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A Whole New World Comes to Broadway Aladdin the Musical

Disney's animated film, Aladdin, becomes the beloved studio's latest creation to call Broadway its home.

New York, New York - April 20, 2017 – Disney Theatrical Productions musical adaptation of the 1992 blockbuster hit, Aladdin, debuts on Broadway at the New Amsterdam Theater this Thursday, April 20th at 6 p.m. Directed by Casey Nicholaw (The Book of Mormon and Monty Python's Spamalot), Aladdin is Disney's most recent film to make its way onto a Broadway theater stage and the first musical to premier a flying magic carpet. Tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 19 by way of Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com) and at 1 p.m. on site at the New Amsterdam Theater where a lottery will be held for 3 free seats (winners to be announced 2 hours before the show).

Based on the animated film of the same name, Aladdin tells the tale of a poor Arabian street thief (Aladdin) from the fictional kingdom of Agrabah, who, with the help of a magical genie, defies all odds and marries his love, the princess of Agrabah (Jasmine). This musical brings the 14th century based middle-eastern kingdom to life by accompanying the great tale with the same feel good jazz and dance routines found in the film. "To me Aladdin could be a show on its own, whether or not it started as Disney. It just translates really well to the stage," says show director and choreographer, Casey Nicholaw. "Aladdin is a true Broadway spectacle."

The featured cast for **Aladdin** will include **Adam Jacobs** (Aladdin), **Courtney Reed** (Jasmine), **James Monroe Iglehart** (Genie), **Jonathan Freeman** (Jafar), **Brian Gonzalez** (Babkak), **Clifton Davis** (The Sultan) and **Jonathan Schwartz** (Omar).

From the wildly comedic genie to Aladdin and Jasmine's romantic carpet ride, Aladdin the Musical is surely fun for all.

About New Amsterdam Theater

The New Amsterdam Theater is located on 214 West 42nd Street, New York, and is accessible by entering from 8th Ave and 42nd street or by 7th Ave and 42nd street.

About Disney Theatrical Productions

Disney Theatrical Productions (DTP), commonly referred to as Disney on Broadway, was founded in 1993 as the flagship unit of Disney Theatrical Group Ltd., a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Studios. DTP is among the most successful commercial theatre enterprises, bringing live entertainment events to a global annual audience of more than 19 million people in more than 50 countries. Send press inquiries to dtg.pressinquiries@disney.com. For more information please visit www.disneyonbroadway.com.