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**AWARD-WINNING BROADWAY STAR LEA SALONGA TO TOUR  
BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE IN NOVEMBER 2019**

Tony® and Olivier Award-winner, ‘Disney Legend’ and musical theatre royalty **Lea Salonga** announces she will be returning to Australia in November 2019 for an east coast tour. **Lea Salonga: In Concert** will, for the first time, take to the QPAC stage in Brisbane and will return to Sydney and Melbourne, following her previous sold-out concert tour. Known for her powerhouse vocals and perfect pitch, Lea is best known for her West End and Broadway roles in *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon*, as well as being the singing voice for two Disney Princesses in the animated classics *Aladdin* and *Mulan*. Globally, Lea has sold a phenomenal 19 million albums.

Lea commences the tour in Brisbane, debuting at QPAC Concert Hall on 9 November; she will then return for the second time in her 40-year career, to the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra on 15 and 16 November and will complete her Australian tour in Melbourne, at the Palais Theatre on 20 and 21 November.

On returning to Australia, **Lea Salonga** says “I am so thrilled to be returning to Australia! After performing in Sydney and Melbourne in 2017, we are excited to add Brisbane to this visit and I can’t wait to see all my Australian fans and share a night of some of my favourite music with them.”

**Michael Cassel**, Producer says “We are delighted to welcome Lea back to Australia after our last sold out tour together. Along with our presenting partners, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and QPAC, we cannot wait to see her take to Australian stages once again. Lea celebrated her 40-year career in Manila last year, so her return to Australia seems a fitting way to continue the celebrations.’

Saturday 9 November, 8pm  
**QPAC Concert Hall, Brisbane**  
[qpac.com.au](http://qpac.com.au)  
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Friday 15 November, 8pm  
 Saturday 16 November, 2pm  
**Sydney Opera House, Concert Hall**  
[sydneysymphony.com](http://sydneysymphony.com)  
 02 8215 4600  
[sydneyoperahouse.com](http://sydneyoperahouse.com)  
 02 9250 7777

Wednesday 20 November, 8pm  
 Thursday 21 November, 8pm  
**Palais Theatre, Melbourne**  
[ticketmaster.com.au](http://ticketmaster.com.au)  
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Lea will wow audiences with Broadway hits and movie greats, including hit songs from *Les Misérables*, *Miss Saigon*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Aladdin* and *Frozen* amongst others. Her vocal flair will be matched by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in Sydney and an orchestra in Brisbane and Melbourne, under the baton of Gerard Salonga.

With leading roles in London's West End and on Broadway including *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon*, **Lea Salonga** is a bona fide star. Lea was most recently seen in the Broadway revival of *Once on This Island* which won the Tony® Award for 'Best Revival of a Musical'. Lea and the cast of *Once on This Island* were nominated for the 2019 Grammy Award for Best 'Musical Theatre Album'. In 2018 she also celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the entertainment industry with a special concert in her native Manila in the Philippines.

In 2011 Lea was made a 'Disney Legend' by The Walt Disney Company, for her outstanding contributions to the Disney legacy, for her role as the voice of two Disney Princesses – *Aladdin's* 'Princess Jasmine' and the title role in *Mulan*. Lea was the first Filipina to receive the award, with other awardees including Tom Hanks, Elton John, Steve Jobs and Barbara Walters.

Lea has performed for six Philippine Presidents; three American Presidents; Diana, Princess of Wales; and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Currently, Lea serves as a Coach on the Philippines hit television show and worldwide format, *The Voice* and *The Voice Kids*.

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