

Alex von Saxe Productions presents

When the Lilac Blooms, My Love

by Jane Huxley

directed by Simon Beyer

starring

JUDY CORNWELL

SALLY FARMILOE-NEVILLE

'When The Lilac Blooms, My Love', a new romantic play by acclaimed novelist Jane Huxley, is to get its world premiere, starring Judy Cornwell and Sally Farmiloe-Neville, at London's Leicester Square Theatre from Wednesday April 14 - Saturday 1 May.

Press Night is Thursday April 15 at 7.30pm.

Set in modern-day suburbia, Nicky is a young woman who returns to the family home to break the news that she is pregnant, taking along Darius, the reluctant father-to-be. But as the family is reunited, a web of hidden passions starts to unfold, challenging the bonds between them.

Cast: Judy Cornwell, Sally Farmiloe-Neville, Polly Banwell, Steve Smith, Aidan Stephenson.

Judy Cornwell is best known as Daisy, the long-suffering sister of Hyacinth Bucket, in five series of the hugely popular BBC series 'Keeping Up Appearances'. Judy was born in London in 1940 and educated in England and Australia. Judy actually began her theatrical career as a dancer and singer in pantomime, revue/ vaudeville, cabaret and musicals. From there, Judy changed course and secured roles as juvenile leads and juvenile characters in theatre repertory companies, which soon lead to exciting TV work and leading roles in theatre productions. Throughout her career Judy has embraced a broad spectrum of media: stage work, TV, radio and films both for cinema and television, including 'Santa Claus The Movie' (Mrs Claus), 'Moody And Pegg' (Daphne Pegg/ITV), 'EastEnders' (Queenie/BBC), 'Doctors' (BBC), 'Midsomer Murders' (ITV) and Richard Attenborough's movie 'Cry Freedom'.

Additionally, in recent years, Judy has lectured on the cruise ship QE2, has written four novels: 'Cow And Cow Parsley', 'Fishcakes At The Ritz', 'The Seventh Sunrise', 'Fear & Favour'; and her autobiography, 'Adventures of a Jelly Baby'.

Sally Farmiloe-Neville is best known for playing scheming bitch Dawn Williams for three years in the BBC's 'Howard's Way'. She began her career as a fashion and advertising model to finance her training in the performing arts independently. Her theatre credits include Miss Gotobed in 'Dirty Linen' (Arts Theatre/lead), Naomi in 'Bonkers' (National Tour/lead), Mrs Barker in 'A Bit Between The Teeth' (National Tour) and Evelyn in 'Absent Friends' (National Tour). Sally's first TV role was Vicki in the iconic 'Steptoe And Son' and she has appeared in numerous 'tellies', the most popular being 'Bergerac' and 'Casualty' for the BBC and 'The Bill' and 'Funny Man' for ITV. Her many film parts include Lady Evelyn in 'In Search Of Tutankhamen' (Fox), Francesca in 'Spanish Fly' (Columbia Tri-Star), Mrs A in 'Hell To Pay' (Miramax) and Margot in 'Dear Rosie' (Film Four). Sally is also an accomplished presenter and author. She is Senior Presenter for W6 Studio and B Well TV and has just launched Kazy And Sally TV with producer/director R. KAZ. Her latest best-selling book, 'Sensual Pleasures And The Art Of Morphing Into A Health Goddess' has been praised as "the ultimate health and beauty directory" (NICKY CLARKE). Sally is a member of Mensa.

Jane Huxley's published novels include 'Morgan's Castle', 'For The Love Of Penny Whistler' ("Glitter and gutter...lovelorn, war-torn. A compelling read" - Simon Cowell) and 'Summer Night, Winter Moon' ("This is a thrilling, cleverly constructed story of love distorted by jealousy" - Dame Beryl Bainbridge). She lives and works in New York, London and the South of France.

Simon Beyer (Director) has worked on over 50 productions in London, national tours, major city venues and the West End. His most-recent theatre credits include: 'My Fifteen Minutes' (Writer) - New Wimbledon Theatre; 'Wake Up!!' By Houlton & Jordan (Director) - The Cock Tavern Theatre; 'Feral' by Toby Clarke (Producer) at the New Wimbledon Theatre; 'Studies For A Portrait' by Daniel Reitz (Producer) - White Bear and Oval House theatres (Time Out 'Critic's Choice' both productions); and 'The Tempest' (Adaptor/Director).

Alex von Saxe Productions is an independent film and theatre production company. 'When The Lilac Blooms, My Love' is the company's first production in the West End and the company is currently in pre-production for two films.

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**Wednesday 14 April to
Saturday 1 May**

Monday - Saturday at 7.30pm

Wednesday 14 April, Saturday
17, Wednesday 21, Saturday
24, Wednesday 28 and
Saturday 1 May at 2.30pm

Press night:
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Tickets: £25.00 - £35.00