



Press Release

TONY-AWARD WINNING SINGER AND ACTRESS LEA SALONGA CONFIRMED FOR DUBAI OPERA

Dubai UAE, 27 March 2017: Dubai Opera is delighted to announce that critically acclaimed, Tony Award-winning singer and actress Lea Salonga will be taking to the stage to make her debut at Dubai Opera on 22 and 23 September 2017. Tickets will go on sale at 9am on Tuesday 28th March.

Renowned for her powerful voice and perfect pitch, Lea Salonga is best known for her Tony Award-winning role in 'Miss Saigon'. Having begun her career as a child-star in the Philippines in 1978, Lea's big break came when she was selected to play Kim in the mega-hit musical 'Miss Saigon' in 1989.

During her illustrious career, Lea has toured the world, performing in a host of critically-acclaimed productions in iconic locations including Carnegie Hall in New York, the Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, Singapore's Esplanade (twice), Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (twice), Hong Kong Cultural Center (multiple times) and Queen Sirikit Convention Center in Bangkok. As well as a dazzling performance as the hauntingly tragic Grizabella in a limited run of CATS in her hometown of Manila, she was also the first Asian to play Eponine in the musical Les Miserables on Broadway, returning to the beloved show as Fantine for the 2006 revival.

In 2010, Lea made her debut in the world of Cabaret, performing a sold-out, three-week engagement at the Café Carlyle in New York City. She returned in June 2011 to delight audiences in another multi-week engagement and released a live version of her 2010 concert "Lea Salonga: The Journey So Far," her 26th career CD, in August 2011. The CD rose to the #3 spot on iTunes Jazz Charts.

Fans of all ages will also recognise Lea as the singing voice of much-loved Disney characters including Princess Jasmine from Aladdin and Fa Mulan for Mulan and Mulan II. In August 2011, she was bestowed with the honour of "Disney Legend" for her portrayal of the iconic princesses, joining luminaries like Regis Philbin, Jim Henson (posthumously) and Anika Noni Rose.

During her 37-year career, Lea has performed for six Philippine presidents (from Ferdinand Marcos to Benigno S. Aquino III), three American Presidents (George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush), and for Diana, Princess of Wales and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She is currently a judge on the Philippines hit version of "The Voice."

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera commented: "Dubai Opera has fast become a stage for the greatest artists from around the world. We are delighted to



be able to welcome the incredible talent of Lea Salonga for the first time and for her fans throughout the GCC to be able to experience two performances by this star of stage and screen with her unique and much-loved voice.”

For full details please visit: www.dubaiopera.com

Tickets will be available from 9am on 28 March at www.dubaiopera.com

For more information on Lea, please visit www.leasalonga.com

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Note to Editors

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