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**THE CAPE PLAYHOUSE
CONTINUES 98th SEASON
WITH**

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

**Directed By Tony Award Nominee Hunter Foster
JUNE 19-JULY 6**

BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

**Directed and Choreographed By David Ruttura & Joyce Chittick
Starring Julia Knitel as Carole King
JULY 10-AUGUST 3**

(*May 30, 2024 – New York, NY*) The Cape Playhouse will continue their 98th summer season with the Tony nominated musical ***MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET (June 19 to July 6)***, directed by Tony Award nominee **Hunter Foster**, and the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical ***BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL (July 10-August 3)***, directed and choreographed by **David Ruttura** and **Joyce Chittick**. Broadway star **Julia Knitel** will play Carole King in an expanded four week run at the historic Cape Playhouse in Dennis, MA “where Broadway goes to summer” since 1927. The season opens on June 5 with **Andy Mientus**, **Krystina Alabado** and **Larry Owens** in *tick, tick... Boom!*

“In my first season as Artistic Director at the Cape Playhouse, I’m excited about bringing the most iconic voices in rock music to the stage,” said **Eric Rosen**. “From the origins of rockabilly music with Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis to the story of one of popular music’s most singular voices, Carole King, these two shows will bring great joy to our stage this summer. I can’t wait to share the directing work of Hunter Foster, one of the Playhouse’s most beloved directors, and David Ruttura, an emerging force on Broadway.”

With a book by **Colin Escott** and **Floyd Mutrux**, ***MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET*** dramatizes the legendary night of December 4, 1956, when four of the founding voices of rock and country music got together at Sun Studios in Memphis and made history.

The cast includes **Jeremy Sevelovitz** (*Carl Perkins*); **Alessandro Viviano** (*Elvis Presley*); **Scott Moreau** (*Johnny Cash*); **Nat Zegree** (*Jerry Lee Lewis*); **Megan Reinking** (*Dyanne*); **Nathan Yates Douglass** (*Jay*); **Chance Wall** (*Sam Phillips*) and **Matt Spencer** (W.S. “Fluke” Holland).

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET features musical direction by **Nat Zegree**; scenic design by **Josh Smith**; costume design by **Devario Simmons**; lighting design by **Kirk Bookman**; sound design by **Jeff Sherwood**; and production stage manager **Rebeca Monroe**.

With a book by **Douglas McGrath**, *BEAUTIFUL* is a coming-of-age story about one of America's most celebrated songwriters. Featuring hits including "So Far Away," "One Fine Day," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," "Up on the Roof," and "You've Got a Friend."

The award-winning musical is led by **Julia Knitel** as Carole King and **Sam Gravitte** as Gerry Goffin. Knitel starred in the Broadway and national tours of *Beautiful* and was recently nominated for an Outer Critics Circle Award for the Off-Broadway hit *Dead Outlaw*. Gravitte played Fiyero in *Wicked* on Broadway and was recently in *White Rose: The Musical* Off-Broadway.

In addition, the cast for *BEAUTIFUL* includes **Trevor James Berger** (*Barry Mann*); **James Clow** (*Don Kirshner*); **Valerie Perri** (*Genie Kline*); **Brooke Anece** (*Shirelle/ U/S Little Eva*); **Briana Brooks** (*Lucille*); **Chris Collins-Pisano** (*Tenor Righteous Brother*); **Fatima El-Bashir** (*Janelle Woods*); **Ellen Frary** (*Marilyn Wald/ Betty*); **Albert Igbini** (*Drifter*); **Jacquez Linder-Long** (*Drifter*); **Jazz Madison** (*Little Eva*); and **Rhys Williams** (*Baritone Righteous Brother*).

The musical features musical direction by **Nick Williams**; scenic design by **Ryan Howell**; costume design by **Gail Baldoni**; lighting design by **Kirk Bookman**; sound design by **Emma Wilk**; and production stage manager **Daniel Everett**.

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET runs June 19 to July 6, and *BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL* runs July 10 to August 3 at The Cape Playhouse in Dennis, MA. First-week showtimes for *MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET* are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 7:30 PM with Thursday and Saturday matinees at 2:00 PM. Showtimes for the second and third week are Monday to Saturday at 7:30 PM and Wednesday and Thursday matinees at 2:00 PM. *BEAUTIFUL* has a varied schedule so please check the website. Tickets and more information are available at www.capeplayhouse.com

The Cape Playhouse 98th Season will conclude with:

Waitress (August 7-August 24), featuring original music and lyrics by six-time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles and directed by Eric Rosen.

The 39 Steps (August 28- September 7), a fast-paced whodunit with a cast of four playing 150 roles. Directed by Kimberly Senior.

ABOUT THE CAPE PLAYHOUSE:

The Cape Playhouse (*Artistic Director Eric Rosen; Executive Director Nora Carey*) at the Cape Cod Center for the Arts in Dennis, Massachusetts, was founded in 1927 by Raymond Moore. His vision was to create a smart, sophisticated summer theater with some of the world's most noted stage and screen professionals. The realization of Moore's dream has since been recognized by *The New York Times'* acknowledgement of the Playhouse as the "place where Broadway goes to summer." Today, 97 years later, the theater continues to feature world-class talent in shows produced specifically for The Cape Playhouse, and it remains one of Cape Cod's premier cultural assets. In addition to professional live-theater experiences, the not-for-profit Playhouse is committed to youth programs and education. The historic theater is situated on an expansive 22-acre campus along with the Cape Cinema and the Cape Cod Museum of Art.

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