



## Rock and Roll Man now at the Bucks County Playhouse

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A world premiere musical is now at the Bucks County Playhouse until October 1st. **Rock and Roll Man** is a great new musical which tells the compelling story of Alan Freed, the DJ who became famous for playing “Race Music,” eventually coining the term “Rock and Roll.” It is a great evening of rock and roll.



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The talented cast includes Alan Campbell in the title role as Alan Freed. Campbell gives us a strong reading of the character with an outstanding baritone voice. Television legend George Wendt plays J. Edgar Hoover, who had an obsession (detailed throughout the performance) about how rock and roll was destroying America. Mr. Wendt acquits himself well both with his stage presence and singing. Bob Ari gets the rare opportunity to play two very different characters and play them extraordinarily well.

He is both Leo, the record store owner who first sponsors Alan Freed and the New York mobster Morris Levy. Speaking of singing, the vocal Quartet, which sings often throughout the musical is a knockout. Four men, Jerome Jackson, Dr. Eric B. Tanner, Early Clover and A.J. Davis are unbeatable. These four men bring so much to this production. They are phenomenal. Richard Crandle as Little Richard channels Little Richard's soul into his astonishingly funny and real performance.

**Rock and Roll Man** is for everyone who loves rock and roll, musicals, a great story, and fantastic singing.

**Rock and Roll Man** is at the Bucks County Playhouse, 70 South Main Street, New Hope, PA. For further information, call 215-862-2121 or visit [www.buckscountyplayhouse.org](http://www.buckscountyplayhouse.org) . Next at the Playhouse is **The Rocky Horror Show**, October 13 through 29.