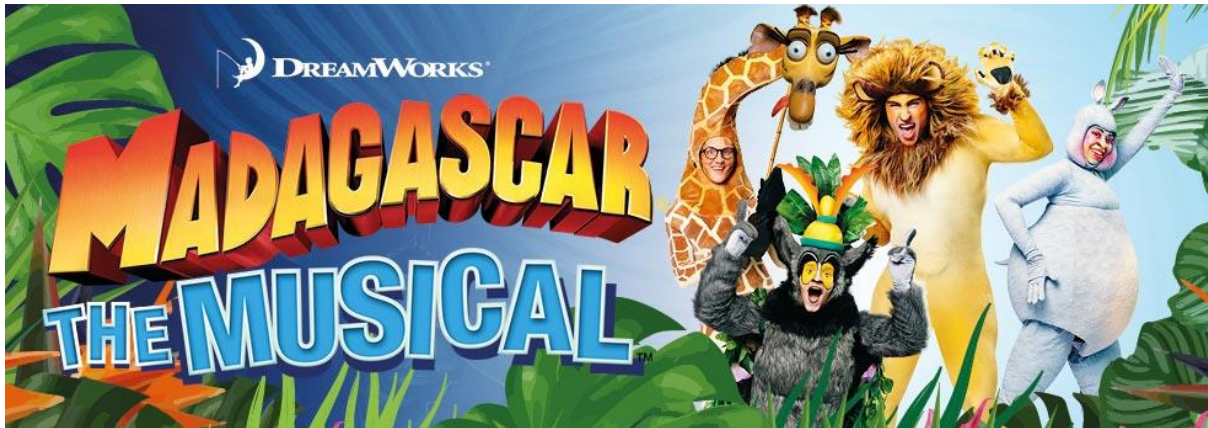


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MEET THE CAST OF MADAGASCAR

Mother Nest this is Flightless Bird. Cast assembled. Put out the welcome mat muchachos, we're heading to heading to Sydney for the Australian premiere!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, 06 OCTOBER 2022 — This December, get ready to meet the cast of the ferociously funny, family favourite **MADAGASCAR – THE MUSICAL** as it makes its Australian Premiere in Sydney.

The cast includes recording artist and former *Titanium* boyband member **Andrew Papas** in the role of Alex the lion, former *Hi-5* member **Joe Kalou** (*The Book of Mormon*, *In The Heights*, *Wolf Like Me* on Stan) as Marty the zebra, triple threat **Moniquewa Williams** as Gloria the hippo, **Devon Neiman** (*The Brief and Frightening Reign of Phil*) in the role of Melman the giraffe and **Jonathan Martin**, best known in Australia for his various roles on the Pop Up Globe stage, as everyone's favourite lemur King Julien.

Minister for Tourism and the Arts Ben Franklin said, "I am delighted this world-class production is a step closer to making its Australian premiere at the state-of-the-art Sydney Coliseum Theatre in Western Sydney. Madagascar – The Musical will be a major drawcard for local and visiting theatregoers to Western Sydney, while also building on the region's growing reputation as a dynamic hub for the arts and major cultural events. Securing world-class Australian premieres like Madagascar – The Musical is part of the NSW Government's mission of securing major events that attract visitors, create meaningful experiences and support the growth of local businesses."

Adapted from the critically acclaimed smash-hit DreamWorks animated motion movie, this fun-filled family musical has performed to sold-out audiences across the UK and New Zealand. It is brought to life by imaginative and colourful sets, world-class puppets, action-packed adventure and spectacular new songs that will leave you with no choice but to "move it move it" in the aisles!

Just like the movie, **MADAGASCAR - THE MUSICAL** follows all the favourite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar!

Alex the lion is the King of the urban jungle, the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends – Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hip hip hippo

– have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public without a care in the world. Or so they thought.

Not content to leave well enough alone, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his daring escape – with the help of some plotting penguins – to explore the world.

MADAGASCAR – THE MUSICAL is proudly supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW.

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MADAGASCAR THE MUSICAL

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture

Book by Kevin Del Aguila

Original Music and Lyrics by George Noriega & Joel Someillan

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16 to 31 December 2022

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Full cast bios can be found here: [Insert link](#)

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