

When Midnight Strikes

Music by Charles Miller. Book and Lyrics by Kevin Hammonds. Directed by Fenton Gray.

Musical Staging by Norma Atallah. Musical Direction by Magnus Gilljam. Set Design by Wai Yin Kwok. Costume Design by Amy Jackson. Lighting Design by Alan Bratton. Produced by Aaron Prior and Fenton Gray for Strike Up The Band Ltd.

Cast includes: Nancy Baldwin. Bradley Clarkson. Ben Enright. Stephanie Flavin. Lorraine Graham. Emma Hatton. Nicholas Moorhead. Susan Raasay. Miles Western. Shona White. Alan Winner.

The world premiere of the latest musical by Charles Miller and Kevin Hammonds, authors of the hit show *Brenda Bly: Teen Detective*

New Year's Eve 1999 - the dawn of a new millennium. In an upscale New York loft apartment, twelve Manhattan socialites celebrate with an intimate dinner party, where new resolutions, past mistakes, and an uncertain future merge into one explosive and life-altering evening. With Kevin Hammonds' trademark witty dialogue and a score from Charles Miller packed with show-stopping songs, this promises to be an unmissable production.

London composer **Charles Miller** and New York writer **Kevin Hammonds** are rapidly gaining a reputation amongst musical theatre aficionados. Their songs were featured as part of the highly acclaimed *Notes From New York* series at the Duchess Theatre last year. Mark Shenton of the Sunday Express said "West End producers are missing out on a potential goldmine of hit musicals...Those lucky enough to be at the theatre were amongst the privileged few who in future years may be able to say they were there when these major talents were first brought to fuller attention". West End star Julie Atherton's recent album *A Girl Of Few Words – The Songs Of Charles Miller* has been acclaimed by the critics, and the publication of *The Miller & Hammonds Songbook* has further raised their profile.

The cast includes Olivier Award-winning actor **Miles Western**, who won Best Supporting Actor in a Musical for his performance as Miss West Coast in *Pageant*, **Shona White** whose recent credits include the standby to Elphaba in *Wicked*, Sophie in *Mamma Mia* and Magenta in the West End production of *The Rocky Horror Show*, **Bradley Clarkson**, one of the finalists in ITV's *Grease Is The Word*, and **Lorraine Graham** whose West End credits include *Grease* and *Cats*, and **Stephanie Flavin** whose credits include *Les Miserables* and *Oliver*.

Director **Fenton Gray**'s credits include *The Mikado* at the Royal Festival Hall for Raymond Gubbay, *Madama Butterfly* at Queen Elizabeth Hall for English Festival Opera and *Iolanthe* for The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company on a UK National Tour. He was Julian Clary's director for three years working on his one-man shows *Amore* at the West Beth Theatre, New York, and *Natural Born Mincer* at Theatre Royal, Drury Lane and UK tour. His long association with Miller and Hammonds includes directing *Brenda Bly: Teen Detective* and *RSVP ASAP* as well as producing *The Miller and Hammonds Songbook*.

The Original Cast Recording of *When Midnight Strikes* is due to be released in October of this year, on the MaKing Records label, and plans are under way for a film version of the musical to be released in Spring 2008. For up-to-date information please visit **www.whenmidnightstrikes.com**

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PHOTOCALL: WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 1.00PM-1.30PM

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Tuesday to Saturday Evenings at 7.30pm. Sunday Matinees at 3.00pm. Saturday matinees (from 15 September) at 3.00pm. Tickets £18 (£14 concessions) except Tuesday Evenings £9 all seats and Saturday evenings £18 all seats. Previews (5 and 6 September) £10 all seats.

Performance Length: Approximately 2 hours 15 minutes (including interval)

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