performed across six venues in the West Midlands, this ambitious project was a challenge logistically but one we were proud to take on. Working with professional actors gave the company a fresh dimension, and throughout the tour we partnered with the James Brindley Foundation, donating our proceeds to support their vital campaigning work.

Now, with the release of amateur rights for *Come From Away*, a favourite of our trustees, we couldn't resist the challenge. This musical perfectly reflects Unity's values: hard work, collaboration, support, and achieving what sometimes feels impossible.













COME FROM AWAY

On September 11th 2001, 38 planes carrying nearly 7,000 passengers were grounded in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. *Come From Away* tells the astonishing true story of how this remote community welcomed "the Plane People" with open arms, turning fear and uncertainty into compassion and

friendship.

Some characters are inspired by multiple real-life stories, while others step straight from history - like trailblazing pilot Captain Beverly Bass, the first female captain for American Airlines; Kevin Tuerff and Kevin Jung, a couple from Los Angeles; and Nick and Diane, whose unexpected romance began in Gander.



Our cast bring dozens of characters to life (locals and travellers alike) through quick-fire storytelling, infectious music, and heart-pounding rhythm. The score fuses vibrant Newfoundland folk sounds with soaring musical theatre melodies, while minimal staging transforms a few tables and chairs into everything from airplanes to pubs.

More than a 9/11 story, *Come From Away* is a celebration of generosity, humanity, and the connections that can change our lives in the most unexpected places.

Out Of The Darkness.... Suddenly Light

Cantor Fitzgerald lost 658 employees in the September 11th attacks, the greatest loss suffered by any company that day. CEO Howard Lutnick, who lost his brother and closest friends, pledged to keep the firm alive and support the victims' families.

He committed 25% of profits to those families, ultimately providing over \$180 million, and promised jobs to every child who lost a parent at Cantor. Today, dozens of those children work at the firm.

Now headquartered in Midtown, Cantor keeps a sculpture recovered from the World Trade Center rubble as a reminder, in Lutnick's words, "that life is fragile, and every day we're here is a gift."





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HISTORY OF THE SHOW



Come From Away began in 2013, created by Canadian writing team Irene Sankoff and David Hein. Inspired by the true events in Gander, Newfoundland, after the September 11 attacks, they gathered hundreds of interviews from residents and stranded passengers, weaving them into a fast-paced, music-driven celebration of human kindness.

The show premiered at Sheridan College in Ontario before moving through acclaimed productions in La Jolla, Seattle, Toronto and Washington D.C. In 2017, it opened on Broadway at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre, earning seven Tony Award nominations and winning Best Direction of a Musical (Christopher Ashley). It also received the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Musical and London's Olivier Award for Best New Musical.

Since then, *Come From Away* has toured globally, with productions in North America, Australia, and beyond, including a filmed Broadway version released in 2021.

From its Canadian beginnings to worldwide acclaim, the show continues to remind



audiences that even in the darkest times, kindness can change the world. We are proud to present the West Midlands amateur premiere of this remarkable musical, and we hope you enjoy it.











Surname/Nom
COOK
Given names/Prénoms
CARL
Character/Personnage

DIRECTOR

Historical information/Informations historiques

ABOUT

Carl has been involved in theatre for 35 years and performing as well as producing, backstage and front of house. This is his first production with Unity and he's grateful to be able to work with such a professional cast.



Surname/Nom
JEAVONS
Given names/Prénoms
NICK
Character/Personnage

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Historical information/Informations historiques

ABOUT

Nick is an experienced Musical Director and Pit Musician based in the Midlands. His work ranges from the Edinburgh Fringe to national tours, with performances in some of the UK's more prestigious concert halls.



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Surname/Nom
DAVIES
Given names/Prénoms
EMMA LOUISE
Character/Personnage

CHOREOGRAPHER

Historical information/Informations historiques

ABOUT

Emma has been dancing since the age of 3 and ventured into the musical theatre world at age 12 and it has now become her career. This is her first production with Unity and she's immensely grateful to work with a wonderful team.



Surname/Nom
WOOLDRIDGE
Given names/Prénoms

C Y
Character/Personnage

PRODUCER

Historical information/Informations historiques

ABOUT

Cy has been involved in theatre production for 45 years. He's proud to be trustee, chairman and creative director for Unity Productions and its charitable causes.







