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**Latest casting for Festival 2022 at Chichester Festival Theatre:**

**Jenna Russell plays the leading role in Alan Ayckbourn's *WOMAN IN MIND***

**Harry Lloyd and Claire Skinner head the cast of Christopher Shinn's *THE NARCISSIST***

**Full company confirmed for Roy Williams's *SING YER HEART OUT FOR THE LADS***

**Jenna Russell** will lead the cast of **Alan Ayckbourn's WOMAN IN MIND**, which **Anna Mackmin** will direct in the Festival Theatre from 23 September – 15 October.

**Jenna's** extensive theatre work includes *Sunday in the Park with George* in London and on Broadway, for which she won an Olivier Award and was nominated for a Tony; Ayckbourn's *Season's Greetings* at the National Theatre, the title role in *Piaf* (Nottingham Playhouse) and Anna Mackmin's production of *Di and Viv and Rose* (Vaudeville Theatre). Television includes *Midsomer Murders*, *Gentleman Jack*, *EastEnders* and *Call The Midwife*; she appeared at Chichester in *Celebrating Sondheim* in 2020.

Director **Anna Mackmin** (who replaces Justin Martin due to a scheduling conflict) makes her Chichester debut; her theatre work includes *Hedda Gabbler* and *The Real Thing* (Old Vic), *Me and My Girl* (Sheffield Crucible) and *Really Old, Like Forty-Five* (National Theatre).

**Harry Lloyd** and **Claire Skinner** will head the cast of **Christopher Shinn's** new play **THE NARCISSIST**, directed by **Josh Seymour**, running in the Minerva Theatre 26 August – 24 September. The cast also includes **Caroline Gruber**, **Akshay Khanna**, **Stuart Thompson**, **Paksie Vernon** and **Jenny Walser**.

**Harry Lloyd's** many screen credits include *Game of Thrones*, *Arcane*, *Counterpart*, *Marcella*, *Wolf Hall*, *Manhattan* and the forthcoming *The Lost King*; his theatre work includes *The Dumb Waiter* (Hampstead Theatre), *The Duchess of Malfi* (Old Vic), and *The Little Dog Laughed*, *A View from the Bridge* and *The Sea* in the West End.

**Claire Skinner** starred in the hugely popular BBC sitcom *Outnumbered*; other recent screen work includes *McDonald & Dodds*, *Vanity Fair* and *The Pale Horse*, while her extensive theatre work includes *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg* (West End), *Nightfall* (Bridge Theatre), *The Winter's Tale* and *Othello* (National Theatre).

*The Narcissist* was initially commissioned by Fictionhouse.

In **Roy Williams's** **SING YER HEART OUT FOR THE LADS**, running in the Minerva Theatre from 22 July – 13 August, original cast members **Harold Addo, Makir Ahmed, Alexander Cobb, Rob Compton, Kirsty J Curtis, Jennifer Daley, Michael Hodgson, Sian Reese-Williams, Richard Riddell** and **Mark Springer** will be joined by **Samuel Armfield, Steven Dykes, Duramane Kamara** and **Jem Matthews**.

**Nicole Charles's** much-praised production earned critical and public acclaim when it was staged in Chichester's Spiegel tent in 2019, and will be revived by **Joanna Bowman**. Part of the Minerva Theatre will be transformed into a pub setting to create an immersive theatrical experience for this World Cup and Women's Euro year.

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**WOMAN IN MIND** tickets from £10  
**SING YER HEART OUT...** tickets from £15  
**THE NARCISSIST** tickets from £21

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