

THE  
**BURTON**  
MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY

# JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

lyrics by

Tim Rice

music by

Andrew Lloyd Webber

**28th October to 1st November 2025**

de Ferrers Academy, Harehedge Lane, Burton upon Trent DE13 0AS

An amateur production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd.



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# DIRECTORS MESSAGE

It has been an incredible journey bringing Jesus Christ Superstar from vision to stage. What began as an idea has become something truly extraordinary, thanks to a cast whose talent, dedication and passion shine through in every moment.

Behind them stands a phenomenal crew and technical team who go the extra mile in every detail, ensuring this production reaches its full potential. I have also had the immense privilege of working alongside two of the strongest companions I could ask for, our brilliant Production Assistant and our inspired Choreographer, whose creativity and commitment have lifted this show to new heights.

The music of Jesus Christ Superstar is powerful and unique, demanding everything from our vocalists, and they have risen to the challenge spectacularly. Supported by an exceptional Musical Director and orchestra, the sound we have created together is nothing short of electrifying.

This production has been energising, deeply emotive and, above all, a true celebration of togetherness and belonging. I could not be prouder of what we have built, and I am thrilled to share it with you tonight.

Welcome to Jesus Christ Superstar, we hope you feel the same spirit, passion, and unity that have guided us every step of the way.

With pride and gratitude

Karen Hambleton  
*Director*

## PERFORMANCE NOTES

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We would like to thank de Ferrers Academy, Dean and Smedley, Christine Smith, Props and Raffle Prize Donators and anyone else who has contributed to the success of Jesus Christ Superstar.

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# JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

## PRODUCTION TEAM



Director:  
**KAREN HAMBLETON**



Production Assistant:  
**CAT PALFREYMAN**



Choreographer:  
**DANI HARRIS**



Musical Director:  
**DAVID BLACKWELL**



Accompanist:  
**KAREN THOMPSON**

Lighting Designer: **STEVE GREATOREX**

Stage Manager: **DERVAL LESTER**

Sound Designer: **ANDY ONION**

# PRINCIPALS



**JESUS:**  
Bradley Hambleton

**JUDAS:**  
Ollie Last

**MARY**  
Vix Quigley

**HEROD:**  
Jonny Stewart

**PILATE**  
Edward Moore

**CAIPHAS**  
Kieran Barrett

**ANNAS**  
Matt Waite

**SIMON:**  
Jay Beaumont-Mills

**PETER**  
Tom Berriman

**PRIEST:**  
Andy Hambleton

**PRIEST:**  
Mark Hargreaves



## **APOSTLES**

Rex Portilliano, Matt Waite, Jay Beaumont-Mills, Joe Morgan, Tom Berriman, Michael Wells, Mark Hargreaves, Andy Hambleton, Lee Smith, Ian Wishlaide, Zac Lewis



## **SOUL GIRLS**

Rae Edwards, Lauren Brown, Alex Davison, Daisy Feeney, Daisy Parker, Rachel Cook



## **ANGELS**

Jules Lowe, Kate Simcox, Abbie Fuller, Brooke Healey, Donna Smith, Bethany Waite, Sarah Morgan, Florence Ingham



## ENSEMBLE

Tom Berriman, Jay Beaumont-Mills, Lauren Brown, Rachel Cook, Alex Davison, Rae Edwards, Daisy Feeney, Abbie Fuller, Andy Hambleton, Mark Hargreaves, Brooke Healey, Florence Ingham, Andy Last, Zac Lewis, Jules Lowe, Joe Morgan, Sarah Morgan, Daisy Parker, Rex Portillano, Kate Simcox, Donna Smith, Lee Smith, Bethany Waite, Sam Walker, Angela Wynne, Michael Wells, Iain Wishlaide, Matt Waite, Bradley Hambleton

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## SYNOPSIS

*Jesus Christ Superstar* tells the story of biblical Jesus in the final days leading up to his crucifixion. A rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, the musical has no spoken dialogue and is sometimes considered a modern rock-opera. Loosely based on the Gospels, *Superstar* focuses on the personal conflicts between Jesus, his disciples, the people of Israel, and the leadership of Rome. Special attention is played to the relationship between Judas Iscariot and Jesus, as well as Jesus' relationship with Mary Magdalene. The musical is unique among biblical retellings in that it focuses on both Judas' struggle making the decision to betray Jesus and Jesus' human psychology, fear, and anger in understanding and accepting his role as both leader and martyr. The show is a product of its era, permeated with 1970's rock, gospel, folk and funk themes, modern language and colloquialisms, and high-energy dance numbers.

