



Dubai Opera and BB Promotion GmbH in collaboration with Sundance Productions, Inc. NY presents a production of Michael Brenner

FALL IN LOVE WITH WEST SIDE STORY AT DUBAI OPERA FROM VALENTINE'S DAY 2017

TICKETS TO GO ON SALE TODAY, 13 JULY

Dubai - UAE; 13 Jul, 2016, Time to try and contain excitement, and play it *Cool* as *Something's Coming* straight from the urban streets of 1950's *America* to the UAE. West Side Story will have its spectacular GCC premiere at [Dubai Opera](#), from 14 to 18 February 2017 with tickets going on sale to the general public today 13 July 2016 at 3:30pm.

On stage in time for Valentine's Day, the multiple Tony award-winning show, has captured the hearts of fans from around the globe for nearly 60 years. Based on the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet, the musical is set in Upper West Side, New York City and explores the animosity between two rival gangs; the Jets and the Sharks.

Arthur Laurents' original novel was adapted into a Broadway musical and later, an Academy Award-winning film, which includes Leonard Bernstein's classic score and Stephen Sondheim's lyrics "*I Feel Pretty*", "*America*", "*Maria*", "*Tonight*" and many more.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, commented: "West Side Story is an iconic musical and one that has been loved the world over for more than 50 years. It's fantastic to be able to bring this incredible production for the first time ever to the GCC and to introduce this timeless classic to an entirely new audience".

With an impressive cast of 36 performers and a total of 80 participants, Joey McKneely's award-winning staging will be taking to the road bringing with it Jerome Robbins' original choreography, which remains as visually stunning and integral to the storyline as when it first graced the stage half a century ago.

Tickets for West Side Story will be going live at 3:30pm on 13 July and will be available to purchase from Dubai Opera website: <http://dubaiopera.com>.

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Concept and choreography by **Jerome Robbins**

Book by **Arthur Laurents**

Music by **Leonard Bernstein**

Lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**

Note to Editors

About Dubai Opera:

Dubai Opera will be a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. Set to open late 2016, Dubai Opera will offer the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2,000m² flat floor event space. The configuration will allow for approximately 2,000 seats for a concert and up to 1,000 for a gala dinner. Outside of the main auditorium, the venue has a smaller performance space and rehearsal room and a stunning rooftop restaurant and sky garden with views of Burj Khalifa and The Dubai Fountain.

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