

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 innovator Ramin 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 première of *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

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

January 2017

Thu, 12 th	Milton Keynes, The Stables	http://stables.org/ / 01908 280800
Fri, 13 th	Yeovil, The Octagon Theatre	www.octagon-theatre.co.uk/ / 01935 422884
Sun, 15 th	Leicester, The Curve	www.curveonline.co.uk/ / 0116 242 3595
Tue, 17 th	Salford, The Quays Theatre	http://www.thelowry.com/ / 0843 208 6000
Thu, 19 th	Barrow-in-Furness, The Forum	www.theforumbarrow.co.uk/ / 01229 820000
Fri, 20 th	Gateshead, Sage 2	www.sagegateshead.com/ / 0191 443 4661
Sat, 21 st	Lytham, Lowther Pavilion	www.lowtherpavilion.co.uk/ / 01253 794221
Mon 23 rd	Leeds Varieties Music Hall	www.cityvarieties.co.uk/ / 0133 243 0808
Wed, 25 th	Nottingham Playhouse	www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk/ / 0115 941 9419
Thu, 26 th	Eastleigh, The Concorde Club	www.theconcordeclub.com/ / 023 8061 3989
Fri, 27 th	Horsham, The Capitol	www.thecapitolhorsham.com/ / 01403 750220
Sun, 29 th	Bury St Edmunds, Apex	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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Ramin Karimloo will be available for interview.

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