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AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE OF JAGGED LITTLE PILL TO OPEN SYDNEY'S REFURBISHED THEATRE ROYAL

Sydney's newly refurbished Theatre Royal will reopen to rock fanfare after the NSW Government secured the Australian premiere of the award-winning Broadway musical *Jagged Little Pill* as the first production when doors open in August.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the musical, created by Alanis Morissette, would give theatre-lovers another key offering on Sydney's diverse events calendar in 2021.

"This generation defining album is now a hit musical that is simply a must see event. It's the perfect way to reopen the Theatre Royal."

Jagged Little Pill has been celebrated by critics and audiences alike, and we anticipate the nine-week season will see more than 86,000 theatre-goers attend the production, generating over \$7 million in visitor expenditure.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said it was a significant coup for Sydney to stage the first season of the production since Broadway was shuttered due to COVID in 2019.

"Reopening the Theatre Royal will add another dimension to our night-time economy and add vibrancy to our city – this is a very big deal for Sydney.

"The NSW Government continues to work with industry to provide the infrastructure and programming that makes Sydney and our state a global leader in the arts and theatre world," Mr Harwin said.

Jagged Little Pill is a Tony Award-nominated rock musical with music by internationally celebrated singer-songwriter Alanis Morissette and Glen Ballard. The musical is inspired by the 1995 album of the same name by Morissette and deals with pain, healing, and empowerment.

"We are all very excited knowing that our show *Jagged Little Pill* will be making its way to the Theatre Royal Sydney this year! This show has been a vehicle of healing for so many of us throughout its journey and knowing we are coming your way is such amazing news after these intense 12 months across the world. Can't wait to share this blood sweat and tears musical with you as Australia has always held a very special

place in my heart.” said Alanis Morissette.

The show most recently opened on Broadway in December 2019 securing 15 Tony Award nominations and winning the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album. Securing the Australian premiere of *Jagged Little Pill* supports the NSW Government’s vision to drive visitation and enhance the social wellbeing of NSW residents through cultural events.

The Sydney season is supported by Destination NSW.

The Theatre Royal in association with GWB Entertainment will present *Jagged Little Pill* from September..

For more information go to: www.jaggedmusical.com

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