



MEDIA RELEASE

Feel Good Buddy Returns to Adelaide

50 years on since 'the day the music died'

Previews from 29 August 2009
Her Majesty's Theatre

Tickets on Sale Tuesday 9 June

"Scott Cameron is winning in this role he sings superbly nailing each number effortlessly – this colourful show rocks!" - Sunday Telegraph

One of the most popular musicals of the late twentieth century **Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story** returns to Adelaide after seven years to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the death of music legend Buddy Holly. The show which first premiered in Australia in 1991 will play for a limited season from **29 August at Her Majesty's Theatre.**

It's had audiences on their feet in every corner of the globe and now **BUDDY – The Buddy Holly Story** is back and ready to explode in a brand new production of this toe-tapping, hand-clapping live music extravaganza!

On 3 February 1959, as the world was perched on the most exciting musical decade in history, the young genius Buddy Holly aged just 22 and who made it all possible was tragically killed (alongside Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson (*The Big Bopper*) in a plane crash, leaving behind a legacy of over 30 timeless hits.

BUDDY, The Buddy Holly Story, tells his story, presents his music and features two terrific hours of his greatest hits including ***That'll Be The Day, Peggy Sue, I'm Looking For Someone To Love, Rave On, Heartbeat, Maybe Baby, Everyday*** - songs that inspired the Beatles and helped trigger the whole 60s revolution; songs that despite their countless cover versions and enduring airplay have never lost their magic.

With the **Big Bopper's Chantilly Lace** and **Ritchie Valens' La Bamba** taking you towards total music overload, this dazzling new production will have the whole audience rocking and bopping in the aisles.

Scott Cameron stars as **Buddy Holly**, a dynamic young man who performs with the same brilliant musical and vocal qualities that made Buddy Holly a household name. Scott first played the guitar at age 5. His career has skyrocketed since that time with him touring and featured alongside Tommy & Phil Emmanuel, the Late *Slim Dusty*, *Lee Kernaghan*, *John Williamson*, *Gina Jefferies* & *Brian Cadd*, *Glenn Shorrock*, and *Jade Hurley*. Filling the big shoes of **The Big Bopper** will be **Luke Tonkin**, with **Flip Simmons** as **Ritchie Valens**, and **Laura Bunting** as **Maria Elena Holly**.

Written by Alan Janes & Rob Bettinson and originally directed by Rob Bettinson. The Australian Director is Craig Ilott with musical direction by Peter Laughton.

Seen by more than 20 million people in over 16,000 performances worldwide **Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story** Buddy is now in it's 20th year, and still performing, having played over 5,000 performances in London's West End. Productions have also been staged in New York on Broadway, throughout the U.S. and Canada, New Zealand, Japan, Germany, Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Finland, Ireland, South Africa, Singapore and on cruise ships across the world. It has won many awards including a *Tony Award* for best actor in a musical, *The Lawrence Olivier Award* in London for Best New Musical and Best Actor in a Musical, plus many more awards.

The young Buddy Holly started as a country and western singer in Texas, and with his two friends, formed The Crickets. With the support of local radio D.J. Hipockets Duncan, Buddy Holly shot to stardom in 1957. He was the first white artist to ever perform at the "All Black" Appollo Theatre in New York. When Buddy Holly died it was a tragedy that shook the world, and as the legend says, "it was the day the music died".

"Every performance is a party" –Mail on Sunday

"Oh boy, BUDDY keeps rocking...a gem of a musical" – Daily Express

"Sheer Unadulterated Fun. I love this show!" - Sunday Express

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Venue	Her Majesty's Theatre - Adelaide
Dates	Opens – 29 August 7.30 pm Preview – 29 August 1.30pm
Times	Tuesdays – 6.30pm Wednesdays – 1.00pm and 7.30pm Thursdays to Saturdays 7.30pm Saturdays at 1.30pm and 7.30pm Sundays at 3pm
Ticket Prices*	From \$59.90 to \$89.90 * Prices include GST and booking fees. Transaction fees may apply
Bookings	BASS 131 246 or online www.bass.net.au

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