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Bucks County Playhouse, Kimmel Center buddy up for stage productions

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A restaged version of the Bucks County Playhouse's well-received 2016 production of "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" is scheduled for a second run in New Hope this spring, then

moves to Philadelphia's Kimmel Center under a recently announced collaboration between the two performing arts venues.

The organizations said they also expect to share artistic resources in the future, drawing on the Kimmel Center's established jazz and theater residencies, among other programs aimed at nurturing new work and local talent.

The musical pays tribute to the life and music of Holly, a hit-making rock 'n' roll pioneer who died young in 1959. The play by Alan Janes, with lyrics by Holly, premiered in London in 1989 and on Broadway in 1990. The Bucks County Playhouse production will be directed by Hunter Foster with choreography by Lorin Latarro.

"Buddy" runs in New Hope May 27 through June 17, after which it moves to the Perelman Theater June 24 for previews, opens June 28 and runs through July 9. Tickets are on sale now for the Bucks County Playhouse and will be available for the Perelman Jan. 23.

Box office at the Bucks County Playhouse: 215-862-2121 or bcptheater.org; at the Kimmel Center, 215-893-1999 or kimmelcenter.org.