Showstopper Productions and Something For The Weekend Productions present:

**Showstopper!**

**The Improvised Musical**

2016 Olivier Award Winners

2019 National Tour

The critically acclaimed improvisational frontrunner Showstopper! The Improvised Musical heads out on a UK tour again for more entertaining dates throughout 2019. Following on from their sell out run at The Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2018, and with a 2016 Olivier Award for their West End debut at the Apollo Theatre, The Showstoppers made 2018 their best year yet.

Now, The Showstoppers are set to make 2019 even better, one new musical at a time.

No two nights are ever the same as The Showstoppers take audience suggestions and then spin a brand new comedy musical out of thin air - stories, characters, tunes, lyrics, dances, harmonies and all - with unpredictable and hilarious results. If you've thought improv looked difficult before, try doing it in time (and tune) to music!

Having grown since 2008 to become the UK’s most acclaimed and in-demand musical improvisers, The Showstoppers have become a must-see staple of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. With five West End seasons and an acclaimed BBC Radio 4 series to their name, they have also taken their ingenious blend of comedy, musical theatre and spontaneity around the globe, picking up accolades and awards.
including The Times Best of the Fringe, Mervyn Stutter's Spirit Of The Fringe Award and nominations for Chortle Best Music Or Variety Act, MTM Best Production Award and MTM Judges’ Discretionary Award.

The Cast:

The rotating cast features some of the brightest minds in the world of comedy and musical theatre. The company includes:

- **Co-founder Adam Meggido**, an award-winning writer/composer who has improvised at the National, The Royal Court Theatre, Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre and currently holds the world record for the directing the longest impro show - 55 hours without a break.

- **Dylan Emery**, the other co-founder, has been improvising for more than 15 years – including at the National/Royal Court/Shakespeare’s Globe. He created veteran comedy impro group **Grand Theft Impro**, and the UK’s premier website devoted to the form [thecrunchyfrogcollective.com](http://thecrunchyfrogcollective.com).

- **Pippa Evans** is an Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer nominee and has had great success on TV, Radio and stage – she is a regular on BBC Radio 4’s The Now Show, BBC2’s Fast and Loose, performs regularly with the Comedy Store Players and has had many years of success with her hit character act Loretta Maine.

- **Ruth Bratt** is an improv Fringe regular for the last 11 years whose recent TV credits include Ricky Gervais’ Derek, Sarah Millican’s Support Group and Vic Reeves’ The Ministry Of Curious Stuff.

- **Sarah-Louise Young** won the Best Musical Variety Act in the London Cabaret Awards and was nominated for the Edinburgh Comedy Awards Best Newcomer. She has performed her critically-acclaimed Cabaret Whore show across the world.

What the press have said about The Showstoppers:

“Not only is each performance achingly funny, it’s a genuinely new musical every time. Worth seeing again and again.”

★★★★★ Time Out London Critics’ Choice
“The show is a blast. It makes your jaw drop in impressed amazement and your ribs ache with laughter. Simultaneously a pastiche, a parody and a paean to musical theatre”
★★★★★ Mail on Sunday
“A shining example of how good improv can be.”
★★★★★ Chortle
“They truly are the masters of longform improvisation. These guys have to be seen to be believed! The best musical improvisation group we’ve ever come across. More talent on stage than you can shake a stick at!”
★★★★★ Time Out Critics’ Choice
“Showstopper! is a perfect example of skill and talent combined.”
★★★★★ British Theatre Guide
“Fabulous, fabulous, fabulous. Some creators take years to write rubbish, this team create gems in an hour every night. Simply outstanding.”
★★★★★ One4review
“An ingenious and engaging mix of improvisation and musical theatre. If you admired the Comedy Store Players for their ability to think on their feet, this bunch do it with the same verve and flair, but set to music. I was left open-mouthed. I can honestly say that I’d opt for this show's wild, inventive energy of The Sound of Music any day.”
Lyn Gardner, The Guardian
“An irresistible whirlwind of energy…Improvisation is being taken to new heights.”
★★★★★ ThreeWeeks
“These hideously talented regulars are pushing improv in new directions - go marvel”
★★★★ Daily Telegraph
“If you really want to know how to build a musical…watch Showstoppers. It's bliss.”
★★★★ The Times
“I find this show faultless…a show not to be missed”
Theatre Full Stop

Website: http://www.theshowstoppers.org
Twitter: @TheShowstoppers

Listings Information:

9th January 2019
Oxford: The Playhouse
7.30pm
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

11th January 2019
Southampton: Nuffield Theatre
7.30pm
www.nstheatres.co.uk

17th January 2019
Salford: The Lowry
7.30pm
www.thelowry.com

25th January 2019
Salisbury: The Playhouse
7.30pm
www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk
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