

Phantom of...Coney Island?!?



[Back in 2007 the world learned](#) that Andrew Lloyd Webber was writing a sequel to his world famous musical, [The Phantom of the Opera](#). At that time he revealed the setting would be New York rather than Paris, the setting of the original story. Little more than that was known (at least by me) until last Sunday when he revealed more details including the possible move of opening in three places at once at the end of 2009. Also revealed was the location in New York as well as the reunion of the Phantom and Christine Daaé, as the title, *Phantom: Love Never Dies*, suggests. I can't get over the location though- Coney Island. I guess this quote from the man himself explains this choice:

"It was the place," Lloyd Webber said. "Even Freud went because it was so extraordinary ... people who were freaks and oddities were drawn towards it because it was a place where they could be themselves."

In the article he also mentions the role of the phantom is as good as cast, but left the name a mystery. Any ideas? As I haven't been part of the musical theatre scene for a while I offer no guess of my own. Anyway, read the article at [msnbc](#) for more info:

['Phantom of the Opera' sequel due in 2009](#)