



MAMMA MIA! **THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL** **TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR BRISBANE SEASON!**

Get in quick as tickets go on sale today for the Brisbane season of the global musical phenomenon, **MAMMA MIA!**

The smash hit musical will open in Brisbane from **26 December 2017** at **Queensland Performing Arts Centre's (QPAC's) Lyric Theatre** as part of a national tour.

This exciting new production of **MAMMA MIA!** is produced in Australia by **Michael Coppel, Louise Withers & Linda Bewick.**

Starring in this brand new Australian production as mother-of-the-bride *Donna Sheridan* is **Natalie O'Donnell**. Natalie began her acting career in 1998 with her professional debut in the Australian production of *Les Misérables*. Since then she has sustained a remarkable career in theatre, television and film across the world. She has starred in many musicals including most recently in Australia in *Jerry's Girls*, *Songs for a New World* and *Next to Normal*. Most poignantly Natalie starred in the original Australian production of **MAMMA MIA!** as *Sophie* in 2001. It will be very special to see her come full circle now leading this new production in the role of *Donna*.

In the role of *Donna's* daughter and bride-to-be *Sophie*, is emerging young Australian actor **Sarah Morrison**. Sarah has just completed a sell-out national tour in the Australian musical *Ladies in Black* starring in the lead role of *Lisa*. This was Sarah's breakthrough role gaining critical acclaim and adoration by audiences alike proving her star is certainly on the rise. Sarah began her career as a member of the Children's Chorus with Opera Queensland before graduating from Ballarat Arts Academy.

Starring as *Donna's* vivacious and loyal friend *Rosie* is **Alicia Gardiner** who has extensive career highlights in theatre, television and film and is best known to Australian audiences for her role as nurse *Kim Akerholt* in the award-winning series *Offspring*. In another nostalgic twist, Alicia also played alongside Natalie O'Donnell in the original Australian season of **MAMMA MIA!**

Jayde Westaby joins the *Dynamo* trio in the role of much-married friend *Tanya*. Jayde, originally from the UK, has enjoyed a career on London's West End appearing in *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Chicago*, *Sweet Charity*, *Jersey Boys* and *Grease* amongst others. Most recently in Australia she was part of the world premiere season of *Dream Lover – The Bobby Darin Musical*.

Award winning actor **Ian Stenlake** stars as *Sam Carmichael*, one of *Sophie's* unsuspecting fathers. Ian has sustained an extensive television career over the years, including starring roles in the Nine Network's *Sea Patrol* for 5 seasons as *Lieutenant Commander Mike Flynn*, furthermore in *Stingers*, *Murder Call* and *Dance Academy*. He has also continued a vast theatre career appearing in shows such as *Cabaret*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Oklahoma* and most recently *Around the World in 80 Days*.

Stage and screen actor **Phillip Lowe** plays *Harry Bright* another man from *Donna's* past who could be *Sophie's* father. Phillip has appeared in many theatre productions including *Crazy for You*, *Cabaret*, *Mary Poppins*, *High Society* and recently starred in *Georgy Girl - The Seekers Musical* portraying Seeker *Keith Potger*.

Josef Ber, acclaimed theatre and screen actor plays *Bill Austin* the third potential father in the light-hearted story. Josef has appeared in many and varied theatre, television and film productions including *Ned*, *Rush* and *Redfern Now*.

Sophie's adoring fiancé *Sky* is played by **Stephen Mahy** who's career spans roles in musical theatre productions such as *Miss Saigon*, *Jersey Boys*, *Grease*, and the most recent Australian production of *The Rocky Horror Show* playing *Brad*.

In addition, **Monique Sallé** plays the role of *Ali*, **Jessica Di Costa (White)** as *Lisa*, **Sam Hooper** as *Pepper* and **Alex Gibson-Giorgio** plays *Eddie* alongside an incredible supporting cast **Stephen Anderson**, **Jadie Bastow**, **Dion Bilios**, **Du Toit Bredenkamp**, **Annie Chiswell**, **Matt Edwards**, **Josh Gates**, **Catty Hamilton**, **Matthew Hamilton**, **Emma Hawthorne**, **Zoe Komazec**, **Sarah Kate Landy**, **Courtney Monsma**, **Clay Roberts**, **Leigh Sleightholme**, **Thalia Smith**, **Lisa Sontag** and **Zachary Webster**.

Set on a Greek island paradise and inspired by the story-telling magic of **ABBA's** timeless songs, writer Catherine Johnson's heart-warming tale centres around a young bride-to-be. 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.

Over 60 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the story and the music that makes **MAMMA MIA!** the ultimate feel-good musical. And now, in what will be a stunning new production, we want you to come join the party of a lifetime. A celebration of love, laughter and friendship, **MAMMA MIA!** is a fabulous night out for audiences of all ages.

The Australian production will be Directed by Helpmann Award winner **Gary Young**, with the creative team also including Choreographer **Tom Hodgson**, Musical Supervisor **Stephen Amos**, Set Design by **Linda Bewick**, Costume Design by **Suzy Strout** and Lighting Design by **Gavan Swift**.

A beautiful bride, a proud mother and three possible fathers. It's a trip down the aisle you'll remember forever!

MAMMA MIA! - GLOBAL ACCOLADES

A SENSATION! Just sit back and let the joy sweep over you.

NEW YORK POST

THIS HIGH-ENERGY MUSICAL BRINGS HAPPINESS WHEREVER IT GOES!

TIME MAGAZINE

What makes MAMMA MIA! work is the ingenuity with which the songs leap from the story – they come like brilliant bolts out of the blue and the audience roars its approval.

THE AUSTRALIAN

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC & LYRICS

BENNY ANDERSSON
BJÖRN ULVAEUS

AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY **CATHERINE JOHNSON**

ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY **JUDY CRAYMER**

MAMMA MIA! WAS ORIGINALLY PRODUCED IN LONDON
BY JUDY CRAYMER, RICHARD EAST AND BJÖRN ULVAEUS
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& ARRANGEMENTS

MARTIN KOCH

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