

# Theatre – Calendar Girls The Musical at The Festival Theatre



David Pugh & Dafydd Rogers, the producers of Gary Barlow and Tim Firth's musical comedy, CALENDAR GIRLS The Musical, based on the true story, the film and the award-winning play by Tim Firth, Calendar Girls, are bringing the production to the Festival Theatre Edinburgh in October.

CALENDAR GIRLS The Musical is inspired by the true story of a group of ladies, who decide to appear nude for a Women's Institute calendar. The idea is to raise funds to buy a settee for their local hospital, in memory of one of their husbands, and has to date raised almost £5m for Bloodwise. This musical comedy shows life in their Yorkshire village, how it happened, the effect on husbands, sons and daughters, and how a group of ordinary ladies achieved something extraordinary.

The new tour will star novelist and television presenter Fern Britton, returning to the stage for the first time in 30 years, as Marie. Lorraine Bruce as Cora. Anna-Jane Casey as Annie. Sara Crowe as Ruth. Ruth Madoc as Jessie and Rebecca Storm as Chris and Denise Welch as Celia. Gary Barlow said, "What a phenomenal new cast we have. Tim and I sat in – and indeed played – on the auditions and have been so lucky to have put together such talented ladies."

Bloodwise, the UK's specialist blood cancer charity, will continue to receive monies from this production.

CALENDAR GIRLS The Musical is directed by Matt Ryan

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