

MUSICAL PHENOMENON LES MISERABLES TO HAVE GCC PREMIERE AT DUBAI OPERA



THE WORLD'S LONGEST RUNNING MUSICAL ANNOUNCED FOR DUBAI OPERA'S OPENING SEASON

TICKETS TO GO ON SALE 9am, 26 MAY 2016

Dubai - UAE; 25 May, 2016, Sir Cameron Mackintosh's production of the legendary musical *LES MISERABLES* will have its GCC premiere at Dubai Opera, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai from 10 to 24 November. The much-loved and critically acclaimed show has been added to a truly impressive inaugural season of performances scheduled at the city's first purpose-built performing arts theatre. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on 26 May at 9am.

LES MISERABLES is the world's longest running musical and has been seen by over 70 million people in 44 countries and produced in 22 languages. It is one of the most popular musicals ever written and has gone on to break box office records around the world, winning more than 100 major awards along the way. The musical further inspired filmmakers to make a movie version which won three Oscars, three Golden Globes and four BAFTA awards.

Sir Cameron Mackintosh commented "I am delighted to be bringing my hugely acclaimed new production of '*LES MISERABLES*' to the stunning new Dubai Opera which is destined to be the

home of the best international musicals in Dubai and the GCC. The production will be sung in English by a sensational international cast, led by my current Broadway stars John Owen-Jones as Jean Valjean and Hayden Tee as Javert.

“For many years I have lamented that my major musical successes have not been able to play in the Middle East because there was no auditorium with the right scale and facilities able to house my spectacular productions. Boublil and Schönberg’s legendary musical which has one of the greatest scores of all time is based on Victor Hugo’s universal tale of love, righteousness and redemption and has proved a huge success all around the world. Though the original production is still running to sold-out houses in London after 30 years, this new production which I created for the show’s 25th anniversary is even more spectacular with its settings inspired by Victor Hugo’s own paintings. Audiences worldwide have embraced this new production as much as the original and I very much hope that this will be the first of many of my own musical productions to play this wonderful opera house”.

Based on Victor Hugo’s classic novel, *LES MISERABLES* is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. The magnificent score of

LES MISERABLES includes the classic songs “I Dreamed a Dream”, “On My Own”, “Stars”, “Bring Him Home”, “Do You Hear the People Sing?”, “One Day More”, “Empty Chairs at Empty Tables”, “Master of the House” and many more.



Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera commented: “*LES MISERABLES* is a musical phenomenon, I could not have wished for a more important title to be the very first to be staged at Dubai Opera. Sir Cameron Mackintosh is giving residents and visitors alike a fantastic opportunity to see his production of the world’s longest running musical here in Dubai itself and I, for one, can’t wait for November.”



Dubai based Sport & Entertainment Solutions (SES), CEO & Founder Ali Haidary said “Being the first company to partner with Dubai Opera is a privilege. It is also an honor to be working with Cameron Mackintosh Productions to bring *LES MISERABLES*, the longest running

and most popular musical in history, to the Middle East for the first time”.

Cameron Mackintosh’s production of *LES MISERABLES* is written by Alain Boubill and Claude-Michel Schonberg and is based on the novel by Victor Hugo. It has music by Claude-Michel



Schonberg, lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer and original French text by Alain Boubill and Jean-Marc Natel and additional material by James Fenton. The original London 1985 production of *LES MISERABLES* was adapted and directed by Trevor Nunn and John Caid.