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Chief Minister launches
Fiddler on the Roof

Chief Minister, Clare Martin, today launched the Darwin season of the rousing musical, Fiddler on the Roof, which opens in Darwin on Wednesday March 26th.

Ms Martin said the Government was proud to contribute $70,000 to Superstar Productions to help stage Fiddler on the Roof.

"I’m sure Fiddler on the Roof will build on the successes of previous Superstar Productions, including last year's triumphant production of Les Miserables," she said.

"Not only will it offer a magnificent theatrical and musical experience for Top End audiences, it also provides a wonderful opportunity for local performers to demonstrate their talents.

"Productions on a scale like this require enormous commitment from a substantial number of people including the production crew, actors, musicians and singers, sound, lighting and publicity. They allow experienced performers to build on their skills while giving young people a chance to learn new artistic and technical skills”.

Ms Martin said her Government was committed to supporting the arts sector by nurturing the development of skills and would continue to support high calibre local productions for Territory audiences.

Superstar Productions is a partnership between Cavenagh Theatre, the Darwin Chorale, Darwin Entertainment Centre and Darwin Theatre Company.

Set in pre-Revolutionary Russia, Fiddler on the Roof is a heart-warming, humorous musical that deals with the struggle to hold onto one’s beliefs in the midst of hostile and chaotic times.

Ms Martin said productions like Fiddler on the Roof were only possible with the support of large numbers of volunteers and supporters, and paid tribute to other major sponsors including Mirambeena Tourist Resort, Channel 9 Darwin, the Darwin Entertainment Centre, Northern Territory University and NTUni Print, and the ABC.

The Fiddler on the Roof season runs from March 26th until April 5th at the Playhouse, Darwin Entertainment Centre.