



THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S ORIGINAL LONDON PRODUCTION OF THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA SOON TO HIT DUBAI

Theatre goers will witness an unforgettable and jaw-dropping spectacular like no other

United Arab Emirates, Dubai, 12 December, 2018: The world's most popular musical, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA will make its Middle East debut at Dubai Opera in Autumn 2019. Brought to the Middle East for the very first time by Broadway Entertainment Group and Dubai Opera, theatre enthusiasts can register for the pre-sale on the 13th of December ahead of the ticket release.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber blockbuster has won more than 70 major theatre awards, including seven Tony Awards on Broadway and four Olivier Awards in the West End. THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA became the longest running show in Broadway history on January 9, 2006 when it celebrated its 7,486th performance, surpassing the previous record holder CATS. On January 1, 2018 it celebrated its 13,000th performance and later that month on January 24, the Broadway production celebrated an amazing 30 years on Broadway.

Chief Executive Officer of Broadway Entertainment Group, Liz Koops said: "We are thrilled to be bringing this legendary Broadway musical, PHANTOM to the Middle East for the very first time. For a limited time only, theatre lovers can expect to witness an unforgettable and remarkable performance as they become immersed in this classic love story and immortal musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber – this is one not to be missed!"



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Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera added: “THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA is a musical theatre phenomenon – Dubai Opera audiences will love the original London production of this brilliant story of romance and intrigue with its breathtaking special effects, set to Andrew Lloyd Webber’s hauntingly beautiful score, when it arrives for a very limited run next Autumn. Whether you’re a fan already or this will be your first time, do not miss out on the GCC premier of this extraordinary production, which is expected to be in overwhelming demand by audiences – register now for the pre-sale.”

With 130 cast, crew and orchestra members, jaw-dropping scenery, breathtaking special effects and more than 230 costumes by the late international designer late Maria Björnson, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA contains some of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s most famous and stirring music, including The Phantom of the Opera, Think of Me and Music of the Night. The original cast recording, with over 40 million copies sold worldwide, is the best-selling cast recording of all time.

Based on the classic novel *Le Fantôme de L’Opéra* by Gaston Leroux, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA tells the tale of a disfigured musical genius known only as the Phantom who haunts the depths of the Paris Opera House. Mesmerised by the talent and beauty of a young soprano, Christine, the Phantom lures her as his protégé and falls fiercely in love with her. Unaware of Christine’s love for Raoul, the Phantom’s obsession sets the scene for a dramatic turn of events where jealousy, madness and passions collide.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, which opened at Her Majesty’s Theatre in London’s West End on October 9, 1986, starred Michael Crawford as the Phantom and Sarah Brightman as Christine. It is produced by Cameron Mackintosh and The Really Useful Group. THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA will be presented in Dubai by Broadway Entertainment Group in collaboration with Dubai Opera.

Visit www.dubaiopera.com to pre-register.

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About Broadway Entertainment Group FZ LLC:

Broadway Entertainment Group is the world's first theatrical distribution company to consolidate an international circuit and bring top quality entertainment into the markets of the Europe, United Kingdom, Middle East, North America, South and Central Asia. Chief Executive Officer Liz Koops has produced shows internationally for over 20 years, and toured productions in 37 countries.

Broadway Entertainment Group is currently producing Dein Perry's Tap Dogs on its 2018/2019 international tour of South Africa, United Kingdom, Middle East and in the USA. Forthcoming international presentations include Thriller Live, The Wizard of Oz, Piaf! Le Spectacle, Cirque Berserk and Illusionists.

Broadway Entertainment Group has previously toured Andrew Lloyd Webbers CATS and Evita, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Kinky Boots, Dreamworks SHREK the musical, Annie, Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake. Previous productions produced by Liz Koops include: Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Mathew Bourne's Swan Lake, Fosse, Chicago – The Musical, Miss Saigon, Gumboots, Slava's Snow Show, Bounce, Lady Salsa, Circus Oz, Lano and Woodley, Mum's the Word, Rudy Coby, Shaolin Kung Fu Warriors, Sister Act, and Jerry Seinfeld World Tour.

Broadway Entertainment Group FZ LLC operates from Dubai, London and Australia.

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