

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Feel the Earth Move at New Stage Theatre with Beautiful: The Carole King Musical May 28 – June 9!



JACKSON—New Stage Theatre presents *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* May 28 – June 9! Based off the inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable journey from a teenage songwriter to the Rock & Roll Hall of fame, *Beautiful* will have the Earth moving under your feet! Curtain times and dates for performances are May 28 – June 1, 4, and 6-8 at 7:00 p.m. and June 2 and 9 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$45.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens, military, and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3533, or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. This production is sponsored by the Dorsey J. Barefield Charitable Trust, BankPlus, and The Clarion Ledger. Security provided and patrols during performances. *Recommended for ages 11+*.

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical follows the inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable rise to stardom. Long before she was Carole King, chart-topping music legend, she was Carol Klein, Brooklyn girl with passion and chutzpah. She fought her way into the record business as a teenager and, by the time she reached her 20s, had the husband of her dreams and a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock 'n roll. But it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music, she wrote the

soundtrack to a generation. Featuring a stunning array of beloved songs —including "I Feel the Earth Move," "One Fine Day," "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," "You've Got a Friend," and the title song—*Beautiful* is filled with the songs you remember – and a story you'll never forget.

Artistic Director, Francine Reynolds said, "An inspiring true story of a music legend, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* takes you on an unforgettable journey of a remarkable career. I am absolutely thrilled with the incredible company of actors and theatre creatives assembled to tell Carole King's story and sing her songs for the New Stage Theatre audiences. Carole King paved the way for female artists for generations to come and her story is fascinating to witness. *Beautiful* presents a tapestry of creativity and joy for all to enjoy."

The cast includes: Emily Gardenshire as Carole King (Philadelphia), Matt Michael as Gerry Goffin (New York), Evan Ross Brody as Barry Mann (New Jersey), Lauren Parkinson as Cynthia Weil (Byram), Drew Stark as Don Kirschner (Orlando), Ali Dinkins as Genie Klein (Jackson), Darren Dale as Righteous Brother #1 (Jackson), Cameron Pitre as Righteous Brother #2 (Jackson), Mandy Kate Myers as Marilyn Ward (Jackson), Kathlyn Arcemont as Betty (Jackson), Hosea Griffith as Lead Drifter (Jackson), Delvin Kelly as Drifter (Brandon), Brady

Smart as Drifter (Goodman), Lahenry Nelson as Drifter (McComb), Jayla Lomax as Lead Shirelle (Jackson), Carmen Washington as Shirelle (Ridgeland), Arianna Washington as Shirelle (Ridgeland), and Ally Durr as Shirelle (Jackson).

Discount Nights

PAY WHAT YOU CAN NIGHT: Patrons can come to the box office beginning at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 28 and name their price at the door. Valid for the May 28 performance only. Subject to availability (\$5 minimum on all credit card purchases)

STUDENT RUSH DISCOUNT: One hour prior to curtain for any performance, students with a current academic ID may purchase an available seat for \$10. Limit one ticket per ID.

YOUTH NIGHTS: Youth 18 and under can reserve \$15 tickets for the performances on Friday, February 9. This discount is only available by calling the box office and mentioning "youth night" for the discount.

Schedule & Ticket Information

Where:

1100 Carlisle Street, Jackson MS 39202

Dates:

Open: May 28, 2024; Close: June 9, 2024

Performance Times:

May 28 - June 1, 4, and 6-8 at 7:00 p.m. June 2 and 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets:

\$45; seniors/students/military \$40

Box Office:

Telephone: 601-948-3533

Online: www.newstagetheatre.com Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com

Hours: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hours During Show:

Tuesday thru Friday: 10 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday: 1 pm - 7 pm; Sunday: 1 pm - 2 pm

Tickets Online:

Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.newstagetheatre.com (a per-ticket service

fee of \$3 applies to all online purchases)

Director
Music Director
Choreographer
Production Stage Manager
Tech Director
Scenic Designer
Costume Designer
Lighting Designer
Sound Designer/Engineer
Properties Designer
Asst. Lighting Designer
Lead Electrician
Assist. Tech. Director
Assistant Costumer
Production Assistant

Charge Artist

Carpenters

Xerron Mingo
Mattea Pierce
Richard Lawrence
Braden Graves
Caleb Blackwell
Matt Webb
Alberto Meza
Jenna Kahley
Corey Daniels
Matthew McMurtry
Antonio Juarez
Nina Frost
Darby Frost
Michael Montgomery

Francine Thomas Reynolds

Carol Joy Sparkman

Dave Ellis

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Jimmy 'JR' Robertson

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