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The Ladykillers

A new stage adaptation by Graham Linehan

- Last chance to see the all star cast of *The Ladykillers* as the hit new stage adaptation must close on 14th April 2012.

Audiences have just 11 weeks to see Graham Linehan's adaptation of the classic Ealing comedy *The Ladykillers*, directed by Sean Foley, as the critically acclaimed production closes at the Gielgud Theatre.

The new stage production has enjoyed tremendous box office success, recently recouping its entire West End outlay. The play also smashed all known box office records at the Gielgud Theatre, by taking just under £400,000 in a single week between Monday December 26th and Sunday January 1st.

The Ladykillers tells the story of the eccentric little old lady Mrs Wilberforce who lives alone with her parrots in a strange lopsided house in King's Cross. Her life is turned upside down by the arrival of Professor Marcus and his four friends, who between them make up the most unlikely group of criminals. Planning the heist of a security van, they decide to use Mrs Wilberforce as cover and involve her unwittingly in the plot. Things do not go well and the Professor's plan starts to unravel in spectacular and hilarious fashion.

This stage production of *The Ladykillers* has been adapted by Graham Linehan who is best known for his work on the TV comedy series *Father Ted* and *The IT Crowd*. Director Sean Foley is a multi award winning stage director whose work in the West End includes *Do You Come Here Often*, *Play What I Wrote*, *Ducktastic*, *Pinter's People* and *Joan Rivers: A Work In Progress*.

The all star cast of *The Ladykillers* includes Peter Capaldi as Professor Marcus, James Fleet as Major Courtney, Ben Miller as Louis, Clive Rowe as One Round, Stephen Wight as Harry and Marcia Warren as Mrs Wilberforce.

BAFTA winning Peter Capaldi is best known for his role as Malcolm Tucker in the television series *The Thick Of It*. He has appeared in over forty television series and films including most recently the ITV series *The Suspicions of Mr Whicher*.

James Fleet is most famous for his role as Tom in *Four Weddings And A Funeral* and Hugo Horton in *The Vicar of Dibley*. He has also appeared in numerous stage productions including most recently Richard Bean's *The Heretic* at the Royal Court.

Ben Miller is best known as one half of the comedy duo Armstrong and Miller, which has had more than ten television series since they formed in the late 1990s. Miller has also appeared in a variety of other TV series and films including *Primeval* (ITV),

and *The Parole Officer* (with Steve Coogan) and *Johnny English* (with Rowan Atkinson).

A hugely accomplished stage actor, Clive Rowe is also well known for his role as Duke in the BBC Children's drama *The Story of Tracy Beaker*. His stage roles include Nicely Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls*, and Feste in *Twelfth Night* at the Open Air Theatre Regent's Park. Clive has also become renowned for his pantomime dames as part of Hackney Empire's celebrated Christmas pantos.

Stephen Wight won the Milton Shulman Award for Outstanding Newcomer in the Evening Standard Awards for his performances in *Don Juan In Soho* at the Donmar Warehouse, he also appeared in *Dealer's Choice* both at the Menier Chocolate Factory and in the West End and made his National Theatre debut in 2004 in *Sing Yer Heart Out For The Lads*.

Marcia Warren has won two Olivier Awards for roles in *Stepping Out* and *Humble Boy*. She has multiple stage and screen credits including most recently the TV drama *Hattie*.

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Listings:

The Ladykillers

Adapted for the stage by Graham Linehan

Directed by Sean Foley

Set and Costume design by Michael Taylor

Lighting design by James Farncombe

Sound design by Ben and Max Ringham

Special effects created by Scott Penrose

Gielgud Theatre

35 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, Greater London W1D 6AR

Booking until 14th April 2012

Times: Mon - Sat @ 7.45pm, Wed and Sat @ 3pm

Prices: £12.50 - £55.00 (additional premium seats @ £85.00)

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