Will Young and Louise Redknapp Bring Cabaret to Edinburgh

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Internationally renowned singer/songwriter, **Will Young**, and musician and presenter **Louise Redknapp** will add a touch of glamour to Scotland's capital city this autumn when they will star in **Rufus Norri's** multi-award winning production of **CABARET** at the **Edinburgh Playhouse** in November.

Young reprises his Olivier Award-nominated performance as the enigmatic Emcee alongside **Redknapp**, who makes her stage debut as Sally Bowles.

Ever since winning the inaugural series of Pop Idol in 2001, Will Young has been one of the UK's most popular and successful music artists. He holds the record for the fastest selling debut single in British chart history, and has enjoyed a phenomenal career in music with four No1 albums, as well as acting alongside Dame Judi Dench in the film *Mrs Henderson Presents*. Will made his West End debut in Cabaret and will be reprising his award-winning performance.

Louise Redknapp rose to fame as a member of the girl group Eternal. She left the band to carve out a successful solo career achieving an impressive twelve Top 20 singles, including the hits *Naked* and *Stuck in the Middle* and selling over 5 million records with 5 albums. Since then she has rarely left our television screens and most recently wowed the nation with her dancing skills finishing 'runner up' in the 2016 series of BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing*. **CABARET** features show-stopping choreography, dazzling costumes and some of the most iconic songs in musical theatre including 'Money Makes The World Go Round', 'Two Ladies' 'Maybe This Time' and of course 'Cabaret'. The production turns Weimar Berlin of 1931 into a sassy, sizzling haven of decadence, and at its dark heart is the legendary and notorious Emcee, who performs nightly at the infamous Kit Kat Klub.

Since its Broadway premiere in 1966 and the famous movie version with Liza Minnelli and Oscar winner Joel Grey, CABARET has won a staggering number of stage and screen awards including 8 Oscar's, 7 BAFTA's and 13 Tony's. Norris' production has enjoyed two smash hit West End runs and has picked up 2 Olivier Awards.

Rufus Norris is Director of the National Theatre and a multiaward-winning theatre and opera director.

Choreography is by the Olivier Award-winning Javier De Frutos. In 1990, he formed The Javier De Frutos Dance Company. His work includes *The Hypochondriac Bird* and *Affliction of Loneliness*. Recently he joined forces with Sadler's Wells and *The Pet Shop Boys* to create a brand-new dance work based on Hans Christian Andersen's story, *The Most Incredible Thing*.

Cabaret will be performed at the Edinburgh Playhouse from $14^{th}-18^{th}$ November 2017. Matinee performances are on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Tickets can be purchased <u>here</u>