



Priscilla, Queen of the Desert becomes Queen of the Stage!

Over a decade ago, a battered old bus affectionately christened Priscilla, Queen of the Desert drove out of Sydney to become the star of one of the most internationally successful Australian movies of all time.

Priscilla tells the funny and moving story of three drag queens who find themselves like fish out of water when they head west across the desert from Sydney to fulfil a performance engagement in Alice Springs. Recreating the role of former Les Girl Bernadette, is musical theatre veteran **Tony Sheldon** (*The Producers*). The character of Mitzi, who leads the desert adventure, is played by **Jeremy Stanford** (*Buddy, Certified Male, High Society*) with exciting rising star **Daniel Scott** (*Dusty*) playing the flamboyant and fun-loving Felicia. The character of Bob, the down-to-earth mechanic, memorably played in the film by Bill Hunter is played by Australian screen legend, **Michael Caton**.

They will be joined by an ensemble cast including Genevieve Lemon, Lena Cruz, Trevor Ashley, Danielle Barnes, Amelia Cormack, Sophie Carter, Michael Griffiths, Nick Hardcastle, Mark Hodge, Ben Lewis, Marney McQueen, Christina O'Neill, Kurt Phelan, Damien Ross, David Spencer, Dean Vince and Jeremy Youett.

Director Simon Phillips said, "I am truly delighted with the cast we've assembled. The three central actors and the entire ensemble are amazing all-rounders, passing themselves off as everything from Coober Pedy miners to a full Les Girls line up, singing and dancing their way through 20 full-scale production numbers, many of course in drag. As for the three leads, they fill the stilettos of the film's original stars and then some. Terence, Hugo and Guy didn't have to sing a note and their dancing skills could be flatteringly cut around by the camera. However Tony, Jeremy and Daniel do the whole shebang from belting out the show-stoppers to shimmying around the dance floor to tugging the heart strings with quite complex acting performances. And they do it in spades. I'm thrilled and honoured to be working with them."

Members of the team that created the worldwide smash-hit film including writer and director Stephan Elliott, costume designers Lizzy Gardiner and Tim Chappel, make-up designer Cassie Hanlon and producer Michael Hamlyn are joining forces with writer Allan Scott, Australian theatrical producers Liz

Koops, Garry McQuinn, John Frost and Michael Chugg and an all-Australian creative team to bring *Priscilla* to life on stage.

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert features a sensational song list including *I Will Survive*, *Finally*, *Shake Your Groove Thing*, and *I've Never Been To Me*. Many more classic disco hits have been added for the stage production including *Macarthur Park* and *Better The Devil You Know*. Apart from the cast, the real speculation has been about how the star of the show, a 12 metre bus, will be brought to life on stage for her madcap journey across the desert.

Tickets for *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* are on sale through Ticketmaster on 1300 367 794 or www.priscillathemusical.com

Lyric Theatre, Star City

Performance Schedule

Monday – No Show

Tuesday – 8pm

Wednesday – 1pm and 8pm

Thursday – 8pm

Friday – 8pm

Saturday – 2pm and 8pm

Sunday – 5pm

(Subject to change. Check specific times around public holidays)

Prices

All performances (except Wed 1pm performance)

A Reserve \$95.90* B Reserve \$79.90*

Wednesday 1pm only

A Reserve \$75.90* B Reserve \$59.90*

*Price includes GST and booking fee.

Transaction fee applies to phone and internet bookings.

All prices correct as of October 06– but are subject to change.