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## **The Latest News From The UK's First Comparison Site for Theatre and Concert Tickets**

Hello!

2009 has only just begun and already we've waved goodbye to Spamalot and the RSC's fantastically successful production of Hamlet. David Tennant's co-star Patrick Stewart will now begin rehearsals for what is likely to be one of the biggest theatrical events of 2009, appearing alongside Sir Ian McKellen in Waiting For Godot. For those who can't wait for the London opening on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April the production has a regional tour visiting several cities including Bath, Brighton, Newcastle, Norwich and Edinburgh starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at the Malvern Theatre.

### **SeatChoice.com's hottest tickets**

Thriller! – Live, based on the music of Michael Jackson and Hit Me, based on the music of Ian Dury have both entered the top 20 most sought after shows this week. The Riverdance farewell tour is also doing well and Turandot is the top opera at the moment. Good news ... [War Horse](#), which has been a sell out at the National, is now to transfer to the New London theatre at the end of March.

### **Big shoes for Norton to fill**

There's great anticipation as Graham Norton takes over the role of Albin/Zaza in musical comedy La Cage Aux Folles at the PlayHouse Theatre on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. Douglas Hodge received critical acclaim for his performance so Mr Norton is bound to be somewhat nervous about his West End debut.

### **Public ready for 'more' Oliver!**

The long awaited Oliver! Starring Nancy Prenger and Rowan Atkinson opens at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. We've already seen good demand for seats and we fully expect that to continue.

### **SeatChoice.com's price watch**

Highest price ticket this week is £100 for Tina Turner at the Birmingham NEC and the best discount available at the moment is £29.50 per ticket for some performances of Buddy at the Duchess Theatre. Cheapest ticket currently available for a West End show is £12.50 for Thriller! - Live at the Lyric Theatre. However, there are many other great deals available for some top West End shows so now is the time to book!

### Our most popular tickets over the last 21 days ...

- [Dirty Dancing - The Classic Story on Stage](#) at Aldwych (West End)
- [Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs](#) at Regent Theatre (Stoke-on-Trent)
- [Oliver!](#) at Theatre Royal Drury Lane (West End)
- [The Lion King](#) at Lyceum (West End)
- [Jersey Boys](#) at Prince Edward (West End)
- [Hairspray](#) at Shaftesbury (West End)
- [Pussycat Dolls - Doll Domination](#) at Cardiff International Arena (CIA) (Cardiff)
- [Tim Minchin](#) at Roundhouse (West End)
- [Twelfth Night](#) at Wyndham's (West End)
- [August: Osage County](#) at Lyttelton (National Theatre) (West End)

### Upcoming West End openings...

- **14th January 2009** • [Oliver!](#) Theatre Royal Drury Lane
- **16th January 2009** • [Every Good Boy Deserves Favour](#) Olivier (National Theatre)
- **20th January 2009** • [A Midsummer Night's Dream](#) Novello Theatre (formerly the Strand)
- **21st January 2009** • [Thriller Live!](#) Lyric
- **22nd January 2009** • [Complicit](#) Old Vic
- **26th January 2009** • [Be Near Me](#) Donmar Warehouse
- **27th January 2009** • [Mrs Affleck](#) Cottesloe (National Theatre)
- **29th January 2009** • [Duet for One](#) Almeida Theatre
- **30th January 2009** • [Entertaining Mr Sloane](#) Trafalgar Studios (previously the Whitehall)
- **31st January 2009** • [The Pitmen Painters](#) Lyttelton (National Theatre)
- **2nd February 2009** • [Enjoy](#) Gielgud
- **2nd February 2009** • [Shades](#) Royal Court - Jerwood Theatre

### West end shows closing...

- **17th January 2009** • [Buchinger's Boot Marionettes \(Spain\)](#) The Pit, Barbican Centre
- **17th January 2009** • [In a Dark Dark House](#) Almeida Theatre
- **18th January 2009** • [Mandy Patinkin Live in Concert](#) Duke of York's

- 21st January 2009
- 23rd January 2009
- 24th January 2009
- 24th January 2009
- 24th January 2009
- 24th January 2009
- 30th January 2009
- 31st January 2009
- [August: Osage County](#) Lyttelton (National Theatre)
- [Turandot](#) Royal Opera House
- [Bill Bailey](#) Gielgud
- [Les Apostrophes](#) The Pit, Barbican Centre
- [Piaf](#) Vaudeville
- [Well](#) Apollo
- [The Nutcracker](#) Coliseum
- [The Beggar's Opera](#) Royal Opera House

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