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TITANIQUE

NEAR, FAR, WHEREVER YOU ARE: SPLASH HIT MUSICAL TITANIQUE SETS SAIL INTO SYDNEY

WHEN THE MUSIC OF CÉLINE DION MAKES SWEET CANADIAN LOVE WITH THE OSCAR-WINNING HIT
TITANIC SYDNEY GETS NEW YORK'S HOTTEST NEW SHOW

“VERY FUNNY! A camp reimagining of the Titanic film that cranks the Celine-o-meter ALL THE WAY UP.”
New York Times

“Titanique is the greatest piece of theater I have ever seen!”
The Daily Beast

Australian Producer **Michael Cassel** and original Producer **Eva Price** today announced the award-winning hit **TITANIQUE** will make its Australian premiere at The Grand Electric in September 2024, creating a cool new space for the hottest musicals in the world in Sydney.

TITANIQUE's director and co-writer **Tye Blue** said of the show's Sydney premiere: “I am so excited that Sydney will be the next stop on **TITANIQUE**'s international cruise. If you love Celine Dion, if you love the film *Titanic*, and you love having a completely silly night out then this show is for you. **TITANIQUE** is a nonstop waterfall of pure joy that will literally melt your troubles away. I can't wait to see you there!”

The irresistibly funny and irreverent send-up of the blockbuster film *Titanic*, driven by the songs of pop icon Céline Dion, **TITANIQUE** has become one of New York's most sought after tickets and has extended its run at the Daryl Roth Theatre in Union Square multiple times since it premiered in 2022. Tickets for the exclusive Sydney run go on sale in June with a waitlist to be first in line to see the show open now at titaniquemusical.com.au.

TITANIQUE's original producer, **Eva Price**, said: “I am so thrilled that **TITANIQUE** will make its maiden voyage to international waters in Sydney for its Australian debut, and I cannot wait to see that Aussie sense of humour embrace this hysterically funny nautical fantasia when it comes to life down under this September.”

Australian producer **Michael Cassel** said: “We know how much Sydney loves a great night out and unabashed escapism, and **TITANIQUE** is the perfect show for both of those things. We can't wait to share this side-splittingly funny show with audiences here in an exciting new venue and give you the most incredible take on Celine Dion and *Titanic* you have ever seen.”

When the music of Céline Dion makes sweet Canadian love with the eleven-time Oscar Award-winning blockbuster film *Titanic*, you get **TITANIQUE**, off-Broadway's most award-winning splash hit, which turns one of the greatest love stories of all time into a hysterical musical fantasia. Want to find out what *really* happened to Jack and Rose on that fateful night? Just leave it to Céline Dion to enchant the audience with her totally wild take, recharting the course of *Titanic*'s beloved moments and characters with her iconic song catalogue. Sailing on fierce powerhouse voices in show-stopping performances of such hits as *My Heart Will Go On*, *All By Myself*, and *To Love You More* – backed by the unparalleled energy of a full live band – **TITANIQUE** is a one-of-a-kind theatrical voyage bursting with nostalgia, heart, and campy chaos.

Co-written by **Tye Blue**, **Marla Mindelle** and **Constantine Rousouli**, **TITANIQUE** celebrated its off-Broadway premiere in June 2022 at Asylum Theater, starring the musical's co-authors **Mindelle** (*Sister Act*, Netflix's *Special*) and **Rousouli** (*Cruel Intentions*, *Hairspray*) as Celine Dion and Jack Dawson.

After several sold-out extensions, the musical transferred to the Daryl Roth Theatre on 20 November, 2022. **TITANIQUE** became such a hit with audiences that new productions will soon play Toronto, Montreal and London.

Sydney will be **TITANIQUE**'s exclusive Australian berth through support from the NSW Government via its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW.

TITANIQUE is directed by **Tye Blue** (*RuPaul's Drag Race*, Rumer Willis' *Over the Love* Tour), and choreographed by **Ellenore Scott** (*Funny Girl*, *Little Shop of Horrors*). Original Music Supervision, Arrangements and Orchestrations are by IRNE Award-Winner **Nicholas Connell**. Original Scenic Design for **TITANIQUE** is by **Gabriel Hainer Evansohn** and **Grace Lauchbacher** for **Iron Bloom Creative Production**; Original Costume Design is by **Alejo Vietti**; Original Lighting Design is by **Paige Seber**; Original Sound Design is by **Lawrence Schober**; Original Prop Design is by **Eric Reynolds**.

TITANIQUE's storied history includes a smash hit live-streamed concert – *Titanique: The Maiden Voyage Concert* – on the premium streaming service Stellar, on 2 May 2021, which followed sold-out pop-up concert engagements in Los Angeles and New York, earning the show a 2019 BroadwayWorld Cabaret Award. **TITANIQUE** won seven major awards of the 2022-23 theatre season, including three Lucille Lortel Awards (Outstanding Musical, Outstanding Lead Performer: Marla Mindelle, Outstanding Costume Design: Alejo Vietti), the Off-Broadway Alliance Award for Best New Musical, Las Culturistas' Culture Award for Best Indoor Performance, and two Dorian Awards (Outstanding Off-Broadway Production, Outstanding Off-Broadway Performance: Marla Mindelle). The show earned an additional nine award nominations, including two 2023 Drama League Award nominations (Outstanding Musical; Distinguished Performance: Marla Mindelle), two Outer Critics Circle Award nominations (Book of a Musical, Lead Performer: Marla Mindelle), two Lortel Award nominations (Choreography, Featured Performer: John Riddle), and a Drama Desk Award nomination (Book of a Musical).

Casting for the Australian production has commenced with the full cast set to be revealed in the coming months.

“★★★★! A titanic amount of pure joy.”
New York Theatre Guide

“YOU'RE GUARANTEED TO LAUGH YOUR ICEBERG OFF”
People Magazine

“*Titanique* hits the mark – and is, by a nautical mile, the funniest musical in town!”
New York Post

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Previously Michael Cassel Group was the co-lead producer of *Almost Famous* and co-producer of *Into The Woods* on Broadway. Other Broadway and West End credits include *Get Up, Stand Up! The Bob Marley Musical*, *The Prince of Egypt*, *Pretty Woman* and *The Cher Show* as well as *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, *Mary Poppins*, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, *Les Misérables*, *Kinky Boots*, *Singin' In The Rain* and *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* in Australia. Concert tours and major events include *The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo*, *Celeste Barber*, *Not Now, Not Ever: Live on Stage with Julia Gillard*, *Tina Arena*, *Darren Criss* and *Lea Salonga*, along with the opening celebration of the ICC *Women's T20 World Cup 2020* which was televised internationally.

In addition to the group's expanding theatrical interests, the company represents former Australian Prime Minister, *The Hon. Julia Gillard AC*, journalist and broadcaster *Liz Hayes*, former Olympian and global sporting administrator *Lord Sebastian Coe CH, KBE*, *Strictly You by Sonia Kruger*, best-selling author *Sarah di Lorenzo*, Better Homes and Gardens personalities *Charlie Albone and Juliet Love* and beloved Australian television presenter *Sami Lukis*. TixTrack Australasia, a partnership between TixTrack Inc and Michael Cassel Group, provides SaaS ticketing solutions for live entertainment and cultural organisations in Australia and New Zealand including the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), Queensland Museum, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Auckland Art Gallery, Bundanon Art Museum and Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art. Michael Cassel Group is headquartered in Sydney, with offices in New York, Singapore and Melbourne.