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## Oldham Coliseum, Queen's Theatre Hornchurch and Hull Truck Theatre fundraise together through streaming epic musical *The Hired Man*

Oldham Coliseum Theatre, Queen's Theatre Hornchurch and Hull Truck Theatre and have today (10 June) announced that they will be streaming their epic and landmark 2019 revival of *The Hired Man* to raise vital funds for current and future creative projects, which together reach over 380,000 people a year, while their theatres are closed to the public.

This much loved actor-musician revival played to national critical acclaim across the country, securing three **Offie Award** nominations and with Lauryl Redding a finalist for Best Female Performance in a Musical.

Glowing reviews included:

★★★★ *'They play Goodall's glorious folk-based score as if it's pouring from their very souls.'*  
Sunday Express

*'A gorgeous, resonant new production...Wrenching and wonderful'* Mark Shenton

★★★★★ *'This is theatre to relish and cherish'* - North West End

★★★★ *'One of the most well-crafted British Musicals of all time'* – Upstaged Manchester

Based on the stirring novel by **Melvyn Bragg** first published in 1969, *The Hired Man* was turned into a musical in 1984. The production features a superb score of rousing foot stomping rhythms and soaring choruses by the award-winning composer **Howard Goodall** (*Bend It Like Beckham, Love Story*).

With the support of The Really Useful Group Ltd, the premiere of the streaming will take place on **Monday 15 June 2020 at 7.30pm**, and will then be available for one week on the **Queen's Theatre Hornchurch** YouTube channel and via each of three theatres' websites.

To donate to **Oldham Coliseum Theatre**, visit [www.coliseum.org.uk/your-coliseum-needs-you](http://www.coliseum.org.uk/your-coliseum-needs-you) .

To donate to the **Queen's Theatre Hornchurch**, visit [www.queens-theatre.co.uk](http://www.queens-theatre.co.uk), or make a donation by text:

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To donate to the **Hull Truck Theatre Future Fund**, visit [www.hulltruck.co.uk/donate](http://www.hulltruck.co.uk/donate)

Oldham Coliseum Theatre's building on Fairbottom Street in Oldham town centre is temporarily closed to help slow the spread of Coronavirus. The theatre closed to the public with immediate effect on Monday 16 March, following UK Government advice that people should avoid public buildings including theatres. The Coliseum's teams are working remotely to create art and opportunities which can be shared online so that audiences and participants can access them from home. Coliseum staff are also making regular phone calls with the theatre's most vulnerable older participants in place of the theatre's regular social activities and distributing art and craft packs from a safe distance to young people in the local communities so that they can participate in creative activities at home.

For more information about **Oldham Coliseum Theatre** visit [coliseum.org.uk](http://coliseum.org.uk), about the **Queen's Theatre Hornchurch** visit [queens-theatre.co.uk](http://queens-theatre.co.uk) and about **Hull Truck Theatre** visit [hulltruck.co.uk](http://hulltruck.co.uk).

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#### **Notes to Editor:**

For further press information, please contact Shelly Ramsdale via email at [shellyramsdale@coliseum.org.uk](mailto:shellyramsdale@coliseum.org.uk) (please note I am currently working from home)

#### **Listing Information**

A Queen's Theatre Hornchurch and Hull Truck Theatre production in association with Oldham Coliseum Theatre

Streaming on the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch YouTube channel, and accessible via all three theatres websites on **Monday 15 June at 7.30pm**. Available until midnight on Sunday 21 June.

#### ***The Hired Man***

Book by **Melvyn Bragg**, with music and lyrics by **Howard Goodall**

By arrangement with **The Really Useful Group Limited**

Director **Douglas Rintoul**

Designer **Jean Chan**

Musical Director **Ben Goddard**

Movement Director **Jane Gibson**

Lighting Designer **Prema Mehta**

Sound Designer **Chris Murray**

Casting Director **Matthew Dewsbury**

Executive Producer **Mathew Russell**

Costumer Supervisor **Lydia Hardiman**

Dialect Coach **Louise Jones**

Assistant Director **Kara M Tyler**

#### **Cast**

Pennington / Ensemble **Jon Bonner**

Jackson **Lloyd Gorman**

John **Oliver Hembrough**

Seth / Ensemble **TJ Holmes**  
Sally / Ensemble **Lucy Keirl**  
May / Ensemble **Lara Lewis**  
Ensemble **Sufia Many**  
Isaac / Ensemble **Samuel Martin**  
Emily **Lauryn Redding**  
Ensemble / Show **MD Tom Self**  
Harry / Ensemble **James William-Pattison**

Originally filmed for Queen's Theatre Archive on the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch stage.  
Video Production by All Media Works.

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### **About Oldham Coliseum Theatre**

**Oldham Coliseum Theatre** is a cultural and educational charity that works with over 150,000 individuals per year.

The Coliseum has a rich history in Greater Manchester dating back to 1885. It provides a wide variety of distinctive theatre performances and participatory activities for people from all communities in Oldham, Greater Manchester and beyond. It creates original productions each year which are presented at the Coliseum and on tour. Intrinsic to the town's on-going regeneration, the theatre works with its local communities and young people to develop creative programmes to facilitate learning, engagement and community cohesion.

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### **About Queen's Theatre Hornchurch**

**Queen's Theatre Hornchurch** is a vibrant producing theatre, working in Outer East London, Essex and beyond. As a cultural hub, over 210,000 people enjoy the programme each year. Audiences are guaranteed a warm welcome from a three-year winner of **UK Theatre's Most Welcoming Theatre** (2016 – 2018) and

**London Theatre of the Year 2020** (The Stage Awards), the first Outer London theatre to receive this prestigious award.

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### **About Hull Truck Theatre**

**Hull Truck Theatre** is a pioneering theatre with a unique Northern Voice, locally rooted, global in outlook, inspiring artists, audiences and communities to reach their greatest potential.

We produce and present inspiring theatre that reflects the diversity of a modern Britain. We provide the resources, space and support to grow people and ideas, are an ambassador for our city, a flagship for our region and a welcoming home for our communities.

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