

MAMMA MIA! THE WORLDWIDE SMASH HIT RETURNS TO SINGAPORE

A mother. A daughter. 3 possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

Singapore (15th August 2014)– *MAMMA MIA!* the highly-anticipated musical inspired by the classic songs of ABBA, will return to Singapore, opening at the MasterCard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands on13 November 2014 for a limited run. Tickets are now on sale.

MAMMA MIA! is the ultimate feel-good show that has audiences coming back again and again to relive the thrill. The show was last performed in Singapore in 2004 and following its huge success, Mamma Mia now makes a welcome return after a decade to the island.

MAMMA MIA! is Judy Craymer's ingenious vision of staging the story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs with an enchanting tale of family and friendship unfolding on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father, brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

"The Perfect Ticket for a Feel-good Night Out!"

The Daily Telegraph, UK

The International Tour of *MAMMA MIA!* has been enthralling audiences around the world since its debut in 2004. From West End hit to global phenomenon, *MAMMA MIA!* has been seen by more than 54 million people in 39 productions in 14 different languages. *MAMMA MIA!* is celebrating 15 years in London's West End and is the 9th longest-running show on Broadway. *MAMMA MIA!* The Movie, starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan, is the highest grossing live action musical film of all time.

"Canon has always been committed to supporting the arts and we are proud to be a part of the return of MAMMA MIA! to our shores. Musicals have always been an integral part of the arts and MAMMA MIA!'s exciting combination of music, drama and innovative set designs definitely adds a whole new dimension to the entire music & theatre experience." said KensakuKonishi, President and CEO of Canon Singapore. "Complementing previous sponsorships of art &

musical initiatives that Canon supports such as the Mosaic Music Festival, Wicked and The Phantom of The Opera, we believe our partnership with MAMMA MIA! reinforces Canon's continued devotion to bringing enriching and delightful experiences to the local arts & culture scene."

The narrative power of ABBA's greatest hits including 'Dancing Queen', 'Take A Chance On Me,' and 'The Winner Takes It All' propels this charming story of love, laughter and friendship and 2014 marks the 40th Anniversary of ABBA's Eurovision Song Contest win.

"The Most Fun I've Had in a Theatre in Years!"

Toronto Star, Canada

With music & lyrics by Benny Andersson&BjörnUlvaeus, *MAMMA MIA!* is written by Catherine Johnson, directed by Phyllida Lloyd and choreographed by Anthony Van Laast. The production is designed by Mark Thompson, with lighting design by Howard Harrison, sound design by Andrew Bruce & Bobby Aitken and musical supervision, additional material & arrangements by Martin Koch.

The International Tour is produced by Judy Craymer, Richard East and BjörnUlvaeus for Littlestar in association with Universal, Stage Entertainment and NGM, is presented in Singapore by BASE Entertainment Asia, Lunchbox Theatrical Productions and David Atkins Enterprises.

Visit the MAMMA MIA!website for more information at: www.mamma-mia.com

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TICKETING AND SHOW INFORMATION

Editors' note: MAMMA MIA! International Tour Season:Opens November 13, 2014 Venue: MasterCard Theatres, Marina Bay Sands Cast: The International Tour features a cast from the UK

PERFORMANCE TIMES:

Tuesday – Friday 8:00pm; Saturday 2pm and 8pm and Sunday 1pm and 6.00pm **TICKET PRICE:** From \$95* * Excludes the booking fee of SGD\$3 per ticket

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Lunchbox Theatrical Productions is based in the UK with companies in Hong Kong, Singapore, The Philippines, Australia and New Zealand. <u>www.lunchbox-productions.com</u>

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