

And fittingly, the Andrew Lloyd Webber classic will be performed by a company with its own long established presence in the theatre industry - the Savoyards, one of Queensland's oldest musical theatre companies.

The production, which will premier during the Brisbane May/June 2013 theatre season, first opened in the West End in 1986 and then on Broadway in 1988 where it celebrated its 10,000th performance in 2012, becoming the longest running Broadway show by a huge margin.

The story, which revolves around a beautiful soprano Christine Daaé, who becomes the obsession of a mysterious, disfigured musical genius, was first published as a serialisation in a French daily newspaper in 1909.

But it's as a stage production – a musical which has won numerous Tony Awards - that it has reached audiences around the world. And now, under the direction of Jason Ward Kennedy – himself a professional actor and singer with performances in Phantom of the Opera just one of his list of credits – Brisbane musical theatre lovers will get to enjoy the music, the story and the emotion of this world-wide hit.

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If you've never seen The Phantom of the Opera, or if you love it and want to see it again, make sure you book tickets to the Savoyards' Queensland Amateur Premier of the Lloyd Webber classic. To book, contact the Savoyards on 3893 4321 or visit www.savoyards.com.au.



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