

Musical Flying Squad present a workshop production of

“Canal” the musical



THE REGENT'S CANAL
EASTERN ENTRANCE TO THE ISLINGTON TUNNEL

London Canal Museum
12-13 New Wharf Rd,
King's Cross N1 9RT
Sunday July 6 2008, 5.30.

The Constitution
St Pancras Way NW1 0QT
Sunday July 13, Noon.

Camley Street Natural Park
Camley Street NW1 OPW
Sunday July 13, 2.30

All the above are *FREE*
Donations go to a full production
in 2009.

Special Performances:
Edward Square N1
Wednesday 9 July 3.30
(behind corner of Caledonian Rd
and Copenhagen St)
“Water Music” with Islington
Schools, led by The Orchestra of
the Age of Enlightenment

Somers Town Festival of Cultures
Saturday July 12, 2.10 to 2.40

Rosemary Branch Theatre
2 Sheparton Rd N1 3DT
Canal Season at the Rosemary
Thursday 17 July 7.30.
Box office 7704.6665

British Library Piazza NW1
August 11 1.00pm

The turbulent story of Regent's Canal

The Regent's Canal took eight turbulent years to build – 1812 to 1820. Its fortunes rose and fell like lock water. Thomas Homer spent ten years proposing the canal – then absconded with the funds. John Nash conceived it as part of his overall plan from Regent's Park to Trafalgar Square – which so absorbed him that he left most of the canal work to his architectural assistant James Morgan. But Nash somehow managed to find finance – often his own – whenever it was needed. The Navvies who built the canal without machinery overcame many adversities, including the pitchfork wielding servants of land owner William Agar. The canal never repaid its investors, for the railways started competing seventeen years later, but it is our rich legacy. ***Suzie of Keeper's Lock*** will sing about life on the canal, and we shall celebrate the beauty of Camley Street Natural Park, the Heron on Canal Patrol, and Crystal Hale's victory at City Road Basin.

CAST

John Nash restless architect
James Morgan persevering engineer
Thomas Homer prime mover and embezzler
Prince Regent and **Canal Chairman**
William Agar who opposed the canal
Navvies: **Seamus**
Sean
Paddy
Pub poet

Kai Simmons
Ewan Benfield
Rob Talbot
Daniel Dresner
Peter Saracen
Finbarr Wall
Rache Donnelly
Rob Inglis
Laurence McDonald

Mrs Nash and **Crystal Hale**
Bridie a working woman
A wife in Ireland

Nicola Redman
Janie Booth
Margaret Moore

Navvies, bargefolk, and Regency society, portrayed by
Camley Street Singers and Acland Burghley
Blessed Sacrament, Brecknock and Copenhagen schools
Guest star *Suzie of Keepers Lock*

Script, songs and direction Rob Inglis
Musical director and arranger Bob Stuckey

There will be a full production of "Canal" in 2009.

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