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SISTER ACT THE MUSICAL

London Palladium run extended until December 2010

Sheila Hancock staying on as Mother Superior until February 2010

Whoopi Goldberg and Stage Entertainment are delighted to announce that they are extending the run of their multi-million pound production, *SISTER ACT THE MUSICAL*, until 18 December 2010. The hit stage show garnered huge critical and audience acclaim when it opened at the historic London Palladium in June 2009 and has played to delighted crowds and a standing ovation at every performance since.

A LUDICROUSLY ENJOYABLE SHOW. SISTER ACT IS SIMPLY DIVINE.

Time Out

The producers are also pleased to confirm that Sheila Hancock has extended her contract and will now remain with the show until 27 February 2010. One of the UK's best loved and most prolific actors and writers, Sheila's work spans theatre, radio, television and film. She has been much praised for her portrayal as the waspishly hilarious Mother Superior.

Sheila Hancock said

"When, at the age of 76, I was asked to appear in Sister Act at the London Palladium, I thought I might just about manage six months. It has proved such a joyous experience, I have a new lease of life, and am pleased to stay for longer. The music, the hugely talented cast, the fabulous set and costumes and the fun yet serious underlying message of the show evokes the most ecstatic audience reaction I have ever known in my 60plus year career. Why would I walk away from that? My job is to entertain and that is what this show does; the audiences are diverse and huge and I feel proud to be part of it - despite my aching bones."

Patina Miller, universally lauded by critics as "bold", "wonderful" and "the real deal", with many noting "a star is born", for her portrayal of sassy lounge singer and reluctant nun Deloris Van Cartier remains with the show, as does *Dad's Army* and *EastEnders* star Ian Lavender.

GLORIOUS FUN. STRONG, FUNNY AND TOUCHING...A CRACKER.

Daily Telegraph

The shows recently released Original Cast Recording is also a big favourite with fans, recently reaching Number 1 on the iTunes Soundtrack chart and Number 3 on amazon.co.uk's pre-order chart.

Sister Act has also been nominated for the Evening Standard Best Family Fun Award at the Visit London Awards, taking place on November 5th. Details at www.visitlondon.com/awards

SISTER ACT features a score by Alan Menken, eight-time Oscar winner and the genius behind many of the world famous songs from Disney's movies, including *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty & The Beast*, *Aladdin* and *Enchanted*, with lyrics from his long time collaborator, Glenn Slater. The book is by the award-winning team, Cheri and Bill Steinkellner, whose writing credits include the classic television comedy *Cheers*, and the production is directed by Peter Schneider.

The *SISTER ACT* creative team is completed by Musical Supervisor Michael Kosarin, Choreographer Anthony Van Laast, Set Designer Klara Zieglerova, Costume Designer Lez Brotherston, Sound Designer Mick Potter, Lighting Designer Natasha Katz and Musical Director Nick Skilbeck.

Founded by Joop Van Den Ende, Stage Entertainment is one of the world's largest theatrical producers and venue operators. It also co-owns SEE Tickets, a multinational ticketing company with bases across Europe. UK credits include *Hairspray*, *Disney's High School Musical 1 & 2*, *Strictly Come Dancing Live!*, *Strictly Come Dancing The Professionals*, *Saturday Night Fever* and *Fame*.

Swarovski is delighted to sponsor *Sister Act the Musical* by providing crystals for the costumes of Miss Patina Miller and adding an extra sparkle to what is a glistening performance. www.swarovskisparkles.com

BOOKING DETAILS

SISTER ACT

The London Palladium, Argyll Street, London W1

Telephone: 0844 412 2704

Website: www.sisteractthemusical.com

Performances: 7.30pm Monday - Saturday, 3.00pm Wednesday & Saturday

Tickets: £17.50 - £62.50

Booking to 18 December 2010

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