



**MISCHIEF APOLOGISES FOR A DOZEN
DISASTROUS YEARS OF
AWARD-WINNING CHAOS**

THE PLAY THAT GOES
WRONG

AND EXTENDS BOOKING TO 31 JANUARY
2028, INTO MISCHIEF'S 20TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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Wednesday 9 September 2026 – Mischief today celebrates a dozen years of laughter and failing flawlessly at **The Duchess Theatre** as its Olivier and Tony Award-winning production of

The Play That Goes Wrong extends booking until **January 2028**, the start of **Mischief's 20th Anniversary Year**.

Mischief Founders **Henry Lewis** (Artistic Director) and **Jonathan Sayer** (Creative Director) said:

*"We are absolutely thrilled, and deeply bewildered, that **The Play That Goes Wrong** is extending its booking into **January 2028**. When we first created this show as drama school graduates, performing to an audience of just four paying customers at the Old Red Lion Theatre, we genuinely didn't think we'd survive the month—let alone twelve years in London's West End.*

To think that our beautifully choreographed disasters will keep wrecking the Duchess Theatre infrastructure through to 2028 is a testament to the incredible support of our audiences, the brilliance of our cast and crew, and the sheer durability of Nigel Hook's collapsing set designs.

*Entering 2028 also marks **20 years since we first founded Mischief**. We started this company two decades ago with a shared love for making people laugh, a complete lack of a backup plan, and an accidental expertise in things falling apart. To reach our 20th anniversary with our very first West End show still running night after night is a dream come true. We are immensely grateful to the two million plus theatregoers who have joined the chaos, and we can't wait to spend the next few years making sure absolutely nothing goes right!"*

The Play That Goes Wrong opened at London's Duchess Theatre in September 2014. The show's success is a testament to the hard work and determination of a group of drama school graduates who became friends, set up a company under the name 'Mischief' and created an extraordinary body of work over the past 12 years.

The Cornley Drama Society have announced that they intend to keep performing the show until they get it 100% right. Cornley have yet to notice the new extension date!

The cast currently providing mayhem at the Duchess Theatre are: **Ruby Ablett** as Annie, **Matthew Spencer** as Chris, **Raphael Bushay** as Robert, **Luke Wilson** as Jonathan, **Lucinda Turner** as Sandra, **Alex Bird** as Dennis, **Joshua Lendon** as Max and **Kieron Michael** as Trevor. Winston the dog* returns to play Winston the dog. (*If Winston is found). The understudies are: **Paige Round**, **Harry Al-Adwani**, **Tom Quinn**, **Will Bishop** and **Phoenix Edwards**.

Further details about plans for MISCHIEF's 20th Anniversary celebrations in 2028 will be announced in due course.

Imagery:

12th Anniversary Imagery can be downloaded [here](#).

Cast biographies, head shots and a company group shot can be downloaded [here](#).

Production photos by Matt Crockett can be downloaded [here](#)

Listings Information

Kenny Wax and Stage Presence
present the Mischief production
THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Duchess Theatre

3-5 Catherine Street
London
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Box Office:

www.theplaythatgoeswrong.com

Telephone 0330 333 4810

Booking until 31 January 2028

Performance Times

Evenings: Tuesday – Saturday at 7.30pm
Matinees: Saturday: 2.30pm
Sunday: 3pm & 7pm

Tickets

From £20

All tickets include a £1.25 Theatre Restoration Levy.

Discounts available for groups 10+, contact Nimax Groups.

Age Recommendation:

8+

Please note children under 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult over 18 years of age.

Running Time: 2 hours (including interval)

Social Media:

Facebook: The Play That Goes Wrong
Instagram: @playgoeswrong
Instagram: @MischiefComedy
TikTok: @MischiefComedy

Notes To Editors:

Mischief Theatre Ltd. was founded in 2008 by a group of acting graduates of LAMDA and began as an improvised comedy group. Mischief performs across the UK and internationally with original scripted and improvised work and runs a programme of workshops. The company is owned and controlled by its original members and is run by a creative group, led by directors Henry Lewis and Jonathan Sayer.

Mischief shows can currently be watched all over the globe with their multi award-winning smash hit *The Play That Goes Wrong* recently celebrating over 12 years in London's West End, as it continues to perform to sell-out audiences in New York. Following its West End premiere *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* was nominated for Best New Comedy at the Olivier Awards, and in 2022 made its North American premiere in Canada at the Citadel Theatre, Edmonton. *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* played a limited engagement on Broadway from March-July 2023 starring the original Mischief company, before transferring to the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles. It regularly tours the UK with limited seasons in the West End. Other hit stage comedies include *The Comedy About A Bank Robbery*, which played in London for four years, and *Groan Ups*, both currently performing across Europe. *Magic Goes Wrong* closed in London in March 2022 after a limited engagement, continuing to wow critics and audiences across the UK until the tour ended in May 2022. Returning to their comedy roots Mischief took 3 shows to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2022, *Mischief Movie Night* and 2 new shows *Mind Mangler: Member of the Tragic Circle* and *Charlie Russell Aims To Please*. Following sold out success in Edinburgh *Charlie Russell Aims To Please* performed in London for one night only in December 2022. *Mind Mangler: Member of the Tragic Circle* toured the UK until March 2023, recently played a limited season Off Broadway in New York City and made its West End premiere at the Apollo Theatre in March 2024 before touring the UK. *Good Luck, Studio* opened October 2022 in the UK at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester before a short tour to Salisbury and Guildford. *The Comedy About Spies*, an uproarious new spy escapade, opened in London's West End in May 2025. After receiving the Whatsonstage Best New Play Award and an Olivier Award nomination for Best New Comedy or Entertainment Play, *Spies* has returned to the West End for a limited Summer Season, running at The Adelphi Theatre until 26 September 2026. *Christmas Carol Goes Wrong*, toured the UK from November 2025 to March 2026, including a 7-week run in London's West End over the holiday season. Mischief's first musical comedy, *Thespians*, opened at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester in 2026, recently completing a UK tour. It has just been nominated for two Stage Debut Awards – James Spence for Best Performer in a Musical and Ed Zanders in the Best Composer, Lyricist or Book Writer category.

In 2017 Mischief Theatre, Kenny Wax and Stage Presence, the producers of all the company's West End productions, formed Mischief Worldwide Ltd. to manage the rights to all Mischief projects in all artforms. Mischief Worldwide Ltd. is based in London and licenses copyrights, trademarks and other Mischief properties to producers, distributors, publishers and others around the world.

Mischief was first seen on television in the Royal Variety Performance of 2015 and subsequently in two BBC One Christmas specials, *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* (2016) and *A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong* (2017). In 2018 Mischief Worldwide Ltd. and the Anthology Group formed Mischief Screen Ltd., an independent TV production company headed by CEO Hilary Strong. Their Royal Television Society award-winning BBC One series, *The Goes Wrong Show*, aired in December 2019 with a Christmas special, further episodes in early 2020, and a hit *Nativity Goes Wrong* Christmas special in 2020. The second BBC series aired in September 2021 on BBC One and iPlayer where the gang tackled a Downton-esque family saga and a US-style prison break drama, with predictably disastrous results. All shows can be watched on BBC iPlayer in the UK.

All the companies develop, create and perform under the single name of Mischief. Mischief is developing new works of comedy for theatre, TV, film and other media.

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