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2010 Season of Classic Musicals

IAJ's inaugural season of musicals

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WA TALENT TO SHINE IN SEASON OF MUSICALS

A Western Australian based production company dedicated to the presentation of a range of musical theatre performances, and catering for the large and expanding audience in Perth was announced at a special launch at His Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday, November 16, 2009.

IAJ International sees director/designer John Senczuk, following the annual successes of musical theatre presentations, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Irene* with Debbie Reynolds, *African Queen*, *Les Misérables* and *Two Old Queens*, team up with musical director Ian Westrip and producer Arnold Wong to establish a company to provide Perth's music theatre audiences with a season of classics.

The trio will bring their collective expertise to the presentation of a range of quality music theatre performances involving the wealth of local theatre talent and WAAPA graduates, alongside visiting guest artists of renown.

Three productions are planned for the inaugural season, which sees the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *Oklahoma!* and *The Boyfriend* by Sandy Wilson presented at His Majesty's Theatre in March and July respectively. A third 'special event' production will take place in August at Burswood Theatre, the casting details of which will be announced in January.

The 2010 Season of Classic Musicals, directed and designed by John Senczuk, will be presented 'in concert' mode. Each production will be fully staged and costumed and features the newly formed IAJ Performing Arts Orchestra (under the direction of respected maestro Ian Westrip OAM) on stage.

Mr Senczuk said that he was excited to be involved in this new venture that seeks to provide opportunities to present Western Australian talent on Western Australian stages as well as develop the potential for engagement interstate and particularly in Asia. "There is already a great demand for quality musical theatre here in Perth," he said. "And there are great resources here too: exceptional performers, designers, choreographers, technical crew and venues. Through IAJ, we hope to bring these together to create a focal point and provide exceptional entertainment for our audiences here and abroad."

The 2010 Season of Classic Musicals will begin with *Oklahoma!* the groundbreaking first musical by the legendary team, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. An enduring and endearing story from the heartland of rural America, *Oklahoma!* engages audiences still with its focus on real people dealing with their daily problems as well as a great romantic love story as big as the state itself. It opens at His Majesty's Theatre on March 17 for six performances. Bookings for all productions can be made through BOCS on 9484 1133 and/or online at www.bocsticketing.com.au – with major discounts for group bookings.

Interviews and photo opportunities are available
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