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## Bucks County Playhouse Presents Tony-Winning Musical 42nd Street

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Performances go through August 4.

Executive Producer Robyn Goodman, Producing Director Alexander Fraser and Producers Stephen Kocis and Josh Fiedler recently announced details on the casting and creative team of "42nd Street," which will be the largest musical produced at the venue since the Playhouse reopened in 2012.

"Classic musicals have long been an important tradition of the Playhouse. The record-breaking success of Hunter Foster's and Jeremy Dumont's production of "Guys and Dolls" last season paved the way for this exciting new production of "42nd Street. Audiences embraced and loved that show as much as we did," Producer Stephen Kocis said.

The cast includes Tessa Grady ("Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella") as Peggy Sawyer. Also starring is Linda Balgord (Broadway's "Phantom of the Opera," Drama Desk nominee for "The Pirate Queen") as Dorothy Brock, Ruth Gottschall (BCP's "Guys and Dolls," Broadway's "Mary Poppins") as Maggie Jones, Matt Walton (ABC's "One Life to Live," Paper Mill Playhouse's "Boeing-Boeing") as Julian Marsh, Blakely Slaybaugh (Broadway's "Paramour," BCP's "Guys and Dolls") as Billy Lawlor.

The cast also features Kilty Reidy, Cliff Bemis, Patrick Oliver Jones, Monette McKay, Matt Bauman, Andrew Hodge and Brianna Marie Latrash. Alyssa Gardner, Daisy Wright, Sean Bell, Darrell T. Joe, Kurtis Bradley Brown, Jonathan Bryant, Erica Ito, Joshua Keen, Nevada Koenig, Allison Wiatrowski round out the ensemble. Michael O'Hara and Kathryn Priest will serve as Swings.

Anna Louizos is scenic designer. Lighting designer is Kirk Baran-Bookman. Costume designer is Nicole Moody. Hair and wig designer is Jared Janas. Bart Fasbender is sound designer. Casting is by Geoff Josselson, CSA. Will Shuler is music director. T. J. Kearney is production stage manager. Ben Freedman and Jennifer Barretto are assistant stage managers.

The production will play the following schedule: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 pm (plus an additional evening performance August 1 at 7:30 pm), Thursdays at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm, Fridays at 8:00 pm (except Friday, July 6 at 7:00 pm — New Hope Fireworks following the show), Saturdays at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm, and Sundays at 2:00 pm. There is an additional matinee on Friday, August 3 at 1:00 p.m. The opening night performance on Saturday, June 30 will be at 7:30 p.m.

Single tickets to "42nd Street" are on sale and range from \$40 to \$80. There are special rates available for groups of 10 or more.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [buckscountyplayhouse.org](http://buckscountyplayhouse.org), call 215-862-2121, or visit the box office at 70 South Main Street, New Hope, PA.

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