



The magic of MGM Hollywood for Valentines!

An Evening with Doris Day and Gordon MacRae

Friday 12 February, 2016

The Playhouse is transporting The Millennium Forum back to the romantic era of MGM Hollywood on Valentine's weekend with 'An Evening with Doris Day and Gordon MacRae'!

Starring Alex Sharpe and Karl McGuckin as Hollywood's golden couple, Doris Day and Gordon MacRae will reunite on stage to tell the story of their lives on Friday 12 February.

Doris Day will be played by star of musical theatre Alex Sharpe, who has toured America as a lead soloist with the Irish Singing Sensation Celtic Women and starred alongside Colm Wilkinson in his famed role as Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables* in the West End.

The role of Gordon MacRae will be performed by beautiful bass baritone voice Karl McGuckin. Karl's opera work includes 'The Mikado', 'The Elixir of Love' and 'The Rakes Progress' with Welsh National Opera, 'La Traviata' and 'HMS Pinafore' with Lyric Opera Ireland, and 'La Pietra Del Paragone' with Royal Irish Academy of Music. He most recently appeared as Josef Locke in The Playhouse production of 'Josef Locke- A Grand Adventure' by Felicity McCall.

The charming and romantic piece of musical theatre is written and directed by Playhouse producer Kieran Griffiths, will feature all the classics of Hollywood, including 'By The Light of The Silvery Moon', 'When I Fall In Love', and of course, not forgetting 'Que Sera Sera'.

Famous stage couple Doris Day and Gordon MacRae appeared together in five different films. Their on-screen pairing came when movie musicals hit the peak of their popularity in the fifties.

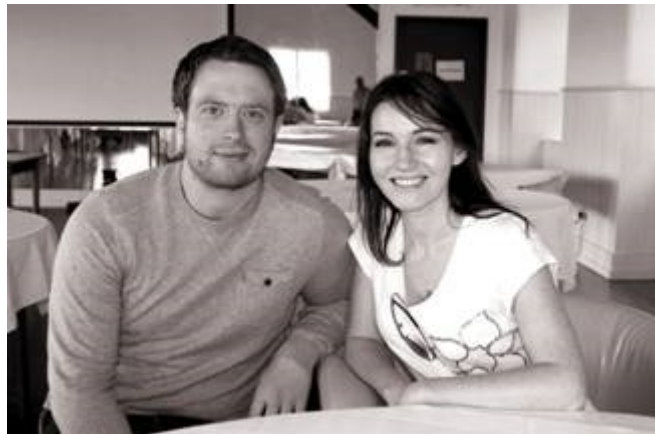
“Doris Day held a highly esteemed and very lofty position within her industry, and it’s so easy to see why! In her work with Gordon there was really a genuine warmth and believability” Pauline Ross said.

“We’re delighted to have such talented stars as Alex and Karl on board to recreate the magic of a couple that wooed everyone in Hollywood.

“This lovely piece will be a treat for the eyes and the ears, we know that audiences at The Millennium Forum will completely fall in love with the seductive sounds of this romantic era of MGM Hollywood!”

The Playhouse production of ‘An Evening with Doris Day and Gordon MacRae’ by Kieran Griffiths will come to The Millennium Forum for one night only on Friday 12 February at 8pm. Tickets are available at The Millennium Box Office(0)28 7126 4455 or to book online at www.millenniumforum.co.uk.

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Interviews are available.

(L-R) Director Kieran Griffiths, Alex Sharpe and Karl McGuckin.

(L-R) Karl McGuckin, who will play the part of Gordon MacRae, and Alex Sharpe, who will play the part of Doris Day.

Alex Sharpe- Doris Day

She’s toured America as a lead soloist with the Irish Singing Sensation Celtic Women and starred alongside Colm Wilkinson in his famed role as Jean Valjean in Les Misérables in the West End. Alex began her career playing Dorothy in ‘The Wizard of Oz’ at the Olympia Theatre, Dublin. She has since enjoyed playing roles across the UK, Scandinavia, Iceland and the US. She played the role of Eponine in the UK National tour of ‘Les Misérables’ and Concert tour of Scandinavia and Bernadette in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s ‘The Beautiful Game’, London. As a soloist with Global music phenomenon Celtic Woman, she toured the States for three years, performing live on ‘Dancing with the Stars’, ‘Good Morning America’ and for President Obama, along with TV appearances in China and Japan.

Karl McGuckin- Gordon Mac Rae

Karl's opera work includes 'The Mikado', 'The Elixir of Love' and 'The Rakes Progress' with Welsh National Opera, 'La Traviata' and 'HMS Pinafore' with Lyric Opera Ireland, and 'La Pietra Del Paragone' with Royal Irish Academy of Music. He is Feis Ceol Best Baritone Voice Winner 2006 (All Ireland), Feis Ceol Runner Up Best Male Voice 2006 (All Ireland) and Royal Irish Academy of Music Runner Up Best Supporting Actor in a Musical. He most recently appeared as Josef Locke in The Playhouse production of 'Josef Locke- A Grand Adventure' by Felicity McCall.

Kieran Griffiths- Writer

Kieran has a Masters from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. As well as an extensive performance C.V. he is the Producer of the Playhouse Theatre.

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