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## JULY 2014 -- CALENDAR INFORMATION

WHAT: Les Misérables

PERFORMED BY: Woodminster Summer Musicals by Producers Associates, Inc.

WHERE: Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland

WHEN: July 11-20, 2014

PERFORMANCES: July 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20 - 8 p.m.

TICKETS: 510-531-9597, or [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com), \$28-

\$59 (\$2 discount for children/seniors) Book by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg, Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg, Lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer, Based on the novel by Victor Hugo, Produced by arrangement with Music Theatre International.



L to R: Jerry Lee, Jennifer Mitchel, Romar DeClaro\*, Catherine Gloria, Adam Maggio, Anthony Rudolph

## PRESS RELEASE

Les Misérables Opens Woodminster Summer Musicals' 48th Season July 11  
International Hit Musical To Be Performed Under the Stars By a Cast of 43

June 5, 2014, Oakland, CA -- Producers Associates, Inc. announces that the 2014 season of Woodminster Summer Musicals will open with Les Misérables, one of the most popular musicals in history. It will run July 11-20 at Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, located at 3300 Joaquin Miller Road in the Oakland hills.

Les Misérables is a sung-through pop opera based on the classic French novel by Victor Hugo. It has been running continuously in London for almost 30 years. In the U.S., its original

production holds the record as the fifth longest-running show in Broadway history, and the show has had two Broadway revivals and four national tours. Countless regional productions have been staged worldwide.

Set in 19th Century France, *Les Misérables* tells the story of Jean Valjean, a peasant who has been released after serving 19 years in prison for stealing a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. In his quest for redemption and peace, he decides to break parole, but is relentlessly pursued by a policeman, Javert. Their story intertwines with several others, culminating in the Paris student uprising of 1832, and a dramatic and romantic climax where justice triumphs.

The music from *Les Misérables* includes several songs that are already popular standards, like "I Dreamed A Dream," "On My Own," and "One Day More."

Tickets are available by phone, at 510-531-9597, online at [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com), or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater 11-4 daily or at the box office before any performance. Performances are July 11 (opening), July 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 20, all at 8 p.m.

Tickets for summer musicals at Woodminster Amphitheater range from \$28 to \$59 with a \$2 discount for children and seniors. Season tickets provide about a 15% discount over the single ticket prices. Also, groups of 25 and more can purchase blocks of seats for about half price, providing an affordable outing or fundraiser for a church or service group, neighborhood association, or any other group. For information about tickets, check [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com) or call 510-531-9597.

Woodminster continues its popular Kids Come Free program, where children and teens 16 or younger who are attending with paying adults can get free tickets on performance nights. Producers Associates is seeking sponsors for this longstanding program, which helps families introduce their kids to live theater in a relaxed and affordable environment.

The final dress rehearsal of *Les Misérables* on July 10 will be open to the public as a "preview performance." It will start at 8 p.m., all tickets are \$18 at the door, and seating is open, first-come, first-choice. No group rates, "Kids Come Free," or other further discounts apply for preview performances.

The production will be directed by Joel Schlader, with music direction by Brian Allan Hobbs. Woodminster shows are performed with live orchestras, and musicians are members of Musicians Local No. 6.

Woodminster Summer Musicals are performed under the stars at Woodminster Amphitheater, an open-air performance facility in Joaquin Miller Park high in the Oakland Hills. The park's spectacular views and serene woodsy environment made it the perfect setting for the amphitheater, cascades, reflecting pool, and paths that were originally built as a WPA project in 1939-40. For many East Bay families, it is a long-standing summer tradition to enjoy a picnic in the park and then see a musical at Woodminster.

Producers Associates, Inc. was founded in 1967 by the late James Schlader and his wife Harriet to provide affordable live summer family entertainment in the East Bay, and to foster a love of

live theatre. For more than four decades, the organization, in partnership with the Oakland Parks and Rec Department, has been producing summer musicals at Woodminster Amphitheater, attracting more than 20,000 ticket holders each season to Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland. For more information about the 2014 season or history of the organization, visit [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com).

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