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York Musical Theatre Company calls for a centenary celebration chorus...

York Musical Theatre Company is performing a special, one night only concert version of Titanic the Musical to mark the centenary of the sinking of the famous ship.

This special concert will be at York Theatre Royal on 14 April, the actual night of the sinking 100 years ago. The company with a 16-piece orchestra accompanying them on stage are looking for a strong chorus to support the principals and join in singing some of the memorable songs from the musical.

Written by Maury Yeston (composer of Nine, the recent smash-hit film) Titanic first hit Broadway in 1997, winning the Tony award that year for Best Original Score. York Musical Theatre Company performed the UK premiere in May 2004 at York Theatre Royal to critical acclaim, with a visit from the composer himself during the run. Jim Welsman, Company Chairman, played the demanding role of Captain in 2004 and has fond memories of the production.

“This musical has a special and fond place in York Musical Theatre Company’s heart. It was so exciting and moving to perform such stunning music in the UK premiere, and we can’t wait to re-create some of that drama and emotion on such a special date as the centenary. It’s really going to be a special and unique evening.”

The company’s Artistic Director Paul Laidlaw, who directed the show originally in 2004, will be Director and Musical Director for this one-off performance. Paul is the resident Musical Director of the Scarborough Spa Orchestra and is currently in pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage.

Anybody can join the chorus for this exciting concert. All the company are asking for is enthusiasm, commitment, an ability to sing in tune and regular attendance at Monday rehearsals. Previous experience of chorus work would be helpful but not essential. The first rehearsal will take place on Monday 23rd January from 7.30pm at New Earswick Primary School.

Auditions for principal parts will take place at New Earswick Primary School on 3rd & 4th February

If you are interested in taking part or require further information, please e-mail Jim Welsman on jim@welsman.com