



A BRAND NEW MUSICAL **ZOMBIE COMEDY!**

# CHOSEN

BY TAIYO YOSHIDA & DOMINIC VARNEY

REWRITES

## INTRODUCTION

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Imagine accidentally killing Harry Potter, Luke Skywalker, or Jesus and having to take their place.

**CHOSEN** is a pop-rock comedy musical about Sue, an IT Support Technician in her 60s, who wakes from a coma to discover half the world has been zombified.

After accidentally killing the prophesied 'Chosen One', Sue must assume their identity and save humanity herself.

Including two exclusive curtain raiser performances previewing two brand new musicals.

## TOUR DATES

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FRI 08 & SAT 09 NOVEMBER  
**MAST Mayflower Studios, Southampton**

TUE 12 & WED 13 NOVEMBER  
**Norwich Theatre**

TUE 19 & WED 20 NOVEMBER  
**Lowry, Salford**

FRI 22 & SAT 23 NOVEMBER  
**Birmingham Hippodrome**

## CAST & CREATIVE TEAM

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**Dominic Varney**  
Book, Music & Lyrics



**Taiyo Yoshida**  
Book, Music & Lyrics



**Jackie Pulford**  
"Sue"



**Jonathan Bourne**  
"Ted"



**Georgina Scott**  
"Quinn"



**Max Alexander-Taylor**  
"Colonel Chaos"

## CREATIVE TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

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### Taiyo Yoshida

Taiyo is a half-Irish, half-Japanese, and culturally confused writer and composer based in London. He has a Masters in Screenwriting from London Film School and has won awards at Film the House UK, Watersprite Film Festival, and Hollywood Just4Shorts. His plays have been performed at the Camden and Clapham Fringe Festivals and at Theatre 503 in London.

### Dominic Varney

Dominic is a London-based songwriter and actor. He studied at The University of Manchester before graduating from The Royal Central School of Speech & Drama in 2019. This year Dominic graduated as a composer from the course, Book, Music & Lyrics, and recently showcased his 2nd year work on a musical adaptation of Miss Congeniality at Crazy Coqs in London. He has also starred in award winning short films, and won Best Acting Duo for his performance in Light Fantastic at the Independent Shorts Awards (2021). He also has extensive experience working in Theatre In Education.

## BONUS CURTAIN RAISERS

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**Each performance includes a special 15-minute preview of a brand-new musical.**

### **DEAD FAMOUS by Stephen Hyde and Ella Langley Tue 19 November**

When struggling songwriter Evie is the sole witness to her pop idol's crime scene, her secrecy buys her a catapult into the spotlight of superstardom. But is she willing to walk an increasingly corrupt path to keep it shining on her?

Book / Music – Stephen Hyde  
Book / Lyrics – Ella Langley  
Evie – Alice Hayes  
Ensemble parts – Emilia James

### **DUET by Jack Pepper Wed 20 November**

Magic Radio's Jack Pepper takes us inside his new classical-music themed show, Duet; telling the true story of his piano teacher and pianist wife, it is Jack's literal thank you note to his mentor. It tells the story of two pianists who fall in love but do not say, and shows how music brings them together over three decades apart and quite literally saves their lives. The project led Jack to create the Thank Your Music Teacher campaign, as heard at the Royal Albert Hall, on The One Show and on BBC Radios 2, 3 and 4.



## ABOUT REWRITES

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As the grand master of musicals, Stephen Sondheim, once said, 'Musical comedies aren't written, they're rewritten'.

**REWRITES** showcases new musicals at the start of their journey to the stage – a platform that puts shows on their feet and in front of an audience for the first time.

A mix of works-in-progress, concert performances and short preview-style 'curtain raisers', you will get to be a part of something special, right at the beginning!

REWRITES is a partnership programme led by Lowry, Birmingham Hippodrome, MAST Mayflower Studios and Norwich Theatre.

Initiated by Lowry in 2017, musicals featured previously in REWRITES include: No Miracles Here by The Letter Room, A Super Happy Story (About Feeling Sad) by Jon Brittain and Matthew Floyd Jones (Kathy & Stella), A Mother's Song by Finn Anderson and Tania Azevedo and Snowflake by Lewis Cornay. The hit West End musical Operation Mincemeat started out at a scratch event as part of REWRITES.

## FEEDBACK

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We would like to hear your thoughts about the performance of new musical Chosen at REWRITES. We're very grateful for your time! Scan the QR code below to fill out our feedback form.



REWRITES PARTNER THEATRES

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Mayflower Studios

**N** Norwich  
Theatre