

Press Release

**CAMERON MACKINTOSH AND DUBAI OPERA**  
**ANNOUNCE FULL CAST FOR THE LEGENDARY**  
**PRODUCTION OF**  
**“LES MISÉRABLES”**  
**AT DUBAI OPERA**  
**FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TO 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

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A TRULY INTERNATIONAL CAST for Sir Cameron Mackintosh’s production of the legendary musical “**LES MISÉRABLES**” has been confirmed for its winter run at Dubai Opera.

Assembled from around the world and joining the previously announced **John Owen-Jones** as ‘Jean Valjean’ and **Hayden Tee** as ‘Javert’ are an exciting cast that includes **Patrice Tipoki** as ‘Fantine’, **Peter Polycarpou** as ‘Thénardier’, **Jodie Prenger** as ‘Madame Thénardier’, **Carrie Hope Fletcher** as ‘Éponine’, **Alistair Brammer** as ‘Enjolras’, **Emily Langridge** as ‘Cosette’ and **Paul Wilkins** as ‘Marius’.

**Patrice Tipoki** joins the cast fresh from Starring as ‘Fantine’ in Australia and most recently London’s West End. She is known to Australian audiences from lead roles in “The Lion King” and “Wicked”. Patrice has been preparing for the role of ‘Fantine’ since she was a little girl. Hailing from a musical family, she first saw “**LES MISÉRABLES**” in Brisbane at the age of 6 and ever since would perform songs from the show for anyone who would listen.

**Peter Polycarpou** was in the original London cast of “**LES MISÉRABLES**” playing the role of Jean Prouvaire before taking over the role of ‘Thénardier’. He originated the role of ‘John’ in “Miss Saigon” at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane and has performed in both “The Phantom of the Opera” and “Evita”. His most



recent theatre credits include 'Fagin' in "Oliver!" and "City of Angels" at the Donmar Warehouse, London.

**Jodie Prenger** is probably best known for winning the role of 'Nancy' in Cameron Mackintosh's West End production of "Oliver!" through the BBC television series "I'd Do Anything". During her run in the show at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane she received both critical and public acclaim for her portrayal of the role. Jodie recently wowed audiences playing the title role in the national tour of the musical "Calamity Jane" and also in the one woman show "Tell Me On A Sunday". She has also starred in the National Theatre's hit production of "One Man, Two Guvnors" both in the West End and on tour and as 'Lady of the Lake' in "Spamalot". Jodie is also a regular presenter on BBC Radio 2.

**Carrie Hope Fletcher** was recently seen in the London production of "**LES MISÉRABLES**" as 'Éponine'. She made her West End debut as 'Young Éponine' in 2001 at the age of seven and is the only British actress to play both 'Young Éponine' and 'older Éponine' in the production. Other recent theatre credits include 'Truly Scrumptious' in the UK Tour of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang". She is also the author of "On The Other Side" and The Sunday Times Bestseller "All I Know Now". Carrie is an internet sensation and her fans (the "Hopefuls") regularly flock to YouTube to watch her inspiring video's.

**Alistair Brammer** most recently wowed audiences as 'Chris' in Cameron Mackintosh's new award-winning production of "Miss Saigon" in London's West End and in the live recording of the stage show which is currently being released in cinema's around the world. He made his professional stage debut as 'Marius' in the West End production of "**LES MISÉRABLES**" at the Queen's Theatre having previously appeared in a special finale of the show for the show's 20th birthday where he played the same role as part of the Schools' Edition cast. Following his appearance in the West End, Alistair was cast as 'Jean Prouvaire' in the smash hit film of "**LES MISÉRABLES**", a role he also played in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concerts of the show at London's O2.

**Emily Langridge** received great acclaim for her portrayal of 'Cosette' in the Australian and Asia production of "**LES MISÉRABLES**". Emily was recently seen in The Production Company's "Gypsy".



**Paul Wilkins** graduated from The Arts Educational Schools, London and went straight into the West End cast of “**LES MISÉRABLES**” in its 30th Anniversary year as Ensemble/cover Marius and is thrilled to be playing the role itself in Dubai.

The ensemble includes; Daniel Belle, Billy Bouchier, Hugo Chiarella, Mary Cormack, Jessica Daley, Jordan Lee Davies, Mischana Dellora-Cornish, Emilie du Leslay, Blake Erickson, David Francis, Tamlyn Henderson, Nigel Huckle, Holly-Anne Hull, James Hume, Ciaran Joyce, Adam Linstead, Liam McIlwain, Sarah Murr, Adèle Parkinson, Michaela Powell, Lauren Soley, Oscar Tollofsen, Natasha Veselinovic, Tom Vincent.

Colby Mulgrew, Santiago Weston and Oliver Zetterstrom will share the role of ‘Gavroche’; Mia McLoughlin and Ena Vllasaliu will share the role of ‘Little Cosette’ and Angel Bishop-Simon and Grace Rogers will share the role of ‘Young Éponine’.

Based on Victor Hugo’s classic novel, “**LES MISÉRABLES**” has a magnificent score by Boublil and Schönberg’s which includes the 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.

**Cameron Mackintosh’s** production of “**LES MISÉRABLES**” is written by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg and is based on the novel by Victor Hugo. It has music by Claude-Michel Schönberg, lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer and original French text by Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel. Adapted by Trevor Nunn and John Caird, it has additional material by James Fenton. Original orchestrations are by John Cameron with new orchestrations by Christopher Jahnke, Stephen Metcalfe and Stephen Brooker. Direction is by Laurence Connor and James Powell with set and image design by Matt Kinley based on the paintings by Victor Hugo. Original costumes are by Andreane Neofitou, additional costumes by Christine Rowland, lighting design by Paule Constable, projections realised by 59 Productions and sound design by Mick Potter. Musical staging is by Michael Ashcroft and Geoffrey Garratt.



**“LES MISÉRABLES”** 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 125 major awards along the way. The musical further inspired filmmakers to make the movie version which won three Oscars, three Golden Globes and four BAFTA awards, and went on to become one of the most successful musical films ever made.

The show will run from 10<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Tickets are on sale now [www.dubaiopera.com](http://www.dubaiopera.com) -Ends-

**Please see attached the Dubai Opera cast list.**

### **Note to Editors**

#### **ABOUT DUBAI OPERA:**

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city’s first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m<sup>2</sup> flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage will host an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai Opera will also stage musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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#### **ABOUT SPORT & ENTERTAINMENT SOLUTIONS**

Dubai based Sport & Entertainment Solutions (SES) is revamping the Live Entertainment scene in the Middle East by promoting globally recognized family entertainment brands across the region. In 2013 the company expanded from a sports focused agency to incorporate an Entertainment Division. The agency, previously known as Sport Solutions, was established in 2005, and has



since played a leading role in the sports events and sponsorship sector in the Middle East.

Led by its CEO & Founder Ali Haidary, Sport Solutions brokered one of the most lucrative and ground breaking sponsorship deals between FC Barcelona and UAE telecommunication giant Etisalat in 2009. In addition to securing several Regional Brand Endorsement deals for global superstars such as Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, the agency has also helped to stage some of the largest events in the region including the 2009 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in Dubai, EPL Masters Football and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Open.

Sport & Entertainment Solutions became the exclusive promoter of Disney on Ice and Disney Live! events in the Middle East in 2013, partnering with FELD Entertainment to bring quality, authentic family entertainment to the region.

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