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## A touch of Hollywood

‘Dancing with the Stars,’ ‘American Idol’ finalists and more will perform Hollywood’s best musical moments at Bucks County Playhouse



From screen to stage: *Dance to the Movies* is a high-energy take on characters and scenes from films like *Grease* and *Chicago*, as well as new dances to scores from *Titanic*, *The Matrix* and *Willie Wonka*. SOURCE: *Dance to the Movies*

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Imagine seeing your favorite movie moments come to life on one stage. Jack supporting Rose as she “flies” on the stern of the *Titanic*. Danny and Sandy’s infamous “You’re the One That I Want” routine. Even *Willie Wonka*’s colorful “Pure Imagination” number.

From March 7–11, Bucks County Playhouse is giving audiences that chance when it rolls out the red carpet for the spring tour of *Dance to the Movies* as part of its Visiting Artists Series. The production will feature professionals and finalists from some of the most popular reality television shows,

including *Dancing With The Stars*, *American Idol* and *So You Think You Can Dance*, who will celebrate and reinvent some of Hollywood's best musical moments.

To see what the cast has in store for audiences, *The Times* caught up with *DWTS* veteran Tony Dovolani, who will star in and co-host *Dance to the Movies* alongside fellow pro Anna Trebunskaya.

On stage: *Dancing With The Stars* pros Tony Dovolani (pictured above) and Anna Trebunskaya will star in and host *Dance to the Movies* at Bucks County Playhouse, which will feature recreated moments from some of Hollywood's most beloved films. SOURCE: *Dance to the Movies*

According to Dovolani, this unique tour was unveiled to the country last year and saw huge success, though it isn't sponsored or affiliated with the ABC competition show. As a self-described "movie buff," Dovolani was thrilled to have a key part in recreating some of the most beloved scenes in film history, and can't wait to do it all again this year.

"Every time we do it, it keeps getting better and better," he said.

At its heart, *Dance to the Movies* is a fresh, high-energy take on iconic characters and memorable scenes from a vast variety of film genres. Audiences of all ages can enjoy familiar showstoppers from *West Side Story*, *Grease*, *Chicago* and *Moulin Rouge*, as well as stunning new dances to scores from *Singin' in the Rain*, *Titanic*, *The Matrix* and *Willie Wonka*. There's definitely something for everyone.

In addition to experiencing a jam-packed evening of performances, reality show fanatics will have the honor of breathing the same air as their television idols. Professionals and finalists from *Dancing With The Stars*, including Lacey Schwimmer and Chelsie Hightower, and *So You Think You Can Dance* will show off stunning choreography while a rotating cast of favorites from *American Idol* and *America's Got Talent* lend their vocals. For Dovolani, this is just as exciting for him as it is for fans.

"We get to meet the people who watched us for so long and say 'thank you,'" he said.

As a way to give back to those longtime viewers, Dovolani promised *Dance to the Movies* will be an extremely interactive experience. Rather than transitioning from one number to the next, he, Trebunskaya and the rest of the cast will chat with audience members throughout the evening, giving them insight into the performances and allowing them to feel part of the show.

Though Dovolani is ever the charming conversationalist when it comes to his fans, when asked to choose his favorite *Dance to the Movies* performance, he simply couldn't.

"All of them," he said. "Each movie has its own special story. I live each moment as real as possible." *Dance to the Movies* will run from March 7 to 11 at the Bucks County Playhouse, 70 S. Main St. in New Hope. There will be performances on Wednesday, March 7, and Thursday, March 8, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 8, at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 10, at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, at 2 p.m. For

ticket information, visit [bcptheater.org/visiting-artists-series/dance-to-the-movies/](http://bcptheater.org/visiting-artists-series/dance-to-the-movies/) or call [215-862-2121](tel:215-862-2121).

Upcoming productions in Bucks County Playhouse's Visiting Artists Series include *America's Got Talent* finalist Catapult on April 13, who will put on a magical production with dancers who work behind a screen to create shadow silhouettes, and Well-Strung String Quartet on May 5, which features *Amazing Race* contestants Christopher Marchant and Trevor Wadleigh.

Tickets for most Visiting Artists Series performances are on sale now. Special pricing is available for groups of 10 or more. For more information, visit [buckscountyplayhouse.org](http://buckscountyplayhouse.org).