



## **SYDNEY STRUTS TO SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER IN 2019**

Leading Australian theatre producer John Frost has announced that the iconic hit musical *Saturday Night Fever* will arrive in Australia in 2019, premiering in Sydney at the Capitol Theatre.

*Saturday Night Fever* tells the story of 19 year old Tony Manero, a Brooklyn youth whose weekend is spent at the local discotheque, where life lights up on the disco floor. There, Tony luxuriates in the admiration of the crowd and a growing relationship with Stephanie Mangano, and where he can temporarily forget the realities of his life, including a dead-end job in a paint store and his gang of deadbeat friends.

The 1977 classic movie *Saturday Night Fever* starring John Travolta and Karen Gorney, was based on a story in New York Magazine by Nik Cohn, who many years later acknowledged that he made up the characters and the story. The movie is credited with defining the 1970's, while the soundtrack remains the best-selling soundtrack of all time with over 45 million copies sold.

Paying homage to the movie, *Saturday Night Fever* is packed with disco classics, including the Bee Gees' greatest hits Stayin' Alive, How Deep Is Your Love, Night Fever, Tragedy and More Than A Woman. This brand-new production premiered recently in Paris.

The stage adaptation of *Saturday Night Fever* began in the West End in 1998 at the London Palladium, where it played for two years, with a lengthy Broadway season commencing in 1999. Productions in Argentina, Holland, Mexico, Spain, Germany, South Korea, Taiwan and South Africa followed, as well as UK and US tours and a two-year revival on the West End.

The Australian premiere has been secured exclusively for Sydney by the Government's tourism and major events agency Destination NSW and will be a major drawcard for visitors to NSW.

"Since it debuted in the West End and Broadway, the musical adaptation of *Saturday Night Fever* has set pulses racing around the world. The music is infectious and defined the distinctive disco era for a whole generation," said John Frost. "I'm thrilled to bring this exhilarating new production to Australia, with its breathtaking dancing and the glorious collection of songs."

*Saturday Night Fever* is based on the Paramount/RSO movie and the story by Nik Cohn, adapted for the stage by Robert Stigwood and Bill Oakes, while the new version has been arranged and edited by Ryan McBryde. Music and lyrics are by artists including the Bee Gees.

Waitlist for tickets now at [saturdaynightfever.com.au](http://saturdaynightfever.com.au)  
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