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July to September Season 2012

Arion Productions in association with Neil McPherson for the Finborough Theatre presents

The first London production in more than 35 years

Passing By

by Martin Sherman.

Directed by Andrew Keates. Designed by Philip Lindley. Lighting by Miguel Vicente. Costume Design by Philippa Batt.
Cast: Alex Felton. Steven Webb.

"One of the most radical plays ever written. Quirky, funny, touching, romantic and revolutionary. It overturned my life. Perhaps it will do the same for others." Simon Callow

The first London production since Gay Sweatshop's original 1975 production of Martin Sherman's groundbreaking *Passing By* plays at the Finborough Theatre for a limited run of eight performances on Sunday and Monday evenings with Monday and Tuesday matinees, opening on Sunday, 16 September 2012 (**Press Night: Monday, 17 September 2012 at 7.30pm**), directed by award-winning director Andrew Keates, starring **Alex Felton** and multi-award-nominated **Steven Webb**.

Love isn't forever. Love is just passing by.

A charming romantic comedy about a love between two men whose hearts pull them together as their lives pull them apart from the author of the multi-award-winning *Bent* (one of the National Theatre's one hundred most significant plays of the twentieth century), *Messiah*, *When She Danced*, *Rose* and the film *Mrs Henderson Presents*.

Passing By was first produced at Playwrights Horizons, New York City, in 1974, and by Gay Sweatshop at the Almost Free Theatre in 1975. This production is the first London revival since the original production.

Playwright **Martin Sherman** was born in Philadelphia. He has lived in London since 1980. His plays include *Cracks*, *Rio Grande*, *Bent*, *Messiah*, *When She Danced*, *A Madhouse in Goa*, *Some Sunny Day*, *Rose*, *A Passage to India* (from E.M. Forster) and *Onassis*. Adaptations include *Absolutely! Perhaps* (Pirandello) and *The Cherry Orchard* (Chekhov). Musicals include *The Boy From Oz*. Films include *The Clothes in the Wardrobe* (US Title: *The Summer House*), *Alive and Kicking*, *Bent*, *Callas Forever*, *The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone* and *Mrs. Henderson Presents*. His stage adaptation of Tennessee Williams' novel *The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone* recently opened in Tokyo. His plays have been produced in over fifty five countries, and he has been nominated for two Tony Awards, two Olivier Awards and two BAFTAS.

Award-winning director **Andrew Keates** will be directing his second Martin Sherman Play, after his acclaimed production of *Bent* in 2010 at the Landor Theatre, which then transferred by popular demand to the Tabard Theatre for a further run. Recent productions include *The Thing About Men*, and *The Hired Man* (both at the Landor Theatre), *Conjugal Rites* (Courtyard Theatre) and *Just So* (Tabard Theatre). His work has received many award nominations, including Best Director for *Bent*, Best Director for *Just So*, Best Entertainment for *Just So* and most recently, Best Director and winning Best Production for *The Hired Man* in the OffWestEnd Awards.

Alex Felton plays Simon.

Trained at Drama Centre.

Theatre includes *All's Well That Ends Well* (National Theatre), *As You Like It* (Clwyd Theatr Cymru), *The Reluctant Debutante* and *Pride and Prejudice* (Theatre Royal Bath), *The Importance of Being Ernest* (Library Theatre, Manchester), *The River Line* (Jermyn Street Theatre), *The Old Vic 24 Hour Plays* (The Old Vic) and *The Winter's Tale* (Old Vic Tunnels). Television includes *Bonekickers* and *Holby City*.

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Steven Webb plays Toby.

At the Finborough Theatre, Steven appeared in the world premiere of James Graham's *Sons of York* (2008).

Other theatre includes *The History Boys* (National Theatre, West End and National Tour), *Chatroom/Citizenship* (National Theatre and Hong Kong), *On The Shore Of The Wide World* (National Theatre and Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester), *Betwixt* for which he was nominated for Best Featured Actor in a Musical in the Broadway World Awards (Trafalgar Studios), *The Trestle At Pope Lick Creek* for which he was nominated for Most Outstanding Newcomer in the *Evening Standard* Theatre Awards (Southwark Playhouse), *Oliver!* (London Palladium), *Kes* (Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield), *Scrooge!* (Liverpool Empire and Palace Theatre, Manchester), *After The Turn* (Courtyard Theatre), *Aladdin* and *Dick Whittington* (Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith), *The Thing About Men* (Landor Theatre), *The Long Road* (Soho Theatre), *The Maids* (Etcetera Theatre), *Dark of the Moon* (King's Head Theatre), *Lakeboat* (Arcola Theatre), *Departure Lounge* (Waterloo East Theatre) and *Public Property* and *S**t Mix* (Trafalgar Studios).

Concerts include *Christmas in New York* and *A Night for Jennifer* (Lyric Theatre), *Dress Circle Benefit Gala* (Her Majesty's Theatre), *The Great British Musical* (Criterion Theatre) and *A Spotlight On... Stevie Webb* (Landor Theatre).

Television includes *The Inbetweeners*, *Doctors*, *Aftersun*, *Mr Harvey Lights A Candle*, *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries*, *Loving You*, *15 Storeys High*, *Bad Girls*, *The Paul Merton Show*, *The Magician's House*, *Wives and Daughters*, *Anything's Possible* and *Sometime Never*.

Film includes *House of Boys*, *To Kill a King*, *The Princess and the Pea* and *Thou Shalt Not Kill*.

PRESS NIGHT: MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30PM

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Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 September 2012

Sunday and Monday evenings at 7.30pm. Monday and Tuesday matinees at 2.00pm.

Tickets £14, £10 concessions.

Performance length: Approximately 90 minutes.

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