

MEDIA RELEASE

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Lunchbox Theatrical Productions, Kenny Wax Ltd and Stage Presence in association
with David Atkins Enterprises and ABA International Touring present
the Mischief Theatre Production

THE WEST END'S BEST NEW COMEDY

THE PLAY THAT GOES **WRONG**

**NZ TOUR
SEPT-OCT**



WEST END COMEDY HIT BOUND FOR NEW ZEALAND

★★★★★

I FEARED I WAS GOING TO HYPERVENTILATE – THE DAILY MAIL, UK

WE LAUGHED UNTIL THE TEARS RAN DOWN OUR FACES – JOANNA LUMLEY

HAS THE AUDIENCE ROLLING IN THE AISLES – THE AGE, MELBOURNE

A GUT-BUSTING HIT – THE NEW YORK TIMES

A MASTERPIECE OF MALFUNCTION – THE TIMES, UK

EXQUISITELY CHOREOGRAPHED MAYHEM – THE INDEPENDENT, UK

IT'S AS THOUGH THE MOUSETRAP HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY
MONTY PYTHON – WHATSONSTAGE.COM

Touring from 27 September, 2017

Wellington • Christchurch • Auckland

**Pre-sale starts TODAY Monday 6 March
GP on sale 17 March @ 5pm**

London's Olivier Award-winning theatre company **Mischief Theatre** is bringing its smash-hit comedy **The Play That Goes Wrong** to New Zealand for the first time from September.

With a host of awards for Best New Comedy to its credit, **The Play That Goes Wrong** actually appears to be doing something right for West End audiences, and now audiences here will get their chance to witness theatrical disaster when this hilarious masterpiece stumbles into town.

Described as *Fawlty Towers* meets *Noises Off*, **The Play That Goes Wrong** has been enjoying five-star reviews and is currently playing to packed houses in the West End and Australia and opens on Broadway this week. This brilliant comedic piece makes its premiere in **Wellington** on 27 September, followed by **Christchurch** on 3 October and **Auckland** on 11 October.

The play introduces 'The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society' which is attempting to put on a 1920s murder mystery, but as the title suggests, everything that can go wrong...does, as the accident-prone thespians battle on against all the odds to get to their final curtain call.

Co-written by **Mischief Theatre** company members Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields and directed by Mark Bell, **The Play That Goes Wrong** is a highly physical comedy packed with finely-tuned farce and Buster Keaton inspired slapstick, delivered with split-second timing and ambitious daring. **The Play That Goes Wrong**, which started its life at a London fringe venue with only four paying customers at the first performance, is now enjoying its third catastrophic year on the West End and has gone on to play to an audience of over a quarter of a million.

The Play That Goes Wrong got it absolutely right when it clinched a number of accolades including the **Olivier Award for Best New Comedy 2015**, **BroadwayWorld UK Winner for Best New Play 2015** and **WhatsOnStage Award Winner for Best New Comedy 2014**. The Play was also a highlight of the Royal Variety Performance in 2015.

Licensed to 33 countries, with productions playing in Melbourne, Tokyo, Paris, Budapest and soon to open in Rome, Warsaw, Shanghai, Cape Town, the cast stumbling its way to New Zealand will come direct from the UK tour.

Mischief Theatre was founded in 2008 by a group of graduates of The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art and began as an improvised comedy group. The company performs across the UK and internationally with improvised and original scripted work. This is Mischief's first New Zealand Tour and they look forward to Going Wrong, upside down, on the other side of the world.

Website: www.theplaythatgoeswrong.co.nz
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Dates, Venues, Booking Information

Wellington

Venue: Opera House
Dates: From 27 Sept - 1 Oct (8 Shows Only)

Bookings: Ticketek

Christchurch

Venue: Isaac Theatre Royal

Dates: 3 - 8 Oct (8 Shows Only)

Bookings: Ticketek

Auckland

Venues: ASB Waterfront Theatre

Dates: Opens 11 October

Bookings: www.asbwaterfronttheatre.co.nz

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Notes to Editors:

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