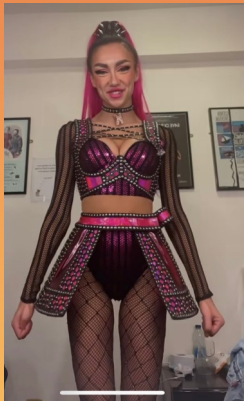




October 2023 BIGLITTLE Alumni News Roundup

For the benefit of those that do not access BLAST news on social media... here is a quick roundup of all the alumni news that we have celebrated throughout October 2023!

At the start of the month we wished **David Cox-Kelly** well on his marriage to Rachel, and we spotted them enjoying their mini-moon on the Isle of Arran.



We were very excited to see **Inez Budd** start her new role as Katherine Howard in 'Six' at the Vaudeville Theatre in the West End, and for **Natasha Barnes** who was cast as Candy Destiny Jr in 'Billie the Kid' at the Vaudeville Theatre on the 13th and 20th November and then as Janice (and others) in the 'Come From Away UK and Ireland Tour' which comes to Southampton in April 2024.



The UK and Ireland touring cast of Come From Away. © Michael Wharley



Georgia Silver
Woman / Understudy Martirio / Magdalena

Georgia Silver made us very proud when she secured a role in The House of Bernarda Alba at the National Theatre in London, and we were delighted that **Dan Partridge**, who finished his contract as Danny in Grease moved straight on to be cast as Magaldi in Evita from 27th November 2023 to 13th January 2024 at the Curve



The Halloween season saw us sending BIGLITTLE Best wishes to **Katherine Douglas** playing Evelyn Grace in the Exorcist - one of five amazing scare attractions at FEAR, the UK's Best Scream Park 2022, in Bristol throughout October, and to **Matt Edward** who set sail on the Viking Star cruise ship as their lead vocalist.



A double BIGLITTLE celebration was in order for **James Hilton-Foster** and **Connor Keetley** (Jones) who joined the Madagascar the Musical tour as Mason/Lara/Ships Captain and Skipper/ Maurice respectively. They performed in Plymouth and Cheltenham this month at the beginning of a 20 venue tour, but we are super delighted to hear that Southampton has been added as an extra venue brings them close to home next August.





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The highlight of the month for BLAST, was the **West End and Broadway Songbook** show that they hosted at the Regent Centre in Christchurch. With six fabulous West End stars taking to the stage, two of whom were BIGLITTLE Alumni **Natasha Barnes** and **Nick Hayes**. They were joined on stage by two more BIGLITTLE Alumni (**Katherine Douglas** and **Harrison Macdonald-Taylor**) who graduated from the London School of Musical Theatre in 2023, current students from the BIGLITTLE Professional Development Programme and the amazing musicians **Colin Billing**, BIGLITTLE Alumni **Erin Bruce** and **Greg Pringle**. It was a fantastic evening of outstanding vocals that blew the roof off! We are already looking forward to scheduling next years show!

With Christmas in everyone’s sights there has been a flurry of BIGLITTLE Alumni activity with **Anna Yeadon** cast in the Cinderella Pantomime at the Royal Winchester Theatre, **Finan McKinney** cast as Prince Dhumphark in ‘Sleeping Beauty Felt a Little Prick’, an adult pantomime at the Guildford Fringe, and **Katherine Douglas** cast in Robin Hood, a co-production with Bumblefly, Forest Forge and Mischievous Theatre.

Dylan Mason was spotted in the Tesco Whoosh Ad which made us giggle, and we can’t wait to see **Ed Brennan**, **Bella Kane** and **Georgie Hendry** (McGaskill) in the Christmas Spectacular at the Regent Centre in Christchurch in December. They will be joined on stage by two current BIGLITTLE students and by **Jessica Fossey** who teaches at BIGLITTLE Theatre School.

As we head into November, we would love to hear news from all of our BIGLITTLE Alumni - not just musical theatre news, but any other news that they would like to share with the BIGLITTLE family.

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