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PHOTOS: Premiere Of 'Rock And Roll Man' At Bucks County Playhouse In New Hope



The cast of Rock and Roll Man: The Alan Freed Story at Bucks County Playhouse. (Photo: Joan Marcus)



Alan Campbell as Alan Freed and George Wendt as J. Edgar Hoover. (Photo: Joan Marcus)



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A.J. Davis, Dr. Eric B. Turner, Soara-Joye Ross, Early Clover and Jerome Jackson. (Photo: Joan Marcus)



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“Rock and Roll Man: The Alan Freed Story,” began previews at Bucks County Playhouse (BCP) on Sept. 12, and early production photos are in!

Set in the 1950s, the story spotlights the story of early rock ‘n’ roll legend Alan Freed. He’s a cocky young DJ discovers the music that all America wants to hear — except no radio station will play it. Pursued by the notorious J. Edgar Hoover for promoting this unwholesome genre, Alan perseveres — unearthing the sound of a new generation through pure chutzpah.

Tony-nominee Alan Campbell (“Sunset Blvd.”) plays Alan Freed, and multiple Emmy nominee George Wendt (“Cheers) plays J. Edgar Hoover.

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.

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

The cast also includes Bob Ari, William Louis Bailey, Whitney Bashor, Richard Crandle, John Dewey, Brian Mathis, Matthew Sean Morgan, Heather Parcells, Soara-Joye Ross, Melissa van der Schyff, Michael Siktberg and James Scheider.

The production features music by Little Richard, Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis, with hits like “Sh-Boom,” “Good Golly Miss Molly,” “Ain’t that a Shame,” “Rock and Roll is Here to Stay,” “Great Balls of Fire,” and “Peggy Sue.”

Tickets to “Rock and Roll Man: The Alan Freed Story” range from \$40-\$75. The show runs through October 1, with an official opening night on September 16. Buy [tickets online](#), or call (215) 862-2121.