

Cast announced for Leeds United play

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THEATRE CAST ANNOUNCED AS LEEDS UNITED PLAY (<http://www.paintitwhite.co.uk/>) NEARS KICK-OFF

With less than two weeks to go before its grand opening, the full cast for the Leeds United play (<http://www.paintitwhite.co.uk/>) 'Paint It White (<http://www.paintitwhite.co.uk/>)', has been unveiled. The new play about Leeds fan, Gary Edwards, will include an Ex-Coronation Street regular, and a London West End musical showgirl.

Johnny Dixon (<http://www.paintitwhite.co.uk/page2.htm>), who played Darryl Morton in the long-running soap for two years, is signed up to play a batch of fun loving and devoted Leeds United fans. Dixon, 22, from Pudsey, Leeds, has long been a fan of the club, and admits the role is like mixing business with pleasure.

Johnny says: It's great to have the chance to be working in Leeds again and to be back on the stage is a great reminder of how I fell in love with acting. To be doing something around a Leeds United theme is an amazing bonus as I've been a huge fan since I was a kid and it is a great learning curve for me to see what it takes to get a production off the ground."

Dixon, first came to TV prominence playing school bully Matthew Humphries in TV's Grange Hill, and that was followed by a two-year stint from 2007 – 2009 in Coronation Street as one of the Morton family.

Also treading the boards in her hometown is Cathy Breeze who spent 4 years in the cast of Les Miserables in London's West End, and in Oliver at the London Palladium. Cathy plays Lesley, the long-suffering wife of Gary Edwards, the fanatical Leeds supporter, whose life the play is based.

Completing the cast, is Nigel Collins who saw his first Leeds match in 1967. Nigel has worked extensively in TV and film been lucky enough to work with many of Yorkshire's up and coming playwrights. Gary Dunnington plays the lead role of Gary Edwards.

Paint It White (<http://www.paintitwhite.co.uk/>) follows a 42-year reign in which Gary Edwards, a painter and decorator by profession, has followed Leeds United and only missed one game. The ubiquitous Edwards travels the UK, and the world, to watch The Mighties and his exploits have made it into two best selling volumes – Paint It White and Second Coat.

Paint It White (<http://www.paintitwhite.co.uk/>) runs at the Clarence Dock Theatre from October 6th to October 24th (7:45 Wed-Sun performances only). The play's producer is Les Rowley and directed by Rayner Bourton and Alun Lewis.

Tickets are available from paintitwhite.co.uk priced £10.

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Press night will be Friday 8th October.

