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## Julia Farino Almost Reveals All in ‘Calendar Girls’ The Play

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London’s West End actress **Julia Farino** ([www.juliafarino.com](http://www.juliafarino.com)) is currently at the California Theatre in San Bernardino in the stage adaptation of ‘**Calendar Girls**’. The internationally acclaimed actress plays leading lady Chris, played by Helen Mirren in the original 2003 movie, with an all-star ensemble cast.

The stage production of ‘**Calendar Girls**’ is an adaptation of the award-winning film, both set in England and based on the real-life events surrounding a group of women from the Women’s Institute, who decide to pose nude for a calendar to raise money for their local hospital, which soon turns them into a media sensation.

“Everyone remembers the film for the nudity but it’s much more than that. Tim Firth has written an extraordinarily funny play about the strength and resilience of a group of women after the death of a loved one to cancer,” explains Julia. “The audience laugh and cry and maybe wonder if this is the performance where one of the props will slip and a little too much will be revealed. It’s a fantastic night out!”

Ahead of living in Los Angeles, Julia’s extensive theatre work included playing lead roles in *Laughter In The Rain* (UK tour), *The Cherry Orchard* (Bridge Lane Theatre, London), the world premiere of, *Alfie – The Musical* (Oldham Coliseum) and the title roles in *The Little Prince* (Solent People’s Theatre Company) and *Cinderella* (Mercury Theatre, Colchester). Julia has toured the UK and Ireland playing Barbara Orbison and k.d lang in *The Roy Orbison Story – Only the Lonely*, and as Brenda in the musical comedy *Somebody Loves You*, by Charles Way.

Other work includes *Les Misérables* (West End, London), *Mother Goose* with Sir John Gielgud, Sir Elton John, Frankie Howerd, Maureen Lipman and Donald Sinden (West End, London), *The Pirates of Penzance* (West Yorkshire Playhouse) and *The Music Man* with Brian Cox OBE (New Shakespeare Company, London).

She produced and performed the one-woman play *Man to Man* (Man in the Moon Theatre, London) and took part in the workshop of Lionel Bart’s musical, *Quasimodo*. She has also performed at both the 10th and 25th anniversary concerts of *Les Misérables* at the Royal Albert Hall and the O2 Arena in London.

For further information on **Julia Farino** visit her website: [www.JuliaFarino.com](http://www.JuliaFarino.com)