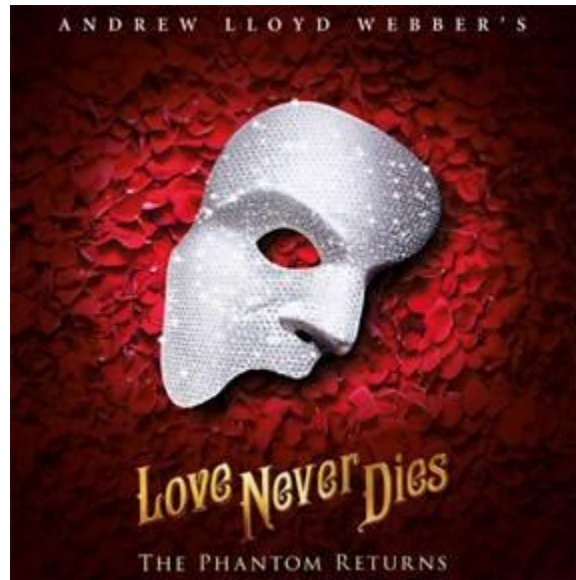


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**Andrew Lloyd Webber's
LOVE NEVER DIES**

**Will Play Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at FSW
December 5-10
Tickets On Sale Friday, September 29**



Music

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Lyrics

Glenn Slater

Book

Andrew Lloyd Webber & Ben Elton

Additional Lyrics

Charles Hart

Orchestrations

David Cullen & Andrew Lloyd Webber

Love Never Dies will make its premiere in Fort Myers at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at FSW December 5-10 as part of a North American Tour. Tickets will go on sale Friday, September 29 at 10AM at the Box Office, online at www.bbmannpah.com or call 239-481-4849. ***Love Never Dies*** is part of the 2017-2018 Fifth Third Bank Broadway Series.

The new touring production will reflect an extensive re-working of the material by an Australian creative team for the original Australian premiere in 2011. Described

by Chris Boyd in *The Australian* as “The best thing Lloyd Webber has written in the quarter century since *The Phantom of the Opera*”.

Directed by Simon Phillips (*Priscilla Queen of the Desert The Musical*) with new set and costume designs by Gabriela Tylesova, choreography by 2011 Astaire Awards winner Graeme Murphy, lighting design by Nick Schlieper and sound design by Mick Potter, the show is one of the few instances of a major West End musical being given a complete makeover for subsequent productions.

Lloyd Webber said he knew about five minutes into seeing its first run-through that he and the new production team had achieved something special. “I have the great joy of being able to say that I think this production is probably the finest one I could ever, ever hope for.”

The year is 1907. It is 10 years after his disappearance from the Paris Opera House and the Phantom has escaped to a new life in New York where he lives amongst the screaming joy rides and freak shows of Coney Island. In this new, electrically charged world, he has finally found a place for his music to soar, but he has never stopped yearning for his one true love and musical protégée, Christine Daaé.

Now one of the world’s finest sopranos, Christine accepts an invitation to travel from Paris to New York to perform at a renowned opera house. Christine's marriage to Raoul is suffering at the hands of his drinking and gambling and they desperately need the financial rewards that America can give them.

In a final bid to win back Christine’s love, the Phantom lures her, Raoul, and their young son Gustave, from Manhattan to the glittering and glorious world of Coney Island - not knowing what is in store for them.

Since its premiere in 2010, ***Love Never Dies*** has enjoyed productions worldwide in London, Australia, Denmark, Japan and Germany, as well as multiple recordings including a concept album and a London cast recording. A DVD release of the Australian production has delighted fans globally, and now the North American tour brings the musical to the US for the first time.

For more information, please visit www.loveneverdies.com.

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Performance Dates: **Tuesday, December 5 – 7:30PM**
 Wednesday, December 6 – 7:30PM
 Thursday, December 7 – 7:30PM
 Friday, December 8 – 8:00PM
 Saturday, December 9 – 2:00 & 8:00PM
 ASL Performance – 2:00PM
 Sunday, December 10 – 1:00 & 6:30PM

Ticket Prices: **\$89 \$84 \$69 \$59 \$49**

All shows, dates, times and ticket prices are subject to change.

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