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Calling all dancing queens! @MammaMiaMusical returns to Philly for its farewell tour. Don't take a chance on missing out 12/27-31!

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“Quite simply, a phenomenon.” – *Associated Press*



**WALKS DOWN THE AISLE OF THE MERRIAM THEATER
FOR THE HOLIDAYS, DECEMBER 27–31, 2016**

**PHILADELPHIA-AREA NATIVE LIZZIE MARKSON
IS AMONG CAST LEADS!**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, October 20, 2016) — Presented collaboratively by the Kimmel Center and The Shubert Organization, the 2016–17 **Broadway Philadelphia** season continues with Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus' **MAMMA MIA!**, the smash hit musical based on the songs of ABBA. The show will return to Philadelphia for a limited holiday engagement December 27–31 at the Merriam Theater as a part of the final farewell tour. Allentown, PA native Lizzie Markson will appear in one of the lead roles, 'Sophie,' in the national touring production coming to Philadelphia.

“What a bittersweet engagement, to welcome back such a beloved show as *Mamma Mia* during its farewell tour,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “This is a unique opportunity for Philadelphia audiences to hear the classic songs we know and love, performed by one of Pennsylvania’s own!”

MAMMA MIA! is one of the most successful musicals of all time, the eighth longest-running show in Broadway history and one of only five musicals to have run for more than ten years on Broadway. The West End production is now in its eighteenth year. To date, **MAMMA MIA!** has been seen by over 60 million people worldwide in 50 productions in 16 different languages. Inspired by the storytelling magic of ABBA's songs from "Dancing Queen" and "S.O.S." to "Money, Money, Money" and "Take a Chance on Me," **MAMMA MIA!** is a celebration of mothers and daughters, old friends and new family found.

MAMMA MIA! is produced by Work Light Productions, whose other touring productions include *Cinderella*, *RENT 20th Anniversary Tour*, *Motown The Musical* (coming to Philadelphia May 30–June 11, 2017 at the Academy of Music), *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*, and *Vocalosity*.

The original production of **MAMMA MIA!** was produced by Judy Craymer, Richard East, and Björn Ulvaeus for Littlestar in association with Universal. The creative team responsible for bringing **MAMMA MIA!** to theatrical life includes some of the most gifted and celebrated talents of musical theatre and opera. With music and lyrics by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus, **MAMMA MIA!** is written by Catherine Johnson and directed by Phyllida Lloyd. **MAMMA MIA!** has choreography by Anthony Van Laast, production design by Mark Thompson, lighting design by Howard Harrison, sound design by Andrew Bruce and Bobby Aitken, and musical supervision, additional material and arrangements by Martin Koch.

The special edition cast recording of **MAMMA MIA!** is available on Decca Broadway.

For more information visit www.Mamma-Mia.com.

MAMMA MIA!

Merriam Theater at the Kimmel Center Campus

Dates and times:

December 27, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

December 28, 2016, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

December 29, 2016, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

December 30, 2016, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

December 31, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are available now and start at \$40.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling (215) 893-3333, visiting www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (215) 790-5883. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

The Shubert Organization

For more than 100 years, The Shubert Organization has been in the forefront of the American theatre. Under the leadership of Philip J. Smith, Chairman, and Robert E. Wankel, President, the Shubert Organization owns and operates 17 Broadway theatres and six Off-Broadway venues, as well as the Forrest Theatre in Philadelphia. The company has produced and co-produced hundreds of plays and musicals, including the original Broadway production of *CATS*, *Dreamgirls*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Amadeus*, *The Real Thing*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Equus*, *The Elephant Man*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *School of Rock The Musical*, and *The Humans*. The Shubert Organization is proud of its ongoing refurbishment program for its theatres, seeking to preserve the historic character while modernizing them to accommodate the needs of today's audiences.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the University of the Arts' Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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