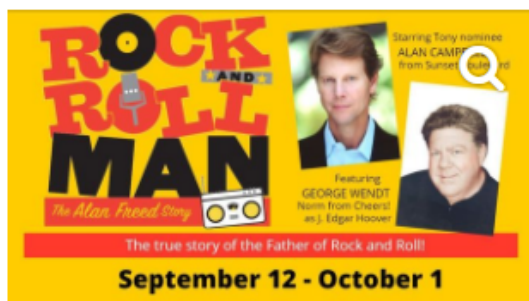


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The world premiere of the musical drama, "Rock and Roll Man: The Alan Freed Story," opens Tuesday and continues through October 1 at Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, starring Tony nominee Alan Campbell ("Sunset Boulevard") and featuring Emmy Award nominee George Wendt (Norm from "Cheers!") as J. Edgar Hoover.

The musical uncovers the true story of Alan Freed, recognized as the "Father of Rock and Roll." It is the 1950s when 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, Freed perseveres – unearthing the sound of a new generation through pure guts, grit, and determination.

The production features original songs and classic tunes by such legends as Little Richard, Frankie Lymon and Screamin' Jay Hawkins.

Book is by Gary Kupper, Larry Marshak and Rose Caiola; original music and lyrics by Gary Kupper. Director is Randal Myler; music direction by Dave Keyes, and choreographed by Brian Reeder.

For further info: [bcptheater.org](http://bcptheater.org)