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Restless Natives RIDE AGAIN

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

THE CLOWN AND THE WOLFMAN are revved up and raring to get on the road next month. Restless Natives: The Musical is in Edinburgh from 7 to 22 June in the first production at Leith Theatre since 2018. It begins a three month summer long programme of theatre, music and film which Restless Natives producers Andy

Paterson and Wild Yak Productions will be curating along with the Leith Theatre Trust. The musical is based on the 1985 film and the motorbike above is a replica of the bike used then in locations from The Mound to Wester Hailes and on stake-outs in the Highlands. Olivier-nominated Kirsty MacLaren will play tour guide Margot, Kyle Gardiner is Ronnie and Finlay McKillop is Will in this first stage

adaptation produced and directed by the same team behind the film along with Perth Theatre. Writers Ninian Dunnett, Michael Hoffman and Andy Paterson along with composer Tim Sutton are behind the "not to be missed" production inspired by the songs of Big Country. Lynn Morrison, Chief Executive of Leith Theatre Trust, said: "We are absolutely delighted to announce Leith Theatre as the Edinburgh venue and to work in partnership to deliver this incredible three-month summer season. Despite the challenges posed by our building's health, we remain committed to being at the heart of cultural life in Leith. This theatre adaptation blends theatre, film and music which is everything we love, and we couldn't be prouder to welcome this exciting crossover and summer opportunity to our venue."

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