



**THEATRE
REVIEW**

Jesus Christ Superstar

**LONDON PALLADIUM/
THEATRE ROYAL DRURY
LANE, UNTIL 9 JAN ★★★★★**

If you thought you knew Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar*, think again. Now playing at the London Palladium, before moving to Drury Lane, this electrifying revival breathes fresh life into the legendary rock musical, which follows the final days of Jesus through the eyes of Judas, mixing epic songs with powerful storytelling. But there's

no doubt who steals the show. Singer and superstar Sam Ryder is sensational as Jesus, delivering a jaw-dropping performance full of warmth and charisma, with astonishing vocals. His rendition of *Gethsemane* is a standout moment – earning him a standing ovation. With a stellar cast, and unforgettable songs, this spectacular production proves Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless hit still deserves its superstar status. Don't miss it this summer. **SOPHIE HEARSEY**

Top of the PODS

Mystic Mates



MYSTIC MATES ★★★★★

Actual besties Helen George and Yvette Robinson host this new podcast, described as 'a space for funny, honest and deeply personal conversations'. Together, the actresses explore subjects like relationships, motherhood and grief, as well as the more elusive matters such as intuition and spirituality. In fact, the focus is on spiritual stuff like tarot cards, crystals and astrology, which they say have helped them navigate their life issues.

THE AFFAIR...



THE AFFAIR WITH ANNA WILLIAMSON ★★★★★

TV presenter and broadcaster Anna's new pod aims to take a bold and honest look at infidelity, attempting to strip away judgment while giving a voice to every side of the story. With one in five people admitting to having been involved in an affair, this series tries to broaden the conversation, as Anna sheds light on the causes, consequences, and emotional truths behind these situations.



LIVE THEATRE TOUR

PRESENT LAUGHTER

This new version of Noël Coward's classic play is reimagined by actress, playwright and columnist Tracy-Anne Oberman (*EastEnders*). She will star as Geri Essendine, the first time that the character has been played by a female, having been created by Coward himself and traditionally played as Garry Essendine. Theatre Royal Bath, 27 August to 5 Sept, then on tour.



THE GENTLEMEN

Guy Ritchie's hit gangster drama is back for a second series in which existing cast members Theo James, Kaya Scodelario, Ray Winstone and Vinnie Jones are joined by newbies including Hugh Bonneville (*Downton*), actual boxer Chris Eubank Jr, and TV host, broadcaster and entrepreneur Maya Jama. And it's partly set in the lavish Italian locale of Lake Maggiore.



FILM

DON'T LOOK BACK IN ANGER

Documentary following Oasis on last year's comeback tour. Created by Steven Knight (*Peaky Blinders*), the film charts Liam and Noel Gallagher's reunion, capturing the experience and emotions of the band and their fans. Includes rehearsal, backstage, and onstage access, as well as the Gallaghers' first joint interviews in over 20 years. In cinemas, 9 September.