

opera: **EVITA COMES TO MELBOURNE**

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
EVITA
NEW PRODUCTION

Arts Centre Melbourne, State Theatre
From 5 December

After sell-out productions including South Pacific, The King and I and most recently the 60th anniversary production of My Fair Lady, we once again re-create one of the greatest works of musical theatre: the original West End and Broadway production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Evita, directed by Hal Prince and starring Tina Arena.

Legendary Broadway director Hal Prince has won 21 Tony Awards, more than any person in history. Hal Prince will be joined by fellow original creative team members including choreographer Larry Fuller and designer Timothy O'Brien, who returns to Opera Australia 40 years after designing Elijah Moshinsky's A Midsummer Night's Dream for us in 1978.

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Evita is iconic, with more than 20 major awards to its credit, including the Olivier and Tony Awards for Best Musical, a Golden Globe and an Oscar for the film version starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas.

This musical captured the attention of the public when it was first staged in 1978 and in its 40th year and Andrew Lloyd Webber's 70th year, we are thrilled to bring this "modern masterpiece" (New York Post) to Australia in all its original glory.

Featuring some of Andrew Lloyd Webber's best-loved songs including 'Don't Cry For Me Argentina', 'On This Night of a Thousand Stars', 'You Must Love Me', and 'Another Suitcase in Another Hall', Evita charts the story of Eva Perón, wife of former Argentine dictator Juan Perón, from her humble beginnings through to the extraordinary wealth, power and status which ultimately led her to be heralded as the 'spiritual leader of the nation'.

LYRICS BY Tim Rice
MUSIC BY Andrew Lloyd Webber

DIRECTOR - Hal Prince
DESIGNER - Timothy O'Brien
CHOREOGRAPHER - Larry Fuller
LIGHTING DESIGNER - Richard Winkler
SOUND DESIGNER - Mick Potter
PROJECTION DESIGNER - Duncan McLean
ORCHESTRATIONS - David Cullen
MUSICAL SUPERVISOR - Guy Simpson

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