Reuniting the acclaimed producer and director team behind the multi award-winning production of Titanic

Grand Hotel premièred on Broadway in 1989, ran for over 1,000 performances and was nominated for 12 Tony Awards, winning 5

Danielle Tarento presents

Grand Hotel

Book by Luther Davis Music and Lyrics by George Forrest and Robert Wright Additional Music and Lyrics by Maury Yeston

Based on Vicki Baum's *Grand Hotel*, by arrangement with Turner Broadcasting Co., owner of the motion picture *Grand Hotel*

Presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd on behalf of Music Theatre International of New York

Director Thom Southerland
Musical Supervisor Simon Lee
Musical Director Michael Bradley
Choreographer Lee Proud
Set & Costume Designer Lee Newby
Lighting Designer Derek Anderson
Sound Designer Andrew Johnson
Casting Director Danielle Tarento



Come, spend a night or two in the world's most opulent, extravagant hotel. Perhaps you will find your fortune there, perhaps you will find true love, perhaps all of your dreams will come true... perhaps...

The Grand Hotel is bustling with eccentric and sometimes dubious guests: amongst them a fading prima ballerina being forced to dance again; a fatally ill Jewish bookkeeper who wants to spend his final days living in luxury; a young, handsome, but destitute Baron; a cynical doctor suffering from World War I wounds; an honest businessman going bad as he faces financial ruin and a typist dreaming of Hollywood stardom. Over the course of a weekend, their extraordinary stories interweave with each other and the hotel's hardworking staff.

Grand Hotel, produced by Danielle Tarento, the award-winning producer of *Titanic*, *Dogfight*, *Parade* and *Mack & Mabel*, and directed by Thom Southerland, will open for a 6-week season in The Large at Southwark Playhouse from Friday 31 July to Saturday 5 September.

Press night is Wednesday 5 August at 7.30pm.

Cast to be announced.

Thom Southerland (Director) was longlisted Best Newcomer in the 2011 Evening Standard Awards for *Parade*. He was named Best Director at the 2011 The Off West End Awards for *Me And Juliet* at the Finborough. He directed *Titanic, Victor/Victoria, Mack & Mabel* and *Parade* (Southwark Playhouse); the European première of Jerry Herman's *The Grand Tour* (Finborough); *The Mikado* (Charing Cross Theatre); *Daisy Pulls It Off,* Irving Berlin's *Call Me Madam!* (Upstairs At The Gatehouse); the European première of *I Sing!, Divorce Me, Darling!, Annie Get Your Gun, The Pajama Game* and sold-out all-male adaptations of Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore* and *The Mikado* (Union); *Noël And Gertie* (Cockpit); the European première of *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* (Landor); and the European première of *State Fair* (Finborough & transfer to Trafalgar Studios).

Danielle Tarento (Producer and Casting Director) was named Best Producer at the 2012 Off West End Awards and nominated Producer of the Year at the 2015 Stage awards. Her production of *Titanic* at Southwark Playhouse won Best Off West End Production at the 2014 Whatsonstage Awards and Best Musical Production at the 2014 Off West End Awards. She has also produced *Gods And Monsters, Dogfight, Victor/Victoria, Mack & Mabel, Parade, Company* and *Three Sisters* at Southwark Playhouse; *The Grand Tour* (Finborough); *Taboo* (Brixton Clubhouse); *The Pitchfork Disney* (Arcola); *Burlesque, Drowning On Dry Land* (Jermyn Street); *Noël And Gertie* (Cockpit). She is co-founder of the Menier Chocolate Factory.

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LISTINGS INFO

GRAND HOTEL

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Press night: Wednesday 5 August at 7.30pm

Times: Monday - Saturday at 7.30pm Saturday matinee at 3.00pm

Ticket prices: £22.00/£18.00 concessions all previews £12.00 (31 July - 4 August)

Nearest Tubes: Elephant and Castle and Borough

