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**THE KIMMEL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS
THE TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S *THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA*
IN A SPECTACULAR NEW PRODUCTION BY
CAMERON MACKINTOSH**



PHANTOM

NOVEMBER 1–12, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, September 25, 2017) — Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* will make its highly anticipated return to Philadelphia at the Kimmel Center's Academy of Music for a 12-day engagement beginning Wednesday, November 1 through Sunday, November 12. With newly reinvented staging and stunning scenic design, this new version of *Phantom* is performed by a cast and orchestra of 52, making this one of the largest productions on tour in North America.

"It is a pleasure to welcome the return of Andrew Lloyd Webber's beloved show to the Kimmel Center Campus for 12 days," said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.



“Fans of the classic production and new audiences alike will be seduced by Cameron Mackintosh's remarkable new production, featuring dazzling special effects & wonderful songs that will take you on an emotional ride of romance and intrigue.”

Based on the classic novel *Le Fantôme de L'Opéra* by Gaston Leroux, *The Phantom of the Opera* tells the story of a masked figure who lurks beneath the catacombs of the Paris Opera House, exercising a reign of terror over all who inhabit it. He falls madly in love with an innocent young soprano, Christine, and devotes himself to creating a new star by nurturing her extraordinary talents and by employing all of the devious methods at his command.

Directed by Laurence Connor (who co-directed the new production of *Les Misérables* that just finished a hugely successful two and a half year revival on Broadway and will start a North American tour in the fall of 2017, directed the award-winning new production of *Miss Saigon* now playing on Broadway at the Broadway Theatre and going out on national tour in 2018, and also directed the stage version of the movie *School of Rock*, now playing at Broadway's Winter Garden and in London's West End at the New London Theatre), with choreography by Scott Ambler, set design by Paul Brown, Tony Award®-winning original costume design by Maria Björnson, lighting design by Tony Award®-winner Paule Constable, sound design by Mick Potter, and musical supervision by John Rigby. The production is overseen by Matthew Bourne and Cameron Mackintosh. *The Phantom of the Opera*: music by Andrew Lloyd Webber; lyrics by Charles Hart (with additional lyrics by Richard Stilgoe); book by Richard Stilgoe and Andrew Lloyd Webber; orchestrations by David Cullen and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Academy of Music at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus

Dates and times:

Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 3, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 6, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 10, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 11, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$20. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-731-3333, visiting 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.

Andrew Lloyd Webber said, "Having received great critical acclaim in the UK, I am really pleased that Laurence Connor's new production of *Phantom* is to tour the US again, which will play in tandem with the Broadway production which has recently celebrated 29 years."

Cameron Mackintosh said, "I'm delighted that my new production of *Phantom* has proved to be as spectacular a success as the brilliant original which is still the reigning champion as the longest-running production on Broadway after 29 phenomenal years. This exciting new staging, retaining Maria Björnson's amazing costumes with a terrific new cast is thrilling audiences and critics alike and gaining a whole new generation of fans eager to see this version again and again. This new production of *Phantom* has now been seen by over 2 million people across North America since it opened in November 2013 and continues to take the music of the night to dazzling new heights."

PHANTOM IS AN ENORMOUS HIT ALL OVER AGAIN!

"POWERFUL, GORGEOUS...AND BETTER THAN EVER."

-The Philadelphia Inquirer

"EXTRAORDINARILY OPULENT. THIS *PHANTOM'S* STORYTELLING AND RELATIONSHIPS HAVE AN ELECTRIFYING TENSION."

-Chicago Sun-Times

"THE PHANTOM IS BACK. IF YOU LIKED THE SHOW BEFORE, YOU'LL PROBABLY LIKE THIS ONE EVEN BETTER."

-Seattle Times

"THE SHOW IS AN OPULENT EYEFUL, AN UNDENIABLE TRIUMPH OF ATMOSPHERICS AND TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY."

-Boston Globe

"TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND PREPARE TO BE DAZZLED; THIS KIND OF GORGEOUS ESCAPISM IS EXACTLY WHAT AUDIENCES NEED."

-The Scotsman (U.K.)

"THIS *PHANTOM* IS FOR A NEW GENERATION."

-Roy Leonard, Chicago Now

Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* is presented by Cameron Mackintosh, The Really Useful Group, and NETworks Presentations. *The Phantom of the Opera* continues performances at Her Majesty's Theatre in London and in its recording-breaking run at the Majestic Theatre on Broadway, plus many other cities around the world.

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 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 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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