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Mirvish Productions Release: Mega-hit Musical **BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL** Extends its Toronto Run by Two Weeks

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Holiday Performances Added: December 27, 2017 to January 7, 2018
Tickets On Sale Monday, October 30

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TORONTO (October 26, 2017) – Due to popular demand, **BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL** will extend one more time at the **Ed Mirvish Theatre**. Fresh from its triumphant opening night performance on October 25, the producers announced today that the show will now play until **January 7, 2018** at the **Ed Mirvish Theatre** in **Toronto**.

Sixteen more performances will be added, all during the high-demand holiday season, December 27 to January 7. To accommodate the holidays, a special schedule that includes more matinees has been added.

Tickets to the new extension performances will go on public sale on Monday, October 30 through mirvish.com, over the phone at 416-872-1212 or 1-800-461-3333, and in-person at the Ed Mirvish Theatre box office, 244 Victoria St.

BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL features **Jim Steinman** and **Meat Loaf’s Greatest Hits: *Dead Ringer for Love, Two out of Three Ain’t Bad, Paradise by the Dashboard Light, I’d Do Anything For Love (But I Won’t Do That)***, and ***Bat Out Of Hell***.

Prior to its Toronto engagement, **BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL** played a limited run in **London’s West End at the London Coliseum**. The show opened to rave reviews, extending for two additional weeks and ended its run on August 22, 2017. The show played the Manchester Opera House from February 17 – April 29, 2017.

As with many great works of art, the genesis of the **Bat Out Of Hell** album occurred across a number of years. One of the songs was written while **Steinman** was an undergraduate at Amherst College in the late 1960s. In the 1970s, Steinman wrote a theatrical musical that was presented in workshop in Washington D.C. in 1974 and featured many of the songs that would ultimately appear on the **Bat Out Of Hell** album, which was released in 1977.

Bat Out Of Hell became one of the best-selling albums in history, selling over 50 million copies worldwide. Sixteen years later, Steinman scored again with **Bat Out Of Hell II: Back Into Hell**, which contained the massive hit ***I’d Do Anything For Love (But I Won’t Do That)***.

For the stage musical, the legendary and award-winning **Jim Steinman** has incorporated iconic songs from the **Bat Out Of Hell** albums, including ***You Took The Words Right Out Of My Mouth, Bat Out Of Hell, I’d Do Anything For Love (But I Won’t Do That)*** and ***Two Out Of Three Ain’t Bad***, as well as two previously unreleased songs, ***What Part of My Body Hurts the***

Most and Not Allowed to Love.

Jim Steinman's **BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL** is a romantic adventure about rebellious youth and passionate love, set against the backdrop of a post-cataclysmic city adrift from the mainland. Strat, the forever-young leader of The Lost, has fallen for Raven, daughter of Falco, the tyrannical, ruler of Obsidian.

Jim Steinman's previous musicals include his collaboration with Andrew Lloyd Webber on *Whistle Down the Wind*, including the hit single released by Boyzone, *No Matter What*, and the musical *Tanz der Vampire*, which has been running for 20 years and has been presented in Vienna, Stuttgart, Berlin, Hamburg, Paris, Budapest, Warsaw, St Petersburg and Tokyo.

Directed by award-winning theatre and opera director **Jay Scheib**, the cast of **BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL** is led by newcomer **Andrew Polec** as Strat and **Christina Bennington** as Raven, with **Rob Fowler** as Falco and **Sharon Sexton** as Sloane. Also starring are **Aran MacRae** as Tink, **Danielle Steers** as Zahara, **Billy Lewis Jr.** as Jagwire, **Giovanni Spano** as Ledoux and **Patrick Sullivan** as Blake. Also in the cast will be **Jemma Alexander, Emily Benjamin, Stuart Boother, Georgia Carling, Natalie Chua, Jonathan Cordin, Jordan Lee Davies, Amy Di Bartolomeo, Olly Dobson, Hannah Ducharme, Isaac Edwards, Simon Gordon, Phoebe Hart, Linus Henriksson, Rosalind James, Kalene Jeans, Ashton Newman Hannington, Eve Norris, Tim Oxbrow, Andrew Patrick-Walker, Benjamin Purkiss, Anthony Selwyn, and Courtney Stapleton.**

BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL has book, music and lyrics by **Jim Steinman**, direction by **Jay Scheib**, choreography by **Emma Portner**, with musical arrangements and supervision by **Michael Reed**, set design by **Jon Bausor**, costume design by **Jon Bausor & Meentje Nielsen & Jon Bausor**, video design by **Finn Ross**, lighting design by **Patrick Woodroffe**, sound design by **Gareth Owen**, orchestration by **Steve Sidwell**, casting by **David Grindrod Associates** and musical direction by **Robert Emery**.

BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL is produced by **David Sonenberg, Michael Cohl, Randy Lennox and Tony Smith.**

BAT OUT OF HELL THE MUSICAL

Tickets from \$29

October 14 – January 7, 2018

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Regular Schedule:

Tues – Sat 8pm, Wed 1:30pm, Sat & Sun 2pm

No performance: Oct 31 & Dec 26

Added performances: Nov 5, 7:30pm

Holiday Schedule:

Wed Dec 27 1:30pm & 8pm

Thurs Dec 28 1:30pm & 8pm

Sat Dec 30 2pm & 8pm

Sun Dec 31 2pm

No performance on Dec 26

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