

# Theatre – The Last Ship – principal casting announced



## THE LAST SHIP

### Festival Theatre Edinburgh

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The principal casting has been announced for the UK premiere of [The Last Ship](#) – the acclaimed musical by the internationally renowned musician **Sting** – which is at The Festival Theatre this summer.

The production has a TONY-nominated original score and lyrics composed by Sting, is directed by Lorne Campbell, the artistic director of Northern Stage and has set design by the Tony Award-winning 59 Productions – the team behind the video design for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The casting of Joe McGann (Jackie White), Charlie Hardwick (Peggy White), Richard Fleeshman (Gideon Fletcher) and Frances McNamee (Meg Dawson) has been confirmed. Jimmy Nail, who was previously billed to play Jackie White in the show, is no longer performing in the production.

When a sailor named Gideon Fletcher returns home after seventeen years at sea, tensions between past and future flare in both his family and his town. The local shipyard, around which the community has always revolved, is closing and no-one knows what will come next, only that a half-built ship towers over the terraces. With the engine fired and pistons in motion, picket lines are drawn as foreman Jackie White and

his wife Peggy fight to hold their community together in the face of the gathering storm.

This personal, political and passionate new musical from multiple Grammy Award winner Sting, is an epic account of a family, a community and a great act of defiance. The Last Ship features an original score with music and lyrics by Sting as well as a few of his best-loved songs; Island of Souls, All This Time and When We Dance. It is the proud story of when the last ship sails.

We met Sting at Leith Dockers Club when the original announcement was made :

[The Last Ship](#) is produced by Northern Stage in association with Karl Sydow and Kathryn Schenker.

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