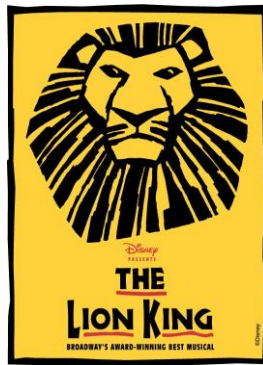


# Press Release



## Disney's THE LION KING lead cast members treat Singaporeans to their first public performance at Marina Bay Sands on June 4<sup>th</sup>

**SINGAPORE (26 May, 2011)** – On 4<sup>th</sup> June at 5.45pm, to celebrate the ongoing success of **THE LION KING** production in Singapore, select lead cast members from the award-winning musical will present their first ever public performance at the skating rink located by the *Rasapura Masters* food marketplace at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands.

The talented cast of **THE LION KING** will present an exclusive showcase of select songs, including the smash hit Academy Award-winning song by Elton John and Tim Rice 'Can You Feel The Love Tonight' – a rare treat for those who have yet to catch the extraordinary performance.

In addition, 100 tickets will be given away on the day on an hourly basis, starting at 12 noon to lucky visitors participating in various quizzes and contests at The Shoppes. For just that day, a special family package with four C-Reserve tickets will be on sale for just S\$400, a saving of S\$100<sup>1</sup>.

With over 150,000 tickets already sold **THE LION KING** production has been playing at the Sands Theater, Marina Bay Sands to capacity since it opened to rave reviews in March. The musical is the first Broadway style long running production Singapore has had and is of the same Broadway-quality standards, spectacular music, dance, sets and costumes that have made it a worldwide phenomenon.

Local elements have been added to make this production unique to Singapore. The musical has also elevated Singapore's performing arts industry when it cast, for the first time, a Singaporean actor in the key role of Young Simba - 11-year-old **Nicholas Papayonanou**.

On stage, Director **Julie Taymor's** creative vision blends elements of African art and Broadway artisanship to depict anthropomorphic animal characters. The sardonic and

<sup>1</sup> The promotional price for the package applies to performances only on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



deviously cunning “Scar” is played by **Patrick Brown**. **Jean Luc Guizonne aka Jee-L** is “Mufasa”, the great warrior and ruler of the Pridelands. **Gugwana Dlamini** is the wise baboon shaman “Rafiki”. **Lyall Ramsden** plays the prim and proper horn billed bird “Zazu”. **Pierre van Heerden** is the carefree warthog “Pumbaa” and **Jamie McGregor** is the wisecracking meerkat “Timon”. Mufasa’s son, Simba, the lion prince born to be king is played by **Jonathan Andrew Hume** and **Puleng March** is the loyal lioness “Nala”.

The three evil hyenas are played by **Lavina Williams**, **Simon Gwala** and **Michael Bagg**. The role of “Young Nala” is alternated between **Christina De Leon**, **Myka Torre** and **Nikki Samonte**.

Singapore is the latest leading city to host **THE LION KING** after sell out performances in New York, London, Hamburg, a North American tour, Tokyo and Las Vegas.

**THE LION KING** began as a 1994 animated feature-length film developed and produced by the Walt Disney Company. The story, a coming of age parable set among animals indigenous to its setting, the African savanna, tells the tale of Simba, the lion cub who rises to be the King of the jungle.

In Singapore, **THE LION KING** plays Tuesday to Sunday evenings at 8pm and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Tickets are available at the Sands Theater Box Office or SISTIC outlets by calling +65 66 88 88 26 or via the Internet at [www.marinabaysands.com/TheLionKing](http://www.marinabaysands.com/TheLionKing). Ticket prices for the engagement starts from \$65. Platinum packages, which include prime seat locations, a souvenir gift, \$10 merchandise voucher and a drink, are also available.

**THE LION KING**'s presenting sponsor is OCBC Bank, while MediaCorp TV 5 is the Official TV Station, Class 95 is the official radio station and Showbiz Asia is the official packaging partner; Singapore Airlines is the official airline, and it's proudly supported by the Singapore Tourism Board.

**Additional tickets for the award-winning musical were released in early April due to overwhelming demand. Tickets for an additional two months are now on sale through to July.**

### TICKETING INFORMATION

Day/Times	PLATINUM	A Reserve	B Reserve	C Reserve	D Reserve	E Reserve
Tues – Fri: 8pm Sat - Sun: 2pm & 8pm	\$240	\$185	\$165	\$125	\$85	\$65

- *Booking Fee of SGD\$3 applies per ticket*

#### Group Rates:

Groups of 20+ 8% discount  
 Groups of 100+ 10% discount  
 Groups of 500+ 15% discount

**Tickets can be purchased at any Marina Bay Sands Box Offices or SISTIC outlets or by calling 66 8888 26 or via the internet at [www.marinabaysands.com/TheLionKing](http://www.marinabaysands.com/TheLionKing)**

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**ABOUT THE LION KING**

As it begins its 14<sup>th</sup> year THE LION KING remains ascendant, continuing to reign as a cultural phenomenon and one of the most popular stage musicals in the world. Since its 1997 Broadway premiere, 17 global productions have been seen by more than 54 million people, and grossed over \$4.2 billion to date. Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions (under the direction of Thomas Schumacher), THE LION KING is the eighth longest-running musical in Broadway history and one of only five productions in theatre history to play for ten years or more, both on Broadway and in the West End. Translated into five different languages (Japanese, German, Korean, French, Dutch), the show has been performed in 13 different countries on five continents. THE LION KING can currently be seen on Broadway (its flagship production), on stages across North America, and in Las Vegas, London's West End, Hamburg and Tokyo.

**ABOUT MARINA BAY SANDS**

Marina Bay Sands is the leading business, leisure and entertainment destination in Asia. It features large and flexible convention and exhibition facilities, 2,560 hotel rooms and suites, the rooftop Sands SkyPark, the best shopping mall in Asia, world-class celebrity chef restaurants, a casino, Paiza Club for premium players and an outdoor event plaza. Its two theaters showcase a range of leading entertainment acts and will include our resident performance, "THE LION KING". Completing the line-up of attractions is the ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands which plays host to permanent and marquee exhibitions. For more information, please visit [www.marinabaysands.com](http://www.marinabaysands.com).

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