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The life of the legendary Buddy Holly will be told at the Kimmel Center



The musical BUDDY: THE Buddy Holly STORY a play by the Bucks County Playhouse, the theater house located in New Hope Pennsylvania, will be presented at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia from May 27 to June 17, 2017. The play directed by the nominated actor To Tony, Hunter Foster, tells the story of Buddy Holly, the legendary American singer, from his jump to fame in 1957 to his tragic death just two years later. Buddy Holly, who inspired the music careers of renowned artists like Bob Dylan, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton and Elton John, was one of the first to be exalted to the Rock N 'Roll Hall of Fame. In the show you can enjoy Buddy Holly's greatest hits like That'll Be The Day, Peggy Sue, Oh Boy, Everyday, Not Fade Away, Words of Love and many more.

Charles Hardin Holley, born in Lubbock, Texas, September 7, 1936, artfully nicknamed Buddy Holly, was an American songwriter and singer, considered today as one of the pioneers and creators of Rock N 'Roll. Rolling Stone ranked the musician at # 13 on his list of The 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. In 1958 Buddy Holly after finishing a concert in Clear Lake, Iowa, decided to rent one and tragically the aircraft crashed causing the death of the four crew, Buddy Holly, an inexperienced pilot and two other musicians Ritchie Valens (La Bamba) and The Big Bopper.

Sol Latino Newspaper spoke with Gilbert Sánchez, an actor in BUDDY: THE Buddy Holly STORY who plays the role of Ritchie Valens in the play.

How did you get the role of Ritchie Valens in The Buddy Holly Story?

"When they told me about the evidence, I thought I had to go to the casting and I had nothing to lose. It was amazing because our director Hunter Foster, who is a Broadway star, was in the room when I did my first test, that usually never happens, it was amazing and also a great honor to do the casting in front of him. At the end of my song, he asked if I had anything else and I told him that I could do 'La Bamba' and thus I got the role of Ritchie Valens.

What did you think of the Bucks County Playhouse Theater?

-The theater is spectacular, I say in all sincerity that it is beautiful, I had worked a year before in New Hope, Pennsylvania and had told myself that one day I would work in the Bucks County Playhouse. It is a beautiful theater, with a magnificent stage and for me it is a great honor to act there.

What did you know about Buddy Holly before being selected to act on the play?

- Honestly very little, although I definitely knew of Ritchie Valens because I'm a fan of the movie La Bamba, but when I knew a little more about the show I noticed that I knew about songs like 'Johnny B. Goode' and 'Oh Boy'. What's impressive is how Buddy Holly was inspired by The Beatles and Rock N 'Roll, so it's like a history lesson.

BUDDY: THE Buddy Holly STORY

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Kimmel Center's Perelman Theater

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Tickets: <https://www.kimmelcenter.org/>