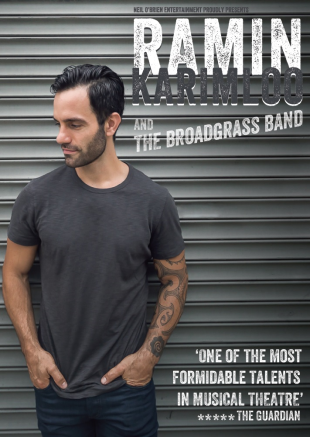
**WEST END AND BROADWAY STAR RAMIN KARIMLOO ANNOUNCES UK TOUR DATES**

Following a sold-out show at The London Palladium in July 2016, West End and Broadway star and musical innovatorRamin Karimloo will bring his unique brand of musical theatre hits and bluegrass to audiences across the UK throughout January 2017.

Ramin and The Broadgrass Band’s twelve-date ‘Lead Me Home’ tour will begin on Thursday, 12th of January at The Stables in Milton Keynes, and end on Sunday, 29th January at The Apex in Bury St. Edmunds.

Olivier and Tony Award nominee Ramin is best known for playing leading roles in both of the West End’s longest running musicals – The Phantom and Raoul in *The Phantom of the Opera*, and Jean Valjean, Enjolras, and Marius in *Les Misérables*. He also originated the role of the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *Love Never Dies* and made his Broadway debut as Valjean in the 2014 revival production of *Les Misérables*.

Ramin said, “I am looking forward to taking our show on the road for an extended run, especially here in the UK. It’s been a few years since I’ve been able to go around the country. These will be the only UK dates before I head off back to Broadway to open the premièreof *Anastasia*.’

The stunning songs Ramin performs all tell stories, regardless of their origin, and his debut EP *The Road To Find Out:* *East* was widely acclaimed, introducing his international fans to a genre of music he has made his own.

Ramin said, “Over the past four years we have organically developed a unique, rootsy sound called ‘broadgrass’, which we are all very excited about. Featuring the passionate drama of musical theatre hits, original songs and covers that mean something to us in the band, it’s an eclectic show. But it’s all about the stories in the songs.”

Ramin, who also plays the banjo and guitar, will perform with his band comprising of Alan Markley, Jessie Linden, Nick Pini, Georgina Leach and Matthew Harvey. He said, “We are all excited to visit the different cities around the UK. Each show will be unique. It will be a show like you’ve never seen or heard - a hootenanny.  It’s a great night for everyone.”

Performing hits such as ‘Bring Him Home’, ‘Empty Chairs at Empty Tables’, ‘Oh, What a Beautiful Morning’ and ‘Music of the Night’, Ramin and The Broadgrass Band’s tour will follow Ramin’s return to the West End this autumn playing the lead role of Tom in *Murder Ballad* opposite Kerry Ellis.

Support on the tour comes from acclaimed singer-songwriter Rob Richings. “Simplicity, honesty and heart are what Richings’s music is about”, said The Telegraph of his newly released debut album ‘Parkas and Boots’. [www.robrichings.com](http://www.robrichings.com)

Ramin and The Broadgrass Band’s ‘Lead Me Home’ UK tour dates are as follows:

**January 2017**

Thu, 12th Milton Keynes, The Stables [http://stables.org](http://stables.org/) / 01908 280800

Fri, 13th Yeovil, The Octagon Theatre [www.octagon-theatre.co.uk](http://www.octagon-theatre.co.uk) / 01935 422884

Sun, 15th Leicester, The Curve [www.curveonline.co.uk](http://www.curveonline.co.uk) / 0116 242 3595

Tue, 17th Salford, The Quays Theatre [http://www.thelowry.com](http://www.thelowry.com/) / 0843 208 6000

Thu, 19th Barrow-in-Furness, The Forum [www.theforumbarrow.co.uk](http://www.theforumbarrow.co.uk) / 01229 820000

Fri, 20th Gateshead, Sage 2 [www.sagegateshead.com](http://www.sagegateshead.com/) / 0191 443 4661

Sat, 21st Lytham, Lowther Pavilion [www.lowtherpavilion.co.uk](http://www.lowtherpavilion.co.uk) / 01253 794221

Mon 23rd Leeds Varieties Music Hall [www.cityvarieties.co.uk](http://www.cityvarieties.co.uk) / 0133 243 0808

Wed, 25th Nottingham Playhouse [www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk/) / 0115 941 9419

Thu, 26th Eastleigh, The Concorde Club [www.theconcordeclub.com](http://www.theconcordeclub.com) / 023 8061 3989

Fri, 27th Horsham, The Capitol [www.thecapitolhorsham.com](http://www.thecapitolhorsham.com/) / 01403 750220

Sun, 29th Bury St Edmonds, Apex [www.theapex.co.uk](http://www.theapex.co.uk) / 01284 758000

Tickets are on sale now, available at Ticketmaster: <http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/promo/ucaggn>

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