

National Theatre

Tuesday 4 November 2025

DATES ANNOUNCED FOR WORLD PREMIERE OF NEW
BRITISH MUSICAL BASED ON THE AWARD-WINNING FILM

PRIDE

AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE

PREVIEW RUN ALSO ANNOUNCED FOR SHERMAN THEATRE IN CARDIFF

TICKETS ON GENERAL SALE FROM 10AM FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2025

P&P Productions with the **National Theatre**, in association with **Pathé**, today announce dates for ***Pride***, a brand-new musical based on the award-winning film, reuniting director **Matthew Warchus** (*Matilda The Musical*) and writer **Stephen Beresford** (*The Last of the Haussmans*). This inspiring true story set during the 1984 miners' strike, when a small group of gay men and lesbians lent their support to a small village in south Wales, will be brought to life on the National Theatre's Dorfman stage from **11 June to 12 September 2026**, following preview performances at **Sherman Theatre** in Cardiff from **31 March to 18 April 2026**.

Funny, fierce and full of heart, ***Pride*** will have original music by **Christopher Nightingale** (*A Christmas Carol*), **Josh Cohen** (*Sylvia*) and **DJ Walde** (*Sylvia*). This timely and inspiring story of real-life events, where two communities united and set aside their differences, is set to an original score with songs inspired by protest anthems, pop, rock, disco and the Welsh choral tradition.

Casting to be announced.

Summer, 1984. With miners on strike across the country, 24-year-old activist Mark Ashton tries to rally a disparate group of gay men and lesbians into forming a support group for the beleaguered strikers. Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners (LGSM) quickly finds itself entwined with a small pit village in south Wales.

What follows is the remarkable true story of two threatened communities joining forces – and discovering they have more in common than they ever imagined.

Pride has a book and lyrics by **Stephen Beresford**, music by **Christopher Nightingale**, **Josh Cohen** and **DJ Walde**, developed and directed by **Matthew Warchus**. The artistic team is completed by set and costume designer **Bunny Christie**, choreographer **Lizzi Gee**, lighting designer **Hugh Vanstone**, sound designer **Bobby Aitken**, music supervisor **Tom Kelly**, music director **Jo Cichonska** and casting director **David Grindrod CDG**.

Speaking about bringing *Pride* to the stage, Director Matthew Warchus said:

'It was one of the greatest joys and privileges of my career to direct the film version of 'Pride'. I'm so excited to be working alongside Stephen again - together with Chris, Josh and DJ - to bring this hugely emotional and inspiring true story to the stage and let it sing.'

Writer Stephen Beresford said:

'It was an incredible experience to bring the true story of 'Pride' to the screen, and it's equally thrilling to now bring it to the stage. The soaring, epic nature of this story seemed tailor-made for musical theatre - and to collaborate with Josh and DJ, and reunite with Matthew and Chris has been nothing short of a joy. I can't wait for audiences to see it.'

Speaking about the world premiere of *Pride* on the Dorfman stage, National Theatre Director Indhu Rubasingham said:

'When I heard that Matthew and Stephen were adapting their beloved film 'Pride' as a stage musical, I knew instantly that I wanted it to be here at the National Theatre. The Dorfman is an intimate, flexible theatre renowned for new writing and for challenging expectations. The world

premiere of 'Pride' will push the limits of what is possible in this space, both joyful and disrupting, I can't wait for audiences to experience its power.'

Pride will play in the Dorfman theatre from **11 June to 12 September 2026**, with a press performance on **Thursday 25 June 2026, at 7pm**. Preview performances will run at **Sherman Theatre** in Cardiff from **31 March to 18 April 2026**.

Pride is presented by **P&P Productions** with the **National Theatre** in association with **Pathé**

Public booking for *Pride* opens at 10am on **Friday 14 November 2025**.

For more information visit www.nationaltheatre.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors

Images can be accessed [here](#).

Show	Theatre	Dates	Press Performance	NT Press Office Contact
<i>Pride</i>	Dorfman theatre	11 June to 12 September 2026	Thurs 25 June 2026, 7pm	James Lever

National Theatre Listings and Booking Information

P&P Productions presents

Pride

A new musical

Book and lyrics by Stephen Beresford

Music by Christopher Nightingale, Josh Cohen and DJ Walde

Developed and directed by Matthew Warchus

Based on the Pathé film

Dates: 11 June - 12 September 2026

Venue: Dorfman theatre, National Theatre Upper Ground, South Bank, London SE1 9PX

On sale: Public on sale from 10am, Friday 14 November 2025

Box Office:

To book online visit www.nationaltheatre.org.uk

To book tickets by phone, call **020 3989 5455** from 9.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 10am–6pm on Saturdays.

Access ticket booking

To book Disabled concession tickets and for any additional support you may require, please call our Access line 020 7452 3961 from 11am–6pm, Monday to Saturday. Our **Access page** have more detailed information for users with specific access requirements.

Assisted performances of *Pride* at the National Theatre:

Captioned Performances: Saturday 4 July 2026 – 2pm, Thursday 23 July 2026 – 7.30pm, Thursday 13 August 2026 – 7.30pm, Saturday 5 September 2026 – 2pm.

BSL Interpreted: Thursday 9 July 2026 - 7.30pm, Friday 21 August 2026 – 7.30pm.

Audio Described (with touch tours taking place 90 minutes before the show):

Saturday 18 July 2026 – 2pm, Friday 7 August 2026 – 7.30pm.

Relaxed performance: Tuesday 4 August 2026 – 7.30pm.

Group Bookings

To book tickets for a group of 10 or more, call 020 7452 3010 from 11am–6pm, Monday to Saturday.

About P&P Productions

P&P Productions was formed by Stephen Beresford, Nia Janis, David Livingstone and Matthew Warchus as the originating producer for the musical *Pride* based on the celebrated film of the same name. Stephen Beresford is a writer for stage and screen and the original screenwriter of the film *Pride*. Nia Janis is a founding director of Playful Productions, one of the most eminent independent Production, General Management and Executive Producing companies operating in the West End. David Livingstone is the founder and producer of Calamity Films whose work for screen includes the original feature films *Pride*, *Judy*, *Last Christmas* and for television *Brassic*. Matthew Warchus' work as a director spans stage and film, including the film *Pride* and the development of original musicals including *Matilda The Musical*, *Groundhog Day* and *Our House*.

About the National Theatre

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