

# LES MISÉRABLES

*Les Misérables* is a musical composed in 1980 by French composer Claude-Michel Schönberg with a French-language libretto by Alain Boublil. The English-language adaptation, with libretto by Herbert Kretzmer, opened at London's Barbican Centre in 1985.

It is the world's longest-running musical, now in its twenty-sixth year, and the third longest-running show in Broadway history. In January 2010 it played its ten-thousandth performance in London's West End.

Based on Victor Hugo's 1862 novel of the same name is set in the early nineteenth century and the plot follows the stories of the characters as they struggle for redemption, love and revolution.

