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present

CAROLINE O'CONNOR

THE SHOWGIRL WITHIN

at the

GARRICK THEATRE

from

Mon 27 Sep – Sun 3 Oct 2010

International multi-award-winning musical star of stage and screen returns to London

Following sell-out seasons in New York and Sydney, the international multi-award-winning musical star of stage and screen **Caroline O'Connor** returns to the UK in her one-woman show ***Caroline O'Connor: The Showgirl Within***, for a strictly limited season at the Garrick Theatre in London's West End from Monday 27 September to Sunday 3 October 2010.

Caroline O'Connor: The Showgirl Within celebrates the culmination of Caroline's years of stage and screen experience. A uniquely versatile performer whose triple threat talents in acting, song and dance transcend traditional boundaries, Caroline is joined by an exhilarating ensemble of dancers and her own on stage band for her first ever musical solo show in the West End.

Caroline O'Connor: The Showgirl Within is helmed by visionary powerhouse pairing Michael Gracey and Ashley Wallen, who between them are responsible for the creative direction and choreography of leading music artists including Will Young, Alesha Dixon, Kylie Minogue and the Sugababes. Featuring standout musical theatre anthems, and classic songs that have shaped her illustrious career, this is a one woman show like no other.

Caroline O'Connor is a multi award-winning singer, dancer and actress who regularly graces the stages of Broadway, the West End, the Royal Albert Hall and Sydney Opera House. As Nini in Baz Luhrmann's Oscar-winning film *Moulin Rouge*, Caroline came to the attention of music lovers all over the world. Her other screen credits include Ethel Merman in *De-Lovely* for MGM. Some of her signature roles include Piaf, Judy Garland, both Roxie and Velma in *Chicago*, Anita in *West Side Story* and Mabel in *Mack & Mabel*.

Caroline O'Connor is one of very few actresses to have been nominated for both the Olivier Award for Best Actress in a Musical for *Mack & Mabel* and the Olivier Award for Best Actress in a Play for *Bombshells*. She was the recipient of The Stage Best Actress Award in Edinburgh for *End of the Rainbow*, and a Whatsonstage Award for Best Solo Performance in *Bombshells*. Her most recent stage role in London was Hildy in English National Opera's *On The Town*, for which she was also Whatsonstage Award nominated.

Produced by Neil Eckersley & Paul Spicer for Spekulation Entertainment and Stuart Piper & Jon Bath for Cole Kitchenn, ***Caroline O'Connor: The Showgirl Within*** is directed by Michael Gracey, with musical direction by Daniel Edmonds, choreography by Ashley Wallen, lighting design by Mike Robertson and sound design by James Tebb.

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Notes for Editors

- Press night for *Caroline O'Connor: The Showgirl Within* is Wednesday 29 September 2010 at 7.00pm
- For more information on Caroline O'Connor, visit www.carolineoconnor.com
- For more information on Spekulation Entertainment, visit:
www.spekulationentertainment.com

Listings

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CAROLINE O'CONNOR: THE SHOWGIRL WITHIN

Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2

Mon 27 Sep – Sun 3 Oct

Mon – Tue 8.00pm, Wed 7.00pm, Thu – Sat 8.00pm, Sun 4.00pm & 8.00pm

Tickets: £39.50, £30.00, £25.00, £15.00

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