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CHICAGO RAZZLE DAZZLES SYDNEY

Preview audiences in Sydney for the new Australian production of *CHICAGO* have been dazzled by the brilliant performances, show stopping numbers and sexy, slick and sharp choreography. And *CHICAGO*'s US producer Barry Weissler, in town for the Sydney Opening Night, has heaped praise on the sensational Australian cast. Following a sold out Brisbane season, *CHICAGO* opens at the Lyric Theatre, Star City, on Sunday May 17 at 6.30pm

Guests at the opening night of *CHICAGO*, which stars Caroline O'Connor, Sharon Millerchip, Craig McLachlan and Gina Riley, include *Kath and Kim* stars Jane Turner and Magda Szubanski, the entire cast of *Packed to the Rafters*, stars of *Underbelly, Rush* and *All Saints*, the judges and finalists of *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Guys and Dolls* stars Marina Prior and Garry McDonald, and Australian Idol winner Wes Carr.

Guests who will walk the Red Carpet include:

Glen A Baker Georgie Gardner Virginia Gay Natalie Barr Rebecca Gibney Charlie Bartley Chris Bath Jason Gilkinson Mark Beretta **Kylie Gillies** Peter Berner Joanna Griggs Sara Groen Alix Bidstrup James Brayshaw Nuala Hafner Tom Burlinson Deni Hines

Tina Bursill George Houvardas
Ita Buttrose Tessa James
Scott Cam Kerri-Anne Kennerley

Amy Campbell Antonia Kidman
Jack Campbell Gretel Killeen

David Campbell David Koch
Wes Carr Sonia Kruger
Michael Caton Toni Lamond

Jason Coleman David & Skye Leckie
Jonathan Coleman Matt Lee

Penny Cook Lincoln Lewis Andrew Daddo Reg Livermore Lorrae Desmond Jessica Marais Anton Enus Garry McDonald Lvnne McGranger Peter Everett Judith McGrath Jane Flemming Tammy McIntosh John Frost Andrew G Todd McKenney

Kip Gamblin Jessica McNamee

Jackie O
Phil O'Neill
Marina Prior
Kathryn Robinson
AJ Rochester

Callan Mulvey

Bob Rogers
Ella Scott Lynch
Hugh Sheridan
Glen Shorrock
Jeremy Sims
Tony Squires

Sir Laurence & Lady Penny

Street

Magda Szubanski Jeremy Lindsay Taylor Deborah Thomas Erik Thomson

Troy Thompson
James Tobin
Mark Trevorrow
Geraldine Turner
Jane Turner
Ben Veitch
Barry Weissler
Rebecca Wilson
Tiffani Wood

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

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 ever to play the West End.

Caroline O'Connor returns to the role of Velma Kelly, which she played across Australia ten years ago and on Broadway; Sharon Millerchip plays murdering nightclub chorus girl Roxie Hart, Craig McLachlan plays smooth-talking lawyer Billy Flynn, and Gina Riley as the "keeper of the keys", Matron "Mama" Morton. Damien Bermingham plays Roxie's downtrodden husband Amos Hart, and newcomer D.C. Harlock plays tabloid columnist Mary Sunshine. The members of the Chicago ensemble are Sarah Bakker, Amy Berrisford, Rohan Browne, Chris Dair, Hope De Vaney, Steven Grace, Nick Jones, Caroline Kaspar, Christopher Parsons, Nathan Pinnell, Kelly Power, Eve Prideaux, Simone Sault, Daniel Slater, Michelle Smitheram, Ryan Stuart and Dean Vince.

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