

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert in SA 2017

Tickets can now be purchased to watch an all South African cast in the musical, *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, which will run from 28 March to 23 April at Artscape, Cape Town, and 29 April to 18 June 2017 at Montecasino's Teatro, Johannesburg.

Priscilla Queen of the Desert The Musical originally opened in Australia in 2006 and after a sell-out two-year run, opened on London's West End followed by Broadway in New York. The show continues to wow audiences across the globe with recent return tours to the UK, Australia and New Zealand. It has won awards all over the world, including prestigious Olivier and Tony awards.

Priscilla Queen of the Desert is a heart-warming and uplifting tale of three drag artist friends who hop aboard a battered bus a.k.a. "Priscilla" and go off on the adventure of a lifetime through the Australian Outback, to perform in Alice Springs. The way they find friendship, love and far more than they ever dreamed of.



With a dazzling array of over 500 award-winning costumes, 200 extraordinary head-dresses and a hit parade of dance floor favourites including *I Will Survive*, *Hot Stuff*, *Finally*, *Boogie Wonderland*, *Go West*, *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun* and *I Love The Nightlife*, this wildly fresh and funny musical is a journey to the heart of fabulous!

Showtime Management's Hazel Feldman says: "*Priscilla* is the ultimate 'feel-good' show. This dazzling musical has all the ingredients for a superb night out: the most wonderful costumes, outrageous glamour, music that will have you dancing in your seat and a funny yet touching storyline. No wonder this show has been such a massive hit from the West End to Broadway and beyond."

The cast

The proudly South African, exceptionally talented 28-member cast, live band, crew and creative team will give audiences a night of unforgettable performances, nostalgic music and an entertainment experience with all the sparkle to share in *Priscilla*'s "fabulousness".

The principal roles will be played by stellar stage, screen and television performers including David Dennis who has achieved prominence in leading roles from classical to contemporary and musical theatre to film and television over the past three decades (*Pirates of Penzance*, *Starlight Classics* and movies *10000BC*, *Winnie* and *Zambezia*); Daniel Buys (*Jersey*

Boys, *West Side Story*, *Saturday Night Fever*); Phillip Schnetler (*Saturday Night Fever*, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*) a veteran actor James Borthwick (*Sunset Boulevard*, *Evita* and over 200 other productions).

Additional roles are played by Taryn-Lee Hudson (*Singin' in the Rain*, *Jersey Boys*), Chantal Herman (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Evita*, *Noah of Cape Town*) and Candice van Litsenborgh (*Annie*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Sunset Boulevard*) with Cand Mosoma (*Lion King*, *Sister Act*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*), *The Voice of SA* finalist, Thembeke Mnguni (*High School Musical*, *Grease*) and Londiwe Dhlomo (*Cabaret*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Puss in Boots*) as the three dazzling divas.



The ensemble features a host of multi-talented local performers including Tshepo Ncokoane, Zane Gillion, Michael Fullard, Michael Wallace, Craig Hawks, Ryan Flynn, Samuel Hyde and Henk Opperman. Fresh new talent includes Dirk Joubert, Jonathan Raath, Nadine Grobbelaar, Donae Brazer, Lourens Obermeyer and Darius Engelbrecht.

Original *Priscilla* international director Simon Phillips together with choreographer Andrew Hallsworth will be coming to South Africa to mount the show together with resident director Anton Luitingh, musical director Bryan Schimmel and resident choreographer Duane Alexander.

Ticket details

Bookings may be made via Computicket by calling 0861 915 8000, booking online at www.computicket.com or visiting the nearest Computicket service centre. This musical contains some strong language and adult themes, therefore parental guidance is recommended for children under the age of 12.

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