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## PRESS RELEASE

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Press Release – for immediate release

**A spellbindingly beautiful ghost story on stage, from the creator of Peter Pan, and boldly reimaged by Conn Artists Theatre Company.**

The story of Mary Rose will leave you captivated by its mystical nature and moved by its deepest yearnings to be reunited with the ones we love. Experience the very best in live theatrical performance at the Connaught Theatre from Thursday 3 to Friday 4 March 2022, at 2:30pm & 7:30pm.

Directed by Nick Young and produced in association with Worthing Theatres and Museum (WTM), this is an evergreen tale of lasting love. The story begins with an old Sussex manor house, standing empty and for sale, which is haunted by the ghost of a young woman. 37 years earlier... A 12-year-old girl by the name of Mary Rose goes missing on a small island in the Outer Hebrides whilst on holiday with her parents. A month later, she mysteriously returns, unaware that she has been away for any length of time.

As an adult, Mary Rose returns to the same island with her husband and young son, and disappears for a second time. After the passage of 23 long years, when her family has finally come to terms with her loss, she reappears yet again! This time, however, her parents, husband and child have all aged whilst Mary Rose has remained just the same as the day she vanished.

This hauntingly beautiful play originated by J.M Barrie, the creator of *Peter Pan*, explores time, love and loss. Such enduring themes are given a fresh treatment which is trademark to Conn Artists Theatre Company; reworking classic material for the modern stage. With an ensemble cast of five actors, and featuring some of Barrie's own stage directions interwoven throughout, the source material is paired with original music, traditional folk songs and a digital soundscape. This heady brew comes together to demonstrate what live theatre does best.

This show is part of WTM's unrivalled season of new theatre in 2022. The direction, writing and performances are all of a stellar quality, and WTM is delighted to welcome Conn Artists Theatre Company back to its stage. This production, incorporating music and creative soundscaping, is designed to thrill and perfect for seasoned theatre lovers.

**Mary Rose** is playing at the Connaught Theatre from Thursday 3 to Friday 4 March 2022. Tickets are available from £10. For more information on this or any of the events, visit [www.wtam.uk](http://www.wtam.uk) or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206 206.



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*'a riveting example of ensemble theatre at its very best'* - The Argus on previous show, *Silas Marner*

*'strong, vivid and emotional storytelling'* - Remote Goat on previous show, *Silas Marner*

*'This new touring production from Worthing company Conn Artists has made regional theatre feel in ruder health overnight'* - The Stage on previous show, *The Four Men*

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

#### WTM

Twitter: Facebook, Instagram: @wtmworthing

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#### Mary Rose - Conn Artists Theatre Company

Twitter: @ConnArtistsCo, Facebook: @ConnArtistsTheatreCompany

Website: [conn-artists.co.uk/mary-rose](http://conn-artists.co.uk/mary-rose)

Mary Rose in Rehearsal: [youtu.be/ialPOnsmCTQ](https://youtu.be/ialPOnsmCTQ)

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### EVENT LISTING

#### Mary Rose

Date: Thursday 3 - Friday 4 March 2022

Time: Thursday 3 March: 7:30pm, Friday 4 March: 2:30pm & 7:30pm (signed)

Venue: Connaught Theatre, Union Pl, Worthing BN11 1LG

Tickets: From £10

Link: [wtm.uk/events/mary-rose](http://wtm.uk/events/mary-rose)

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