

About Time

NOTHING beats the sheer spectacle of a live theatrical performance. However, when those of us do not live within reasonable driving distance to take in a professional show less than occasionally and scraping the \$100+ for a single ticket... WELL.... Fifty years ago or so many of the bigger shows would be given the big screen treatment at "Affordable prices." However, the popularity of the movie musical has all but gone by the wayside. There is the occasional offering... *Chicago* (good), *Evita* (ok, I suppose), and *The Phantom of the Opera* (not so ok).

It was announced today that a cinematic treatment of Schoenberg and Boublil's *Les Miserables* (really, is there any other?) is finally in the works. "In the works" insofar as the announcement that Hugh Jackman is attached to the project and a screenplay is being written. Wolverine as the "pup" Gavroche... I can see it now... with an Australian accent. Of course, I have heard that the musical has been in development for ten years or more and we got nothing more than a Liam Neeson starring flick that "is not the musical" and I have not seen. So, we will see if this comes to fruition.

Until then, the musical itself is coming to the area in November!