



Press Release

Step In Time as Mary Poppins Comes to Dubai Opera

Dubai UAE, 16th November 2016: Dubai Opera has today announced that tickets for Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's much loved and multi award-winning musical, Mary Poppins, are going on sale at 9am Sunday 27 November 2016.

The international supercalifragilistic hit musical, which is flying onto the Dubai Opera stage from 1 - 18 May 2017 tells the story of magical nanny, Mary Poppins, who arrives on Cherry Tree Lane with her bottomless carpet bag and umbrella and transforms the lives of the Banks family. Set in Edwardian London, with the help of chimney sweep, Bert, Mary Poppins takes care of Jane and Michael Banks, teaching the children the true values of a happy life.

Producer Cameron Mackintosh said today **"It's hard to believe that it is already 12 years since Mary Poppins first landed on the London stage. My goodness.....time flies even faster than our beloved Nanny! I'm delighted to be bringing her to Dubai for the very first time, after spreading her magic around the world. Since we originally staged the production we have found even more magical ways to stage this timeless tale and I'm sure you will find our new Mary practically perfect in every way"**.

The stage version of Mary Poppins is brilliantly adapted from the wonderful stories by PL Travers and the beloved Walt Disney film. It is co-created by Cameron Mackintosh and has a book by Oscar-winning screenwriter and Downton Abbey creator, Julian Fellowes. It has a timeless score by Richard M Sherman and Robert B Sherman including the songs Jolly Holiday, Step in Time, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and Feed the Birds with new songs and additional music and lyrics by the Olivier award-winning British team of George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. The producer for Disney Theatrical Productions is Thomas Schumacher.

The whole family will be amazed by the dazzling choreography, incredible effects and unforgettable songs.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera said: **"Mary Poppins is a magical musical which has enchanted family audiences around the world for a decade – the chance to see this spectacular production now on the GCC's most incredible live stage is nothing short of Supercalifragilistic!"**

Tickets will be available from the Dubai Opera website www.dubaiopera.com from 9am on Sunday 27 November.

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Note to Editors

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