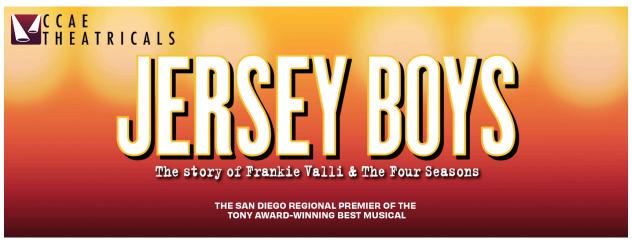


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CAST ANNOUNCED FOR SAN DIEGO REGIONAL PREMIERE OF TONY AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL JERSEY BOYS AT CCAE THEATRICALS



Previews Begin SEP 13 | Opening Night is SEP 14 | Closing Night is OCT 6

· Community Matinee SEP 19 at 10a · Industry Night SEP 23 at 7:30p · ASL Interpreted Performance SEP 27 at 7:30p ·

ESCONDIDO, CA (August 9, 2024) — The Tony, Grammy and Olivier award-winning best musical, *Jersey Boys*, will play the Center Theater at The California Center for the Arts, Escondido from September 13 to October 6, 2024. CCAE Theatricals has announced the cast and creative team for the San Diego Regional Premiere of *Jersey Boys*, in collaboration with 3D Theatricals, based on the true story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. *Jersey Boys* is written by Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice, with music by Bob Gaudio & lyrics by Bob Crewe. Directed by T.J. Dawson (Sunday in the Park with George, 2023 Craig Noel Award for Best Resident Musical). Tickets are on sale now and are priced \$40-\$100. To purchase by phone, call 1(442) 304-0500 extension 01, or online at www.theatricals.org.

Jersey Boys is the behind-the-music story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard... and the radio just couldn't get enough of. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story – a story that has made them an international sensation all over again. The show features all their hits including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Oh What A Night," "Walk Like A Man," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "Beggin'" and "Working My Way Back To You."

Jersey Boys premiered at the La Jolla Playhouse in 2004 and opened in New York on November 6, 2005 and by the time it closed on January 15, 2017, it was the 12th longest running show in Broadway history, passing such original Broadway productions as 42nd Street, Grease, Fiddler on the Roof, and The Producers. Blessed by awards all over the world, Jersey Boys has been seen by over 30 million people (as of February 2024).

The San Diego Regional Premiere will be directed by T.J. Dawson (Sunday in the Park with George, Parade, Ragtime, The Drowsy Chaperone) with musical direction by Lyndon Pugeda (Redwood, The Untitled Unauthorized Hunter S. Thompson Musical, The Ballad of Johnny and June), choreography by Dana Solimando (Irene - The Irena Sendler Story, Cabaret, Rebel Genius, American Idiot).

The San Diego Regional Premiere will star Nicholas Alexander (In The Heights - Sonny, Mamma Mia -Pepper (Moonlight); Jesus Christ Superstar - Simon, Bright Star - Max, (Candlelight Pavilion); Dr. Seuss's How The Grinch Stole Christmas - Buzz Who/Papa & Max US (The Old Globe)) as Frankie Valli; Anthony Carro (Grease - Sonny, The Drowsy Chaperone - Robert Martin, Spring Awakening - Melchior) as Tommy DeVito; Taubert Nadalini* (Jersey Boys (McCoy-Rigby/3D Theatricals), Mamma Mia! (McCoy-Rigby), The Angel Next Door (North Coast Rep, world premiere), Georgia McBride (International City Theatre, Robbie Award for Best Actor)) as Bob Gaudio; Noah Archibald (National Tour: Grace for President. Regional: Beauty and the Beast, Jersey Boys, Miss Saigon, Grace for President (Casa Mañana)) as Nick Massi.

The ensemble of Jersey Boys includes Johnny DiGiorgio* (Norm Waxman & Others), Marlana Dunn* (Mary Delgado & Others), Maggie Ek (Francine & Others), Skylar Gaines (Bob Crewe & Others), Christopher James Hester (Hal Miller & Others), Claire Marshall (Angel & Others), Donovan Mendelovitz (Joey & Others), Stefan Miller (Swing), Sarah Pierce (Lorraine & Others), Andrew Sattler (Nick DeVito & Others) and Lance Arthur Smith* (Gyp DeCarlo & Others). *All appearing courtesy of Actors' Equity.

The design and creative team, includes T.J. Dawson, director; Lyndon Pugeda, musical director & conductor; Dana Solimando, choreographer; Bethany Slomka, assistant director; Caitlin Muelder, dialect coach; Stephen Gifford, scenic designer; Jean-Yves Tessier; lighting designer; Joshua Heming, associate lighting design; Jon Infante, projection designer; Paul Durso; sound designer; Janet Pitcher, costume coordinator; Peter Herman, hair & wigs designer, Cecilia Cron, props coordinator; Gavin Lattimer, assistant stage manager; Julian Olive, production stage manager; Aaron Rumley & Neil Dale, production managers; and Lindsay Brooks, casting.

Jersey Boys, The Story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

Directed by T.J. Dawson September 13 - October 6, 2024 At the Center Theater at California Center for the Arts, Escondido

340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA 92025 Event URL: https://www.theatricals.org

Tickets: \$40 - \$100 | Military/Senior (65+) Discount - 10% off

- Preview Performance: September 13 at 7:30p & September 14 at 2:00p
- Evening Performances: Thursdays-Saturdays, September 13/14/20/21/23/26/27/28, October
- Matinee Performances: Saturdays-Sundays, September 21/22/28/29, October 5/6 at 2p

CREATIVE:

Director: T.J. Dawson Musical Director/Conductor: Lyndon Pugeda Choreographer: **Dana Solimando Bethany Slomka** Assistant Director: **Caitlin Muelder** Dialect Coach: Scenic Designer: **Stephen Gifford** Jean-Yves Tessier Lighting Designer: Associate Lighting Designer: **Joshua Heming** Projection Designer: Jon Infante Paul Durso Sound Designer: Costume Coordinator: **Janet Pitcher** Hair & Wigs Designer: **Peter Herman** Props Coordinator: Cecilia Cron Production Stage Manager: Julian Olive* Assistant Stage Manager: **Gavin Lattimer**

Production Managers: Aaron Rumley & Neil Dale

Casting: Lindsay Brooks

CAST:

Frankie Valli: Nicholas Alexander Tommy DeVito: **Anthony Carro** Bob Gaudio: Taubert Nadalini* Nick Massi: **Noah Archibald** Norm Waxman & Others: Johnny DiGiorgio* Mary Delgado & Others: Marlana Dunn* Francine & Others: Maggie Ek Bob Crewe & Others: **Skylar Gaines**

Barry Belson & Others: Christopher James Hester

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About CCAE Theatricals

CCAE Theatricals celebrates the human connection through theatre and education by sharing stories that illuminate the individual experience and cultivate a collective voice.

TICKETS: 442.304.0500 Ext. 1; Box Office: 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA 92025

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