

Matthew James Thomas

TV, Film and Broadway Star

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Matthew James Thomas is a British actor and singer who has made appearances in television, film, and theatre. He is known for his television roles including the BAFTA and Emmy Award-winning, *The Lost Prince*, and the ITV drama-musical show, *Britannia High*. Thomas is also recognized for his performance in the title role of the 2013 Broadway revival of *Pippin*, which received a Tony Award for Best Revival Musical. He was also a late addition to the U.S. national tour of *Pippin* in 2014. He had his Broadway debut in 2010 playing Peter Parker in *Spider-Man: Turn off the Dark*.

Thomas trained at the Sylvia Young Theatre School in London and later at the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts also in London. His first professional acting job came at the age of 8 when he played Kipper in a production of *Oliver*.



As a child he also appeared as Simon in *Billy Elliot* and in *About a Boy*, starring Hugh Grant. Additionally, Thomas made frequent appearances on numerous British television shows, including *Wonderful You*, *The Bill*, *Bad Girls*, and Stephen Poliakoff's, *The Lost Prince*, among others.

In 2013, Thomas was nominated for an Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Actor in a Broadway Musical for his performance in the title role in *Pippin*, and, in 2015, he was nominated for a Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical for his performance as Fenwich in the Barry Levinson produced musical, *Diner*. Later in 2015, he was cast alongside Eddie Izzard in the HBO pilot, *The Devil You Know*, an upcoming drama program created by Jenji Kohan.