

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## PETER PAN GOES WRONG



### MORE DISASTROUS NEWS!

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**JAY LAGA'AIA** AND 9 OTHER TALENTED ACTORS  
HAVE UNFORTUNATELY JOINED THE CAST OF  
OLIVIER-NOMINATED AND CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED  
**PETER PAN GOES WRONG**  
FROM 31 OCTOBER to 2 DECEMBER 2018  
**AUCKLAND | WELLINGTON | CHRISTCHURCH**

The producers of the West End hit comedy *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*, which stumbles through New Zealand from 31 October to 2 December, today announce that New Zealand-born star **JAY LAGA'AIA** has (unfortunately for him!) joined the cast of the Olivier-nominated and critically acclaimed play. Their New Zealand tour, which begins in Auckland before plaguing Wellington and Christchurch, follows hot on the wobbly heels of last year's Olivier Award-winning comedy hit *The Play That Goes Wrong*.

Other unfortunates, fresh from having audiences in stitches in *The Play That Goes Wrong* are **DARCY BROWN**, **FRANCINE CAIN**, **ADAM DUNN**, **LUKE JOSLIN**, **GEORGE KEMP**, **JORDAN PROSSER** and **TAMMY WELLER**. They have all been silly enough to sign on again with The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society to battle against technical hitches, flying mishaps and cast disputes on their way to Neverland with hilarious and disastrous results.

They will be joined by our **JAY LAGA'AIA** – aka Captain Typho in *Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones* and *Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith* – as the narrator and pirate. Jay is also one of Australia and New Zealand's favourite musical theatre stars, having played the principal roles of Mufasa in the hit musical *The Lion King*, the Wizard in *Wicked* and Judas in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. He is also known for his television roles in *Home and Away*, *Xena: Warrior Princess*, *Water Rats* and *Play School* and as a contestant on *Celebrity Big Brother*.

Also experiencing this theatrical mayhem for the first time are **CONNOR CRAWFORD**, known for his role in *Assassins* as John Hinckley Jr, who wounded Ronald Reagan in 1981 in an attempt to gain the attention of actress Jodie Foster; and **TEAGAN WOUTER** who most recently starred as Nicola in the musical *Kinky Boots* in Australia.

In this new take on the J M Barrie classic, ***Peter Pan Goes Wrong*** is co-written by **Mischief Theatre** company members Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields and includes highly physical comedy packed with finely-tuned farce and Buster Keaton-inspired slapstick, all delivered with split-second timing.

Mischief Theatre's Henry Lewis says, "We are amazed that actors of such high calibre are prepared to risk their careers by signing up to perform in this maniacal play."

***Peter Pan Goes Wrong*** premiered at the Pleasance Theatre in London in December 2013 before going on to tour the UK during 2014. The production made its West End debut in 2015 for a Christmas season, returning the following year from October for another Christmas season, making it the third show running in the West End from the Mischief Theatre Company after *The Play That Goes Wrong* and *The Comedy About a Bank Robbery*.

***Peter Pan Goes Wrong*** is directed by **Adam Meggido**, with set design by **Simon Scullion**, lighting by **Matt Haskins**, costumes by **Roberto Surace**, sound design by **Ella Wahlstrom** and songs composed by **Richard Baker and Rob Falconer**.

## **[peterpangoeswrong.co.nz](http://peterpangoeswrong.co.nz)**

### **Auckland**

Venue: The Civic  
Dates & Times: From 31 October  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday / Friday 7pm  
Saturday 2.30pm & 7.30pm  
Sunday 1pm & 5pm  
Bookings: [peterpangoeswrong.co.nz](http://peterpangoeswrong.co.nz)

### **Wellington**

Venue: The Opera House  
Dates & Times: 21-25 November 7 performances only  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday / Friday 7pm  
Saturday 2.30pm & 7.30pm  
Sunday 1pm & 5pm  
Bookings: [peterpangoeswrong.co.nz](http://peterpangoeswrong.co.nz)

### **Christchurch**

Venue: Isaac Theatre Royal  
Dates & Times: 28 November – 2 December 7 performances only  
Wednesday 7.30pm  
Thursday / Friday 7pm  
Saturday 2.30pm & 7.30pm  
Sunday 1pm & 5pm  
Bookings: [peterpangoeswrong.co.nz](http://peterpangoeswrong.co.nz)

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