


Live stars and a virtual cast in Musicals in Motion at The Leatherhead Theatre

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Technology creates a virtual world of West End and Broadway shows at The Leatherhead Theatre.

Musicals in Motion stars Jem Brent and Maria Jane Hyde live on stage - established West End and European musical stars who have performed in many hit shows including Starlight Express, Cats, Evita, Rent, 42nd Street and Saturday Night Fever.

But they won't be alone exactly - the live performers will be supported by a virtual cast of more than 70 people projected onto a 24 square-metre screen, providing a full dance ensemble, children's choir and an award-winning male voice choir.

With clever lighting and perfect timing, the live performers interact seamlessly with their huge 'supporting' cast, breaking down the barrier between what is live and what is virtual.

With fully choreographed dance routines, authentic costumes and a full range of dynamic computer-generated imagery sets, the audience sees a full musical show.

Together they will present 37 numbers from 22 musicals.

"It's a totally new experience," Hyde says.

"Imagine taking the latest in computer technology and teaming it with the best of live theatre. Imagine some of the most famous moments in musical history being recreated before your very eyes.

The show has something for everyone. During our two-and-a-half hour performance we sing and dance with a full virtual ensemble, we roller-skate, tap dance, and are supported by an award winning full male voice choir. After the first number the audience will be questioning what is live and what is virtual.

"If you like Musicals you'll love Musicals in Motion."

Musicals in Motion, The Leatherhead Theatre, Saturday January 10, 7.30pm, £15.50 (£12.50), 01372 365141, www.the-theatre.org



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