

I Ran With The Gang returns to The Fringe

I Ran With The Gang, the 2014-2018 smash-hit Toronto and Edinburgh Fringe sell-out show telling the story of the original Bay City Roller, Alan Longmuir, is returning home to Edinburgh, and to The Fringe at Prestonfield on 24 August.

Written and directed by award-winning playwright Lam Rudden and featuring the hit songs Bye Bye Baby, Summerlove Sensation, Shang-a-Lang! and more, this brand-new production is a moving tribute to Alan Longmuir, who sadly passed away in 2018.

I Ran With The Gang tells Alan's story, from growing up listening to Elvis as a kid, to completing his apprenticeship as a plumber and forming the band that would go on to become the global sensation known as the Bay City Rollers. The piece tells of Alan's life before he became famous, through the hysteria of Rollermania and of how he returned to life as a 'plumber from Edinburgh' when the screaming stopped.



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The show returns with the blessing of Eileen Longmuir, Alan's wife, who says, "I am delighted I Ran With The Gang is returning to keep Alan's memory alive. He loved being a part of the I Ran With The Gang family and liked nothing better than sitting at back, watching the fans reaction as his story unfolded, chuckling to himself that they hadn't noticed him."

Karl-Lewis said: "I am absolutely honoured to be playing Alan Longmuir in I Ran With The Gang. Despite being a global sensation, Alan remained a brilliant, genuine man with a huge heart. I have loved reading his autobiography and it is going to be a blast stepping into his shoes."

Fanning added: "There can be few people not familiar with the music of the Bay City Rollers, a band that without Alan, would never have existed. It's exciting to be able to tell his story

and keep his legacy alive both on stage as The Narrator and off stage as co-producer.”

Ross said: “When I was offered I Ran With The Gang, I was as ecstatic as a 70’s teenybopper seeing the Bay City Rollers for the first time. I know how much this group means to people, and looking forward to giving the fans exactly what they want. As I come from a similar upbringing to Les, originally being from an Edinburgh council estate, there will be no dodgy Scottish accents. Les and Alan left us well before their time, but their energy and music live on.”

LISTINGS

I Ran With The Gang: A Tribute To Original Bay City Roller,
Alan Longmuir

The Fringe At Prestonfield, Prestonfield House Hotel,
Priestfield Road.

24 August 2024

7.30pm

Tickets £25 + bf on sale now from

<https://www.fringeatprestonfield.co.uk/i-ran-with-the-gang/>



Alan Longmuir left with Liam Rudden