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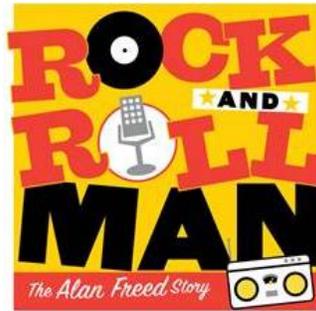
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“ROCK AND ROLL MAN: THE ALAN FREED STORY” – WORLD PREMIERE AT BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE

SEPTEMBER 12 – OCTOBER 1

Tony Nominee Alan Campbell to Lead the Cast as Alan Freed

Emmy Nominee George Wendt Featured as J. Edgar Hoover



Bucks County Playhouse has announced the world premiere production of a new musical, “Rock and Roll Man: The Alan Freed Story.” The musical will begin performances on September 12 and run through October 1, with an official opening night on September 16.

Tony nominee Alan Campbell will star as Alan Freed, with multiple Emmy nominee, George Wendt appearing as J. Edgar Hoover.

The musical includes a book by Gary Kupper and Larry Marshak with Rose Caiola. Original music and lyrics are by Gary Kupper. “Rock and Roll Man: The Alan Freed Story” will also feature solid gold rock and roll classics from the period. An official song list will be announced soon. Randal Mylar will direct with choreography by Brian Reeder. Musical Director is Dave Keyes. Tim Mackabee is Scenic Designer and Jen Caprio is Costume Designer.

“Rock and Roll Man: The Alan Freed Story” is being produced at the Playhouse by Robyn Goodman, Alexander Fraser, Stephen Kocis, Josh Fiedler in association with Sharon A. Carr and Caiola Productions.

“Rock and Roll Man” uncovers the true story of Alan Freed — the Father of Rock and Roll. It’s the 1950s and a cocky young DJ discovers the music that all America wants to hear — except no radio station will play it. Through guts, grit, and ingenuity, Alan perseveres and unearths music for a new generation. Featuring original songs and classic tunes by legends like Little Richard, Frankie Lymon and Screaming Jay Hawkins, this world premiere will have audiences rocking around the clock!

This is the third world premiere production scheduled for Bucks County Playhouse this year. The summer season launched in May with the debut of “Clue: On Stage.” The Playhouse’s traditional subscription season also includes “The New World,” a world premiere musical comedy by the producers and co-creators of “Altar Boyz.”

“Rock and Roll is here to stay at Bucks County Playhouse. We are delighted to present this moving tale of the father of Rock and Roll and to welcome a new creative team to the Playhouse,” says Bucks County Playhouse Producing Director Alexander Fraser. “We know our audiences love Rock and Roll given the success of our encore production of ‘Buddy’. We look forward to sharing with them another side of the early days of this truly American art form.”

Campbell has appeared on Broadway, Off-Broadway and regional theater. He made his Broadway debut in the New York premiere of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical “Sunset Boulevard” starring opposite Glenn Close and Alice Ripley, and received a Best Actor in a Musical Tony Award nomination for his performance as Joe Gillis. He also starred in Susan Stroman’s 2000 Tony Award-winning musical “Contact” and was seen on Broadway as Sam Carmichael in the hit musical “Mamma Mia!”

Known to worldwide for his iconic, six-time Emmy-nominated role of Norm on the long-running sitcom “Cheers!” as well as “oodles of film and television credits,” Wendt has appeared on Broadway in “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” “Art” (also in London), “Elf” and “Hairspray.” He played Juror #1 in the national tour of “Twelve Angry Men,” and is a veteran of Chicago’s Second City.

Tickets to “Rock and Roll Man” are on sale now. Tickets range from \$40 – \$75. Special rates for groups of 10 or more. For complete details, and to purchase tickets, please visit buckscountyplayhouse.org, call 215-862-2121, or visit the box office at 70 South Main Street, New Hope, PA.