



**Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of CATS and the 15th Anniversary
of the Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities
November 30 to December 18**



CATS, the show that revolutionized musical theatre is celebrating its 25th anniversary year at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center. The closing show of the Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities season plays from November 30 to December 18, 2005. Considered the first megamusical, on May 11, 1981, CATS opened at the New London Theatre in the West End, becoming the longest running musical in the history of British theatre.

In 1982, CATS opened at the Winter Garden Theatre in New York City and became the longest running musical in Broadway history in 1997, ending its run on September 10, 2000. CATS has played on five continents, in 26 countries and to more than 8.5 million audience members, winning seven Tony Awards. CATS has also received Laurence Olivier Awards, Drama Desk Awards, the New York Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, an Evening Standard Award, a Grammy Award, and more.

Composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on T.S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats.

Executive Director/Producer for CLOSBC: James A. Blackman, III

Director: Trevor Nunn

What: CATS

When: November 30 to December 18, 2005
Performance Dates and Times:
Previews Wed. November 30 to Friday, December 2 at 8 p.m.
Gala Press Opening: Saturday, December 3 at 8 p.m.
Closes: Sunday, December 18 at 7 p.m.
Regular Schedule:
Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.
Saturday Matinees at 2 p.m. December 10, December 17
Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m. December 11 and 18

Where: Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center
1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd. at Aviation Blvd.

Tickets: \$52.50, 47.50, 42.50 – weekends and matinees
\$47.50, 42.50, 37.50 – weeknights (Tues.-Thurs)
\$42.50, \$37.50, 32.50 – previews

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“Cats approaches purrfection...One of the most imaginative and eye-pleasing musicals of the century...Spectacle it is...A mixture of delights and glitz...Genuinely good moments...Kids will be utterly captivated.” -- Los Angeles Times

“Cats will not let you down...It is that rarity...that appeals to adults and children...It is playful, eye popping, heart-stopping entertainment on a grand scale...Wonderment is what Cats deals in...[The] pleasure is contagious...Stunningly costumed...Cats is not only everything you’ve been told; it’s a lot more that can’t be put into words.” -- The Washington Post

CATS FURRY FACTS

- CATS is the longest continuously running touring show in US history
- CATS is the largest single generator of jobs in Broadway history

- The set of CATS consists of 2,500 oversized props
- T.S. Eliot's widow, Valerie, contributed the unpublished material about Grizabella that was the basis for CATS' most famous song, "Memory."
- "Memory" has been recorded by over 150 artists. Barry Manilow's rendition was a Top 40 hit in the U.S.



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