PARTIES

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Carl Cook

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Nick Jeavons

CHOREOGRAPHER

Emma Louise Davies

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DORVAL

PRODUCER

Cy Wooldridge

TREASURER & CO-PRODUCER

David Gregory

DANCE CAPTAIN

Chloe Turner

STAGE MANAGER LIGHTING Liz Kay

SOUND

The Lighting Factory

COSTUME

A4 Production Services Elysia, Vicky & Amy + Cast

PROPS

Kerry Davies & Liz Kay

HOUSE MANAGER

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FRONT OF HOUSE

Friends of Unity Productions

REHEARSAL VENUES

The Elton Centre, Stourbridge

Stambermill Scouts, Stourbridge



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THE BANK

BASS

Jake Mason

GUITAR

Chris Inston

Ben Kyle

DRUMS

Jake Allen

PERCUSSION

MANDOLIN

Steven Plummer

WHISTLE

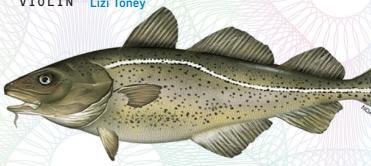
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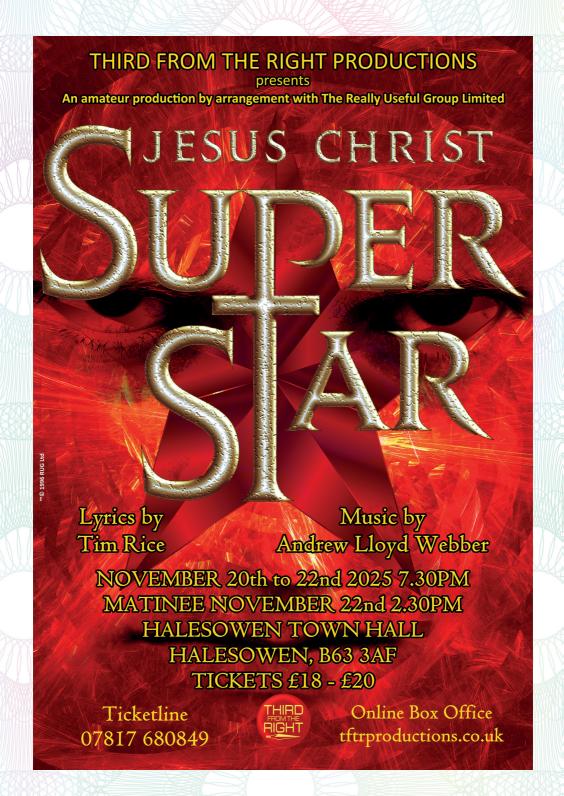
SPECIAL THANKS

John Bailey, prop maker for our cod. The Birmingham Repertory Theatre

The Drip Coffee Company Wollaston







MUSICAL NUMBERS

- 1. Welcome to the Rock
- 2. 38 Planes
- 3. Blankets and Bedding
- 4. 28 Hours / Wherever We Are
- 5. Darkness and Trees
- 6. On the Bus
- 7. Darkness and Trees Reprise
- 8. Lead Us out of the Night
- 9. Phoning Home
- 10. Costume Party
- 11. I Am Here
- 12. Prayer

- 13. On the Edge
- 14. In the Bar / Heave Away
- 15. Screech In
- 16. Me and the Sky
- 17. The Dover Fault
- 18. Stop the World
- 19. 38 Planes Reprise /
 Somewhere in the Middle of
 Nowhere
- 20. Something's Missing
- 21. 10 Years Later
- 22. Finale
- 23. Screech Out

What is an Ugly Stick?



The Ugly Stick is a lively folk percussion instrument from Newfoundland and Labrador, made from a broom or mop handle with a rubber boot at the base and decorated with bottle caps, tin cans, and bells.

Played by tapping it on the floor and striking the attached items, it creates a rhythmic clatter perfect for parties. Each one is handmade and unique, reflecting the playful, communal spirit of Newfoundland's musical traditions.

We hope you like ours!







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KWASI
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MUHUMUZA



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HEADPHONES

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

ACCRA, GHANA



Surname/Nom
ADDIS
Given names/Prénoms
VICKY
Character/Personnage
JANICE

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BIKINIS

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

ORLANDO, FLORIDA



Surname/Nom
BALL
Given names/Prénoms
DAVID

Character/Personnage

CLAUDE/ELLIOTT

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CHARGER

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

NEW YORK, NEW YORK



Surname/Nom
BIRCH
Given names/Prénoms
GEMMA
Character/Personnage

BRENDA/COME FROM AWAY

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UNDERWEAR

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ROME, ITALY









Surname/Nom CHESTER ADAM

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SWIMMING SHORTS Favourite destination/Destination préférée

