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Broadway comes to Australia

Fans of musicals will be able to see hit Broadway numbers performed in Australia, thanks to a new initiative between the UTAS Conservatorium of Music, the American Society of Composers & Performers (ASCAP) and the Australasian Performing Rights Association (APRA).

The *Broadway to Australia* event will feature some of Australian Music Theatre's best performers:

Christopher Parker – *Crazy for You, Sideshow Alley, Oklahoma!*

Kellie Rode – *The Rocky Horror Show, Mamma Mia*

Julie O'Reilly – *Jerry Springer: The Opera, The Producers*

Adrian Li Donni – *The King and I (USA), Rent*

The performers will be accompanied by the *Broadway to Australia* Show Orchestra and Hobart's popular Southern Gospel Choir.

Broadway professionals lyricist Lynn Ahrens and composer Stephen Flaherty will also present a concert-style question and answer evening about their success with musicals that include: *Ragtime, Seussical- The Musical*, the animated feature *Anastasia*, *A Man of no Importance, Dessa Rose, My Favourite Year, The Glorious Ones* and *The Dancer's Life for Chita Rivera*.

The *Broadway to Australia* initiative was created by Michael A. Kerker, Director of Musical Theatre at ASCAP and Professor Kevin Purcell, Australian Musical Director and Conductor and Head of the UTAS Conservatorium.

Prof. Purcell said the event will give the public a chance to experience the talents of world-class performers.

“The event will give writers and performers of commercial musical theatre, cabaret and contemporary popular music the opportunity to learn from and engage with Broadway's most illustrious creative practitioners,” Prof. Purcell said.

Hobart show: One night only - September 9 at 8pm. 90 minutes without interval. The Tasman Room, Wrest Point Entertainment Centre, 410 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay

Tickets: Adults: \$67.50, Concession: \$52.50, Groups 20+: \$45.00, Additional fees may apply. Bookings by phone or over the counter.

Phone: 1300 795 257

Melbourne show: September 4, 2009 at 8pm, Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre

Tickets: Adults: \$77.50, Conc: \$62.50, Groups 20+: \$55.00

Book online, by phone or over the counter

Phone: (03) 9699 3333

Web: www.melbournerecital.com.au

Address: cnr Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank

Sydney show: September 7, 2009 at 8pm, City Recital Hall, Angel Place

Tickets: Adults: \$77.50, Conc: \$62.50, Groups 20+: \$55.00

Book online, by phone or over the counter

Phone: (02) 8256 2222

Web: www.cityrecitalhall.com.au

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