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THE MORNING CALL

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'42nd Street' at Bucks Playhouse



Tessa Grady stars as Peggy Sawyer in the Bucks County Playhouse production of the musical '42nd Street' June 29-Aug. 4. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

Bucks County Playhouse presents the quintessential backstage musical comedy "42nd Street," which features Broadway golden-age glamour, a large tap-happy cast and a score filled with American songbook classics.

It's the largest musical produced at the venue since it reopened in 2012.

The show, directed by Bucks County Playhouse Artistic Associate Hunter Foster and choreographed by Jeremy Dumont, previews Friday, June 29 with an official opening night on Saturday, June 30. It runs through Aug. 4.

"Classic musicals have long been an important tradition of the playhouse. The record-breaking success of Hunter Foster's and Jeremy Dumont's production of 'Guys and Dolls' last season paved the way for this exciting new production of '42nd Street,'" says producer Stephen Kocis.

The show celebrates the magic of Broadway. Peggy Sawyer, a talented young performer straight off the bus from Allentown, Pa., arrives in New York armed with her tap shoes and big dreams. Can she dance her way from chorus girl to star?

"42nd Street" was first on Broadway in 1980 and won the Tony for Best Musical. The 2001 Broadway revival won the Tony for Best Revival.

Tessa Grady ("Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella") plays Peggy Sawyer. Also starring is Linda Balgord (Broadway's "Phantom of the Opera," Drama Desk nominee for "The Pirate Queen") as Dorothy Brock, Ruth Gottschall (BCP's "Guys and Dolls," Broadway's "Mary Poppins") as Maggie Jones, Matt Walton (ABC's "One Life to Live," Paper Mill Playhouse's "Boeing-Boeing") as Julian Marsh and Blakely Slaybaugh (Broadway's "Paramour," BCP's "Guys and Dolls") as Billy Lawlor.

"42nd Street," June 29- Aug. 4, Bucks County Playhouse, 70 S. Main St., New Hope. Tickets: \$40-\$80. 215-862-2121, bcptheater.org.