

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE TO LAUNCH WORLDWIDE EXCLUSIVELY ON AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

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Film Adaptation of the Award-Winning Hit Musical will Premiere on 17 September, 2021

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LONDON – 20 May, 2021 – *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, the much-anticipated film adaptation of the award-winning West End hit musical, will launch exclusively on Prime Video on 17th September, 2021 in over 240 countries and territories. The film, from New Regency, Film4 and Warp Films, stars the breakout discovery <u>Max Harwood</u> as Jamie New, alongside <u>Sarah Lancashire</u>, <u>Lauren Patel</u>, <u>Shobna Gulati</u>, <u>Ralph Ineson</u>, <u>Adeel Akhtar</u>, <u>Samuel Bottomley</u>, with <u>Sharon Horgan</u> and <u>Richard E. Grant</u>.

Inspired by true events, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* follows Jamie New (Harwood), a teenager from Sheffield, who dreams of life on stage. While his classmates plan their livelihoods after they leave school, Jamie contemplates revealing his secret career ambition to become a fierce and proud drag queen. His best friend Pritti (Patel) and his loving mum (Lancashire) shower him with endless support, while local drag legend Miss Loco Chanelle (Grant) mentors him toward his debut stage performance. But Jamie also has to contend with an unsupportive father (Ineson), an uninspired careers advisor (Horgan), and some ignorant school kids who attempt to rain on his sensational parade. In rousing and colourful musical numbers, Jamie and his community inspire one another to overcome prejudice, be more accepting, and to step out of the darkness into the spotlight.

"Everybody's Talking About Jamie has quickly become one of the most beloved musicals of recent years," said Jennifer Salke, Head of Amazon Studios. "Jamie's story is one that resonates across all generations – it's about unconditional love and we know our global audiences will fall in love with Jamie as he overcomes adversity to truly find his authentic self. We are so thrilled to share this joyful and inspirational story with the world."

Director Jonathan Butterell added, "I am thrilled that our film - the story of taking your place in the world with joy, pride and acceptance - will be winging its way across the world with the Amazon Family. Let's come together to celebrate the glorious and fabulous uniqueness of each and every one of us."

The film features hit songs including 'And You Don't Even Know It', 'The Wall In My Head' and 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' as well as an exclusive new song 'This Was Me', performed by Holly Johnson, lead singer of Frankie Goes to Hollywood.

Everybody's Talking About Jamie brings together the stage show's original creators in their feature-film debuts, with <u>Jonathan Butterell</u> as director, screenplay and lyrics by <u>Tom MacRae</u>, and songs by <u>Dan Gillespie Sells</u>. The score is composed by <u>Sells</u> and <u>Anne Dudley</u>. <u>Mark Herbert</u>, p.g.a., <u>Peter Carlton</u>, p.g.a., and <u>Arnon Milchan</u> are producing, with <u>Yariv Milchan</u>, <u>Michael Schaefer</u>, <u>Natalie Lehmann</u>, <u>Daniel Battsek</u>, <u>Ollie Madden</u>, <u>Peter Balm</u>, <u>Niall Shamma</u> and <u>Jes Wilkins</u> serving as executive producers.

The original musical *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* has quickly become one the most beloved musicals of recent years. Premiering at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, before transferring to London's Apollo Theatre, the production was an overnight success amongst audiences and critics, receiving rave reviews and garnering five Olivier Award nominations. The show was also honoured at the UK Theatre Awards with Best Musical Production, with its star John McCrea named Best Musical Performer. The stage show will joyfully reopen its doors this evening at the Apollo Theatre – the first musical in the West End to do so, before the UK tour recommences in Manchester in September 2021 visiting 24 UK cities, Tokyo in 2021, Los Angeles in January 2022 and Australia later in 2022.

Prime members will be able to watch the film *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* anywhere and anytime on the Prime Video app for smart TVs, mobile devices, Fire TV, Fire TV stick, Fire tablets, games consoles, on Virgin's V6 TV Box, the Talk Talk TV set top box, Apple TV, Chromecast, BT TV or online at www.amazon.co.uk/primevideo. In the Prime Video app, Prime members can download episodes on their mobile devices and tablets and watch anywhere offline at no additional cost. Prime Video is available in the UK and Ireland at no extra cost to a Prime membership for just £7.99 a month or £79 per year. New customers can find out more at amazon.co.uk/prime and subscribe to a free 30-day trial.

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