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## Act One

Overture  
Heaven on Their Minds  
What's the Buzz  
Strange Thing Mystifying  
Everything's Alright  
This Jesus Must Die  
Hosanna  
Simon Zealotes  
Poor Jerusalem  
Pilate's Dream  
The Temple  
Everything's Alright (Reprise)  
I Don't Know How to Love Him  
Damned for All Time/Blood Money

## Act Two

The Last Supper  
Gethsemane  
The Arrest  
Peter's Denial  
Pilate and Christ  
King Herod's Song  
Could We Start Again Please?  
Judas' Death  
Trial By Pilate/Thirty-Nine Lashes  
Superstar  
The Crucifixion  
John 19:41

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## ORCHESTRA

Tom Atkins: *Keyboard*

Ben Glover: *Guitar*

Jonathan Hood: *Guitar*

Sunim Korja: *Bass*

Matt Lax: *Trumpet and Flugel*

Catherine Matthews: *Keyboard*

Peter Robinson: *Percussion*

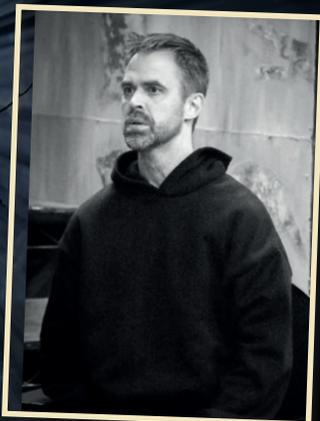
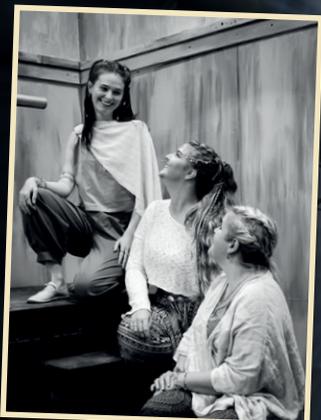
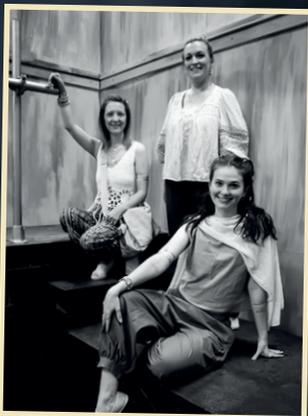
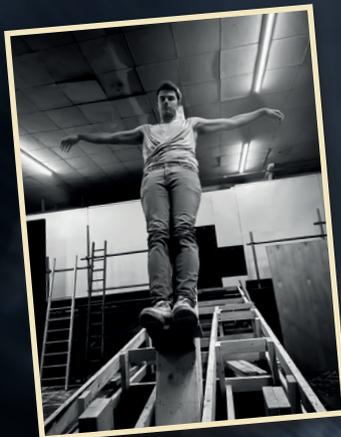
Dave Shipley: *Drums*

Nick Stacey: *Flute, Clarinet and Tenor Saxophone*

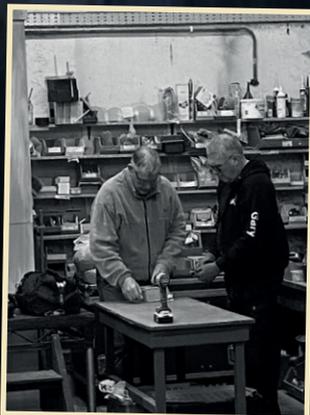
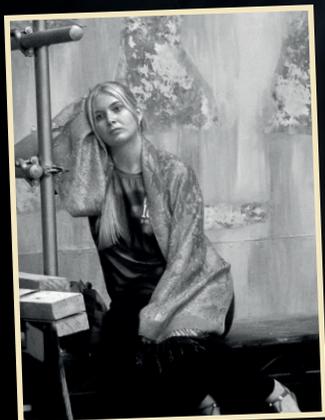
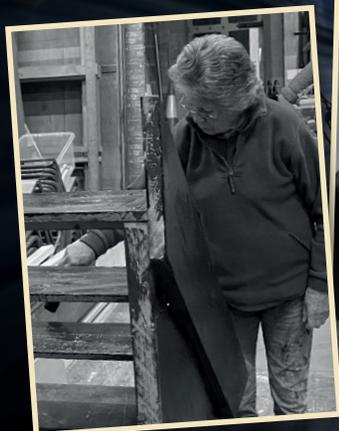
Karen Thompson: *Keyboard*

Chris Wilde: *French Horn*

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# HONORARY OFFICIALS

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| Costumes:                                      | Cat Palfreyman and the cast   |
| Props Team:                                    | Sam Walker and Cat Palfreyman   |
| Lighting Team:<br>(Design,Rigging,Operating)   | Andy Hambleton, Keith Dadley, Ethan Hambleton, Steve Greatorex, Tom Berriman  |
| Programme and Programme:<br>Photography        | Lauren Brown and Carys Egner  |
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