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SUNSET BOULEVARD

Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
Book & Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON
Based on the PARAMOUNT PICTURES film



**ICONIC SUPERSTAR SARAH BRIGHTMAN MAKES HER
SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE DEBUT**

**THE LAVISH NEW AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTION OF SUNSET
BOULEVARD PREMIERES IN SYDNEY IN JUST 2 WEEKS!**



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The lavish new production of **Andrew Lloyd Webber's** Tony Award winning musical masterpiece, **SUNSET BOULEVARD**, starring superstar **Sarah Brightman**, premieres at **Sydney Opera House** from August 28 with the official opening night taking place on August 31.

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Sarah Brightman will make her **Sydney Opera House** debut as will the musical itself, as **SUNSET BOULEVARD** prepares to play at the iconic venue for the very first time. This dazzling newly imagined revival will see the incredible cast led by **Sarah Brightman** and **Tim Draxl** and 28-piece orchestra bring the spectacular **Andrew Lloyd Webber** masterpiece to life on the **Sydney Opera House** stage.

"I am thrilled to be in Sydney and making my debut at the iconic **Sydney Opera House** with **SUNSET BOULEVARD**. I have played many renowned venues across the world and am ecstatic that I finally get to walk out on the stage at this acclaimed venue."

"It has been wonderful working with this incredible Australian cast and orchestra to bring this story and amazing score to life. Playing *Norma* on stage here in Australia has been one of the greatest pleasures and I look forward to continuing this for Sydney audiences.", said **Sarah Brightman**.

Sarah Brightman stars as *Norma Desmond*, the iconic role that catapulted Glenn Close to Broadway stardom and recently earned Nicole Scherzinger an Olivier Award for Best Actress in a Musical in the West End. Alongside her is critically acclaimed Australian actor and performer **Tim Draxl** in the role of *Joe Gillis*, a role last played on stage in Australia by Hugh Jackman in 1996.

Joining **Sarah** and **Tim** on stage in the role of *Max Von Mayerling* is stage and screen veteran **Robert Grubb**, with the role of *Betty Schaefer* played by emerging leading lady **Ashleigh Rubenach**. Musical theatre performer **Jarrold Draper** plays the role of *Artie Green*, whilst the roles of *Cecil B. DeMille* and *Sheldrake* are played by established theatre actors **Paul Hanlon** and **Troy Sussman**. The role of *Norma Desmond*, at select performances, is played by the remarkable **Silvie Paladino**.

The extremely talented ensemble cast include **Regan Barber**, **Amy Berrisford**, **Billy Bouchier**, **Campbell Braithwaite**, **Benjamin Colley**, **Grace Driscoll**, **Madison Green**, **Peter Ho**, **Leah Lim**, **Mary McCorry**, **Charlotte Page**, **Morgan Palmer**, **Caity Plummer**, **Taylor Scanlan**, **Tom Sharah**, **Lisa Sontag**, **Riley Sutton** and **Dean Vince**.

Based on the Paramount Pictures film, the musical version of **SUNSET BOULEVARD** had its world premiere at London's Adelphi Theatre on July 12th 1993. The show received its American premiere in December 1993 at the Shubert Theatre in Los Angeles starring Glenn Close as *Norma Desmond*. The show subsequently opened on Broadway at the Minskoff Theatre in November 1994 with the highest advance ticket sales in Broadway history at the time. The original Broadway production won six Tony Awards of the eleven Tony Awards for which it was nominated including *Best Musical*, *Best Original Score* and *Best Book*.

This spectacular new staging features stunning sets and costumes, evoking the glamorous Golden Age of Hollywood. The thrillingly atmospheric score features the hits 'With One Look', 'The Perfect Year', and the anthemic 'As If We Never Said Goodbye'.

SUNSET BOULEVARD is presented by **Opera Australia** and **GWB Entertainment** by arrangement with **The Really Useful Group**. This newly imagined revival will mark **SUNSET BOULEVARD'S** first return to Australia in almost thirty years, where it played to sold out audiences.

SUNSET BOULEVARD has Music by **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, Book and Lyrics by **Don Black** and **Christopher Hampton**, and is based on the **Paramount Pictures** film. This new production will be Directed by **Paul Warwick Griffin** with Set and Costume Design by **Morgan Large**. Choreography by **Ashley Wallen** with Musical Supervision by **Kristen Blodgett**.

SUNSET BOULEVARD weaves a magnificent tale of faded glory and unfulfilled ambition. Having been discarded by Hollywood with the advent of “talkies”, legendary silent movie star, Norma Desmond, is tortured by her longing for a return to the big screen. When she meets struggling Hollywood screenwriter Joe Gillis in a dramatic chance encounter, their subsequent passionate and volatile relationship leads to an unforeseen and tragic conclusion.

SUNSET BOULEVARD is the theatrical event of the year.

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‘A VISUAL SPECTACLE!’
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‘Electrifying old Hollywood extravaganza you cannot miss’
AU Review

‘The iconic Sarah Brightman fills the role of Norma Desmond with sheer delight’
Scenestr

‘Tim Draxl is the complete package’
Australian Arts Review

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