



## **We had it coming... *CHICAGO* to tour Australia in 2009 with a stellar cast**

Australia, prepare yourself for the razzle-dazzle of the hit musical ***Chicago***, set to tour nationally throughout 2009 following a Gala Opening at Brisbane's Lyric Theatre, QPAC. Winner of six Tony Awards®, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy® and thousands of standing ovations, ***Chicago*** is Broadway's longest-running Musical Revival and the longest running American Musical every to play the West End.

It is nearly a decade since the "story of murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery and treachery" played in Australia. Known for its sizzling score and sensational choreography, ***Chicago*** is the story of a nightclub dancer, a smooth talking lawyer and a cell block of sin and merry murderesses.

Producer John Frost today announced his stellar cast: **Caroline O'Connor** as Velma Kelly, **Sharon Millerchip** as Roxie Hart, **Craig McLachlan** as Billy Flynn, and **Gina Riley** as Matron "Mama" Morton.

"I'm thrilled to bring back to the Australian stage this wonderful musical, especially with the extraordinary cast we have assembled. Velma Kelly is the role which took Caroline O'Connor to Broadway for the first time, and her legion of fans will, I'm sure, be overjoyed to see her perform it once again. Sharon Millerchip has previously played Velma in ***Chicago*** ten years ago, and since has won awards for her many musical theatre roles. She will be an astonishing Roxie. Craig McLachlan blew us all away with his incredible audition, and he's going to astound people with his talent as a musical theatre performer. And I am very excited to welcome Gina Riley back to the stage. Her strength, her presence and her powerhouse voice will make her a staggering Mama Morton. This truly is the perfect cast.

"Sassy, sinful and seductive, ***Chicago*** is a musical that thrills and chills which is why it continues to tour the world after so many years and has been seen by more than 15 million people. And there's a whole new audience who loved the Oscar® winning film, and now will have the chance to experience ***Chicago*** live."

The multi-award winning musical will be the first production to take centre stage in QPAC's newly refurbished Lyric Theatre when it begins on 19 March 2009. Following the Brisbane season, ***Chicago*** will tour to the Lyric Theatre, Star City in Sydney, from 14 May, with other cities to follow. Tickets are already on sale for the Brisbane season, and tickets for the Sydney season go on sale on Monday 17 November 2008.

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## BOOKING DETAILS

### BRISBANE

**Venue:** Lyric Theatre, QPAC  
Cnr Grey & Melbourne Streets, South Bank

**Season:** From 19 March 2009

**Performance Times:** Tuesday – Saturday 7.30pm  
Wednesday and Saturday matinees 1.30pm  
Sunday 3pm

**Price:** Previews A Reserve Adults \$99.90, Concession \$89.90  
Previews B Reserve \$79.90, C Reserve \$69.90  
A Reserve Adults \$109.90, Concession \$99.90  
B Reserve \$89.90  
C Reserve \$79.90

**Bookings:** 136 246 or [qtix.com.au](http://qtix.com.au)  
Groups of 12 or more (07) 3840 7466  
VIP, Stay and See<sup>®</sup> and Dining Packages 1300 4 SHOWS

### SYDNEY

**Venue:** Lyric Theatre, Star City  
80 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont

**Season:** From 14 May 2009

**Performance Times:** Wednesday – Saturday 8pm  
Wednesday matinee 1pm  
Saturday matinee 2pm  
Sunday 1pm and 6pm

**Price:** Wed/Thurs Eve A Reserve Adults \$99.90, Concessions and Groups \$89.90  
Wed/Thurs Eve B Reserve Adults \$79.90, C Reserve \$69.90, Schools \$50.90  
Fri/Sat Eve A Reserve Adults \$109.90, B Reserve Adults \$89.90, C Reserve \$79.90  
Sat Mat/Sun A Reserve Adults \$109.90, Concessions and Groups \$99.90  
Sat Mat/Sun B Reserve Adults \$89.90, C Reserve \$79.90  
Wed Mat A Reserve Adults \$89.90, Conc and Groups \$79.90, Pensioner Groups \$60.90  
Wed Mat B Reserve Adults \$79.90, C Reserve \$69.90, Schools \$50.90

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