

Journey to the past.

ANASTASIA

THE HIT BROADWAY MUSICAL



Final weeks in Sydney for “*dazzling tour de force*” **ANASTASIA**

Must close Saturday 18 July

- ★★★★☆ “**ANASTASIA** is a dazzling tour de force” **Sydney Morning Herald**
- ★★★★★ “This show will hold the key to your heart if you let it” **Sydney Arts Guide**
- ★★★★★ “**ANASTASIA** is the quintessential Disney-esque stage spectacular, with phenomenal voices, sumptuous costumes and elaborate choreography” **Theatre Now**
- ★★★★★ “a soaring, intricate musical landscape” **Time Out Sydney**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026 — The much-loved hit Broadway musical **ANASTASIA** must close in Sydney on 18 July with no extension possible. The musical will next travel to Adelaide and Brisbane as the final stops of a national tour.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* declared that “the Australian incarnation of this international phenomenon is hard to fault” and that it is “*Frozen*, *Les Mis* and *Ragtime*, all in one” while the *Sunday Telegraph* declared it “lavish, theatrical and dropping in old-world glamour” and *The Plus Ones* said that **ANASTASIA** is “lavish musical theatre at its finest: rich, romantic and gloriously performed”.

The cast for this charming modern fairytale and much-loved musical includes **Georgina Hopson** as Anya, **Robert Tripolino** as the charismatic con artist Dmitry, **Joshua Robson** in the role of antagonist Gleb, **Rodney Dobson** as Vlad, the universally adored **Rhonda Burchmore** as Countess Lily and theatre icon **Nancye Hayes AM** in the role of the Dowager Empress.

The ensemble cast includes **Sophia Bae**, **Elliot Baker**, **Nicholas Cunningham**, **Davis Giotopoulos Moore**, **Todd Goddard**, **Stephanie Kurlow**, **Keian Langdon**, **Bella Minniti**, **Nathan Stafford**, **Alexis Van Maanen**, **Patrick Volpe**, **Annie Wilson**, **Deone Zanutto** and **Andrea Zappacosta** with the Swings team featuring **Manon Gunderson-Briggs**, **Iosefa Laga'aia**, **Nathan Pinnell** and **Emma Russell**.

Inspired by the mysterious tale of Grand Duchess Anastasia Romanov’s rumoured escape in the dawning days of the Russian Revolution, and the 1997 Oscar nominated animated film of the same name, **ANASTASIA** has been brought to life on the stage by the Tony Award-winning creative team of Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens.

ANASTASIA is a lavish musical for all ages, transporting audiences from the twilight years of the Imperial rule to the euphoria and exuberance of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman named Anya sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by an army officer determined to silence her, she enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

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Directed by Tony Award winning director Darko Tresnjak, **ANASTASIA** premiered on Broadway in March 2017. It received a Tony Award nomination for Best Costume Design in a Musical and won more than 15 major international awards including Best Musical awards in Germany, the Netherlands and Spain.

The book for **ANASTASIA** was written by the late five time Tony Award winning writer Terrence McNally, whose credits include *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, *Master Class*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *Ragtime*.

Music and lyrics for **ANASTASIA** were written by the renowned writing team of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens who have been referred to as “one of the greatest songwriting teams in Broadway history.” (*Chicago Tribune*).

“Fantastical, intelligent, well-crafted, and exhilarating, **ANASTASIA** deserves a coronation!” – *The Wall Street Journal*

“Captivating, beautifully staged and emotionally vital. **ANASTASIA** hits the sweet spot!” – *The Hollywood Reporter*

“One of the most gorgeous shows in years! Luscious, lavish, and a joy that leaves you cheering. This is a grandiloquent feast for the senses you won’t soon forget.”
– *The New York Observer*

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Produced by John Frost for Crossroads Live and Opera Australia in special collaboration with Stage Entertainment Productions, Tom Kirdahy, Hunter Arnold and Dan Hinde

Lyric Theatre, Sydney until 18 July 2026

Festival Theatre Adelaide from August 2026

Lyric Theatre QPAC, Brisbane from September 2026

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