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# Million Dollar Quartet Christmas Brings Rock 'n' Roll Holiday Magic to New Stage Theatre!



JACKSON, Miss. (November 19, 2024) — Get ready to celebrate the holiday season with a rock 'n' roll twist at New Stage Theatre this December! *Million Dollar Quartet Christmas*, a festive and electrifying musical by Colin Escott, will take the stage December 4 - 22! Featuring legendary music icons Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley, this jam-packed holiday production will bring the sounds of Christmas and classic rock hits together for an unforgettable experience! Curtain times and dates for performances are December 4-7, 12-14, 17, 19-21 at 7 p.m., December 8, 15, and 22 at 2 p.m. and December 18 at 1 pm. Ticket prices are \$50.00 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 Newstagetheatre.com. This production is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS, Bank Plus, and the Sam E & Burnice C Wittel Foundation. Security will be provided and patrol during performances. *Recommended for general audiences, with brief, mild adult language*.

Set at the iconic Sun Records, now beautifully decorated for the holidays with a Christmas tree, garland, and mistletoe, *Million Dollar Quartet Christmas* invites audiences into a festive celebration that blends timeless holiday tunes with chart-topping hits. Follow along with the gang's signature antics as we journey through a holiday story filled with heartwarming moments and plenty of rock 'n' roll magic. December 4 isn't just opening night— it's the day the holiday rock 'n' roll magic actually took place back in 1956! *Million Dollar Quartet Christmas* promises to bring the sounds of Christmas past to life on stage!

"We have a great group of actor-musicians who are bringing these rock and roll Christmas hits to the stage." says Director Peppy Biddy. This rockabilly holiday production is the perfect way to ring in the season with its dynamic cast, stunning musical numbers, and a fun-filled story of Christmas past, present, and future.

New Stage Theatre Artistic Director Francine Reynolds said, "After breaking New Stage box office records with our production of *Million Dollar Quartet* in 2017, we are bringing the boys back for a new holiday version of this musical that's perfect for the whole family. Director Peppy Biddy and Musical Director Chris Blisset are expertly bringing this rockin' holiday jingle to the stage with an extremely talented company. If you are not yet in the holiday spirit, *Million Dollar Quartet Christmas* will surely fix that."

The cast includes: Alex Burnette as Jerry Lee Lewis (New York), Sam C. Jones\* as Carl Perkins (Virginia), Trevor Lindley Craft as Johnny Cash (New York), Colton Sims as Elvis Presley (Georgia), Chris Blisset\* as Sam Phillips (New Jersey), Kasie Buono as Dyanne (New York), Paul Heindl as Fluke (Clinton), Andrew Dillon as Brother Jay (Jackson). \*appears through the courtesy of Actors' Equity Association



### **Discount Performances**

**PAY WHAT YOU CAN**: The opening night performance on December 4<sup>th</sup> patrons are encouraged to arrive at 6 p.m. to name their price for a ticket (minimum \$5 on all credit card purchases). Tickets are subject to availability.

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.

**SCHOOLFEST MATINEES:** Students attend main stage productions during the school day on December 10, 11, and 17. SchoolFest Matinees are at 10 a.m. Ticket prices are \$10 for students and adults.

## Schedule & Ticket Information

# Where:

1100 Carlisle Street, Jackson MS 39202

Dates:

Open: December 4, 2024; Close: December 22, 2024

**Performance Times:** 

December 4-7, 12-14, 17, 19-21 at 7 p.m. December 8, 15, & 22 at 2 p.m.

December 18 at 1 p.m.

Tickets:

\$50; seniors/students/military \$45

**Box Office:** 

Telephone: 601-948-3533 ext. 223 Online: www.newstagetheatre.com Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hours During Show:

Tuesday thru Friday: 10 am - 7:00 pm Saturday: 4–7 p.m.; Sunday: 1-2 p.m.

**Tickets Online**: Purchase tickets 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 Production Stage Manager Production Manager Technical Director Scenic Designer Costume Designer Lighting Designer** Sound Designer/Engineer **Properties Designer Lead Electrician Costume Shop Supervisor** 

**Production Assistant** 

Peppy Biddy Chris "Red" Blisset Mattea Pierce Casey Nelms Richard Lawrence **Braden Graves** Ruth Dental Annalise Caudle Alberto Meza Jenna Kahley Matthew McMurtry

Nina Frost **Darby Frost**