Danny Mac to Star in Sunset Boulevard at the Edinburgh Playhouse

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Strictly Come Dancing star Danny Mac is to take on the role of Joe Gillis in the Curve production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award winning Sunset Boulevard, which comes to the Edinburgh Playhouse in a five-night-long run this October. Mac will star alongside acclaimed west end singer and actress Ria Jones.

Danny Mac received overwhelming support during his time on BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing* making it all the way to the final.

One of the all-time great musicals, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning (Best Musical, Best Original Score and Best Book of a Musical) masterpiece Sunset Boulevard is a compelling story of romance and obsession, based on Billy Wilder's legendary film, with Don Black and Christopher Hampton's wonderful book and lyrics. This much-loved score includes the title number Sunset Boulevard, With One Look, As If We Never Said Goodbye, The Greatest Star Of All and The Perfect Year and will be performed by a full orchestra.

In her mansion on Sunset Boulevard, faded, silent-screen goddess, Norma Desmond, lives in a fantasy world. Impoverished screen writer, Joe Gillis, on the run from debt collectors, stumbles into her reclusive world. Persuaded to work on Norma's 'masterpiece', a film script that she believes will put her back in front of the cameras, he is seduced by her and her luxurious life-style. Joe becomes entrapped in a claustrophobic world until his love for another woman leads him to try and break free with dramatic consequences.

Sunset Boulevard is on at the Edinburgh Playhouse from Tuesday 3rd until Saturday 7th October 2017. Tickets are on sale <u>here</u>