MAJORCA, SPAIN



Surname/Nom COUSSENS Given names/Prénoms SARAH

Character/Personnage

CAPTAIN BEVERLEY BASS

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FITNESS BAND

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



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DORVAL



Surname/Nom DOLEY Given names/Prénoms LEWIS Character/Personnage

OZ/JOEY/RABBI

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FINLEY THE DOG

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

WHISTLER, CANADA



Surname/Nom DAVIES Given names/Prénoms

KERRY

Character/Personnage

DIANE/CRYSTAL

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TEABAGS

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PENANG, MALAYSIA







Surname/Nom GORDON

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SAM-JAMES

Character/Personnage

KEVIN J/DWIGHT

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CHARGER

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA





Surname/Nom

GREGORY

Given names/Prénoms

DAVID WILLIAM

Character/Personnage

NICK/DOUG

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PANTS

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FLORENCE, ITALY



Surname/Nom

HOMERS

Given names/Prénoms HARRIET

Character/Personnage

BONNIE

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BIKINIS

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND





PEARSON

Given names/Prénoms

AMY

Character/Personnage

GANDER/COME FROM AWAY

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CLEAN PANTS

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

ORLANDO, FLORIDA





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PSARAS
Given names/Prénoms
ZAC
Character/Personnage
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Favourite destination/Destination préférée

PROTARAS, CYPRUS



Surname/Nom
RAI
Given names/Prénoms
ALF
Character/Personnage
ALI

First thing you pack/La Première chose que vous emballez SUNSCREEN/HATS

SUNSCREEN/ HATS

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

DISNEY WORLD, FLORIDA



Surname/Nom
RAI
Given names/Prénoms
NIKKI

Character/Personnage

SALLY/COME FROM AWAY

First thing you pack/La Première chose que vous emballez

SUNGLASSES

Favourite destination/Destination préférée

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



Surname/Nom RUSSELL

Given names/Prénoms

ZOE

Character/Personnage

BEULAH

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WASH BAG

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK







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STEVENS
Given names/Prénoms
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Character/Personnage
ANNETTE

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AIRLIE BEACH, AUSTRALIA



GENERALFO



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CHLOE
Character/Personnage
HANNAH

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ANTIHISTAMINES

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SANTA TERESA, COSTA RICA



Surname/Nom
WRIGHT
Given names/Prénoms
DAN
Character/Personnage
KEVIN T/GARTH
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SUNSCREEN

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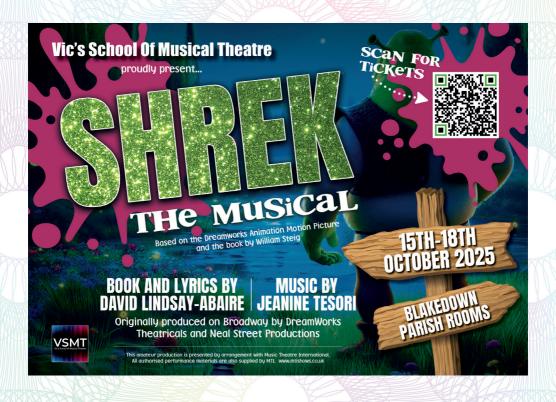
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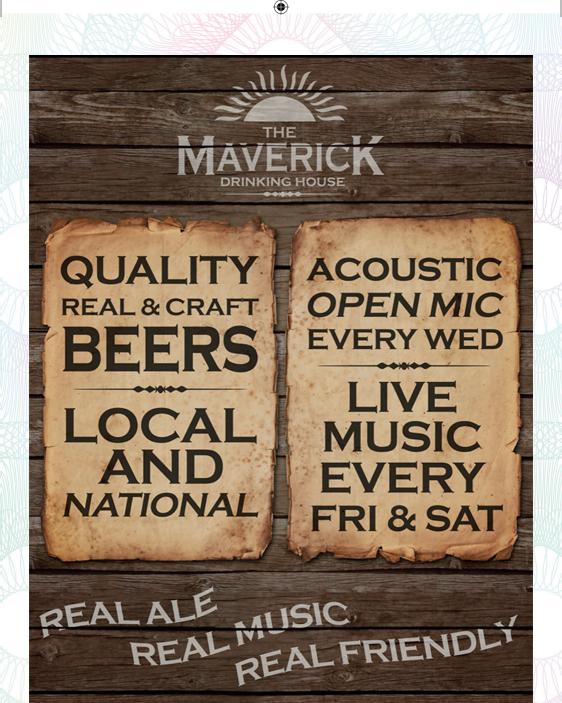
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