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FAME
THE MUSICAL

I'm Gonna Live Forever

**LYRIC THEATRE, QPAC
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VIBRANT YOUNG STARS SET TO FIND FAME!

Produced by John Frost and directed and choreographed by *So You Think You Can Dance*'s Kelley Abbey, the musical that inspired new generations to fight for fame and light up the sky like a flame is back!

The new multi-million dollar production of **Fame** - The Musical, featuring some of the most dynamic choreography you'll ever see in the theatre, is coming to Brisbane for a Strictly Limited Season at the **Lyric Theatre, QPAC from June 18, 2010.**

Fame is, almost uniquely, a classic of cinema, television and music theatre. The movie, released in 1980, won an Academy Award and swept the world. The TV show ran for six seasons, won numerous Emmy Awards and was broadcast in over 70 countries. **Fame** - The Musical ran for a decade on London's West End and has been seen by over 10 million worldwide.

It follows the story of a diverse group of students at New York City's celebrated High School of the Performing Arts who inspired a generation.

FAME - REMEMBER MY NAME...

Audience members will no doubt remember Queensland born **Talia Fowler's** name when she takes to the stage next year. The *So You Think You Can Dance* 2009 winner will play the classically trained ballerina *Iris Kelly*.

In a case of life imitating art, Talia, who began training in ballet, jazz and tap aged 3, and enjoyed an inspiring and enviable career as a ballerina prior to her win, recently turned down a contract with the San Francisco Ballet company to take up this role!

Playing the role of the cheeky *Tyrone* will be Nigerian born **Tim "Timomatic" Omaji**. Tim has inspired dance students of all ages and has built a solid reputation as a leader of Hip Hop culture as well as making the Top 8 for the 2009 *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Ever popular performer **Andrew McFarlane**, seen most recently in *Underbelly*, but known to many for his role in the long running soap *The Sullivans*, will play *Mr Myers* the drama teacher at the New York High School of Performing Arts.

Joining him on stage, in the role of music teacher *Mr Scheinkopf*, is another long serving performer, the loveable **Brian Wenzel**, best known for his role as Sergeant Frank Gilroy from *A Country Practice*.

Taking on the role of English teacher *Miss Sherman*, is celebrated American theatrical and popular music performer **Darlene Love**, who worked with many of the legends of rock and soul, such as Sam Cooke, Dionne Warwick, The Beach Boys, Elvis Presley and Sonny & Cher.

Don't miss this gritty urban drama awash with passion! **Fame** - The Musical will take the audience to the pinnacle of desire and revive memories of youth, love, energy and risk.

Ticket information

Season: From June 18 2010
Lyric Theatre, QPAC

Tickets: From \$79.00 ON SALE MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Bookings: 136 246 or www.qpac.com.au

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