"The Phantom of the Opera"



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Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* will be playing through

November 27th at the lovely Aronoff Center. Cameron Mackintosh's new production will be hitting the road for its North American tour, and Cincinnati is pleased to host this timeless tale of love, intrigue and danger.

This iconic piece of theater will come raging back to life with slight updates and nuances that will be sure to thrill audiences, whether they have been in love with *Phantom* for decades, or they are just witnessing its splendor for the very first time. *The Phantom of the Opera* features music that will leave its haunting effects in the minds of its audience for days on end, bringing forth some of the most enduring songs to ever be performed on a theater stage, such as "Angel of Music", "The Music of the Night" and "All I Ask of You", along with the title track. The book for *The Phantom of the Opera* was written by Richard Stilgoe and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

This production boasts a wonderful cast, including Derrick Davis, Katie Travis, Jordan Craig, Price Waldman, David Benoit, Trista Moldovan, Anne Kanengeiser, Phumzile Sojola and Emily Ramirez.

In the role of the Phantom, Davis brings a prowess to the stage that is difficult to put into words. He is powerful, he is charismatic and, in the final scene, he is heartbreakingly sorrowful. His mastery of this role is nothing short of unbelievable. Yet, to match this phenomenal performance, Travis steps into the role of Christine with the same purpose, illuminating this character with a light that has not been seen in a long time. Their chemistry onstage is truly something to behold!

It would be absolutely remiss not to mention the decadent sets for this production, completely immersing the audience into each and every scene of this beguiling tale. To call it "beautiful" would be lacking. Be sure to take in the splendor of this amazing performance.

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