

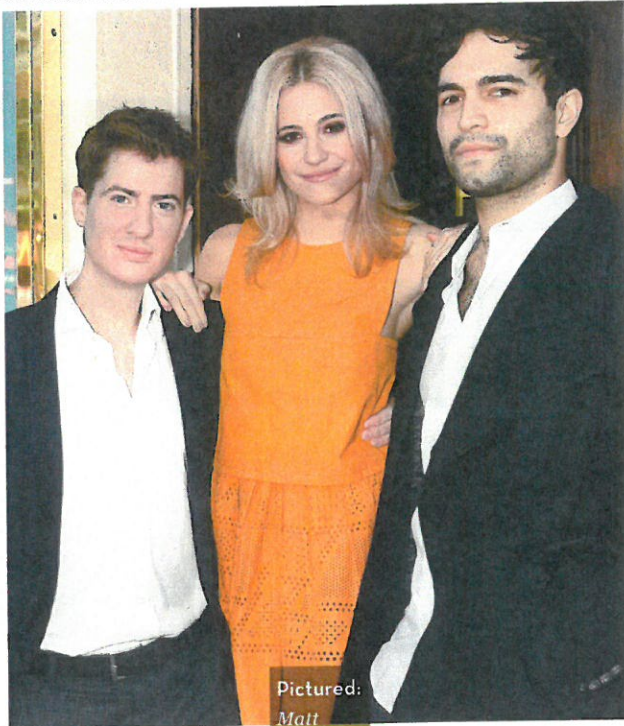
Pixie Lott in 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' at The Grand

Pixie Lott will star as Holly Golightly in a new production of 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' at Leeds Grand Theatre from 4th - 9th April.

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Based on a novella by Truman Capote, the play is set in New York in 1943 (not the 1960s as in the film!). Fred (Matt Barber, recently seen in *Downton Abbey*), a young writer from Louisiana, meets Holly Golightly, a vivacious, elusive good-time girl. Everyone falls in love with Holly - including Fred. But Fred is poor, and Holly's other suitors include a playboy millionaire and the future president of Brazil! As war rages in Europe, Holly begins to fall in love with Fred - just as her past catches up with her.

Capote's classic tale has been adapted for stage by playwright Richard Greenberg (*Take Me Out*, *Three Days of Rain*), and contains memorable songs from the era, as well as original music by Grant Olding (*One Man, Two Guvnors*). Richard describes this version as 'rougher edged and more candid' than the



Pictured:
Matt

Barber
(Fred),
Pixie Lott
(Holly
Golightly)
& Charlie
De Melo
(José)

film. "Capote was a great writer and a natural maker of plots", said Richard. "Breakfast at Tiffany's has a drive that makes it very alluring to dramatise."

Having appeared in a number of stage productions when she was younger, this is Pixie's first serious stage

play. "I am so excited to play Holly Golightly", she told us just before starting rehearsals. "I'll need to learn so many lines as Fred and Holly are on stage most of the time. It is a complicated piece of writing and we have to make sure we do it justice. If you are familiar with the film,

look out for the changes in the storyline. And, I love the 40's fashions. The set too is very stylish, very Hollywood."

The production is directed by Nikolai Foster, Artistic Director of Curve, who has directed a number of productions at West Yorkshire Playhouse. And, the design is by Matthew Wright, who worked with Nikolai on 'White Christmas' at The Playhouse.

Other member of the cast are: Victor McGuire as Joe Bell, Robert Calvert as Doc, Naomi Cranston as Mag, Charlie De Melo as José, Tim Frances as Rusty Trawler/Editor at 21, Andrew Joshi as Yunioshi, Melanie La Barrie as Mme Spanella, and Sevan Stephan as OJ Berman/Dr Goldman, with Katy Allen and Andy Watkins.

Tickets (£18.50 - £37) available from 0844 848 2700 or online at www.leedsgrandtheatre.com