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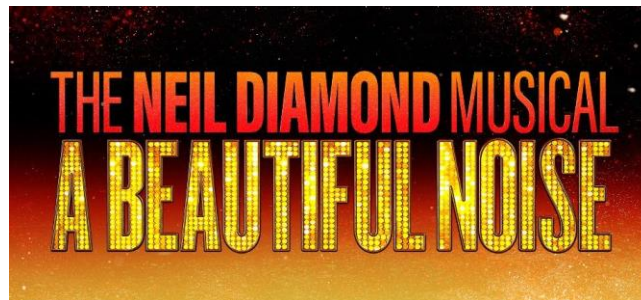
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**ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY AND THE SHUBERT
ORGANIZATION PRESENT THE
PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE ENGAGEMENT OF
A BEAUTIFUL NOISE: THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL,
DECEMBER 10 – 22, 2024**

**BROADWAY STAR AND *AMERICAN IDOL* WINNER,
NICK FRADIANI,
PLAYS THE TITLE ROLE IN THE NATIONAL TOUR**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 31, 2024) – Producers Ken Davenport, Bob Gaudio and NETworks Presentations, with Ensemble Arts Philly and The Shubert Organization, present the

Philadelphia premiere of Broadway smash-hit musical, ***A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical***, running December 10 – 22, 2024, at the Forrest Theatre. Tickets are currently on sale. Prices and additional information available at www.telecharge.com.

Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, *A Beautiful Noise* is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart-busting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 120 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "America," "Forever in Blue Jeans," and "Sweet Caroline," an induction into the Songwriters and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame, a Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world that made him bigger than Elvis, Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway-and head out on the road across America.

"Some of my most thrilling nights have been while I was on tour, bringing my music to audiences across the world," said Neil Diamond. "Having *A Beautiful Noise* go on tour is an honor and I can't wait for audiences across North America to experience this show. I hope they enjoy it as much as I have."

"Fresh from its lauded Broadway engagement, Ensemble Arts is proud to bring *A Beautiful Noise* from New York to the Forrest Theatre for the production's Philadelphia premiere," said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. "Fans of Neil Diamond will fall in love with this high-energy production that gets audiences dancing in the aisles and singing all the way home."

Nick Fradiani will play 'Neil Diamond – Then' in the national tour directly from playing the role on Broadway since October 2023. He won the title of "American Idol" in 2015 and has since released his debut album *Hurricane* in 2016, featuring the hit single "Beautiful Life." *Past My Past*, Fradiani's second solo album, was released in 2022. Joining Fradiani are Tony Nominee Robert Westenberg (Neil Diamond – Now), Hannah Jewel Kohn (Marcia Murphey), Lisa Reneé Pitts (Doctor), Michael Accardo (Bert Berns/ Kieve Diamond), Tuck Milligan (Fred Weintraub/ Tommy O'Rourke), Kate A. Mulligan (Ellie Greenwich/ Rose Diamond) and Tiffany Tatreau (Jaye Posner).

Rounding out the company as "The Noise" are Cooper Clack, Chris Marsh Clark, Dennis Dizon (Swing), Dale Duko, Deirdre Dunkin, Rene Mirai Guyon (Swing), Ginger Hurley, Jer (Swing), Spencer Donovan Jones, Zoë Maloney (Swing), Ellen McGihon, Thabitha Moruthane, Tasheim Ramsey Pack, Jeilani Rhone-Collins, Daniela Rodrigo (Swing), Alec Michael Ryan (Swing) and J'Kobe Wallace.

"The biographical drama is a heartwarming celebration of Mr. Diamond's uplifting music and inspirational life." – *The Washington Times*

Like *Jersey Boys* and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* before it, *A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical* is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hitmaker became a star, set to the songs that defined his career.

Producer Ken Davenport said, "Neil is one of the best live entertainers the world has ever seen. In his fifty-year career, he's performed for millions of fans around the globe. I couldn't imagine a more perfect way to honor his legacy than having *A Beautiful Noise* touring North America, visiting the same cities where he gave so many people so much joy. Now, after a successful

Broadway run, good times never seemed so good as *A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical*, is in Philadelphia making its premiere at the Forrest Theatre in December.”

Producer Bob Gaudio said, “When Neil and I first started talking about making a musical using his music, I knew how daunting that would be. With *Jersey Boys*, I learned how vital it is to have a first-rate creative team making sure everything weaves together. We have that on *A Beautiful Noise*—an incisive book that tells Neil’s story honestly, fantastic choreography, one of the best directors on Broadway guiding the entire production, and of course, Neil’s iconic songs.”

A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical is directed by Tony Award® winner Michael Mayer (*Spring Awakening*, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*), choreographed by Olivier Award winner Steven Hoggett (*Once*, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*), and written by four-time Academy Award nominee Anthony McCarten (*Bohemian Rhapsody*, *The Two Popes*).

The design team for *A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical* on Broadway features Tony Award winner David Rockwell (scenic design), Tony Award nominee Emilio Sosa (costume design), four-time Tony Award winner Kevin Adams (lighting design), Tony Award winner Jessica Paz (sound design), and Luc Verschuere (hair and wig design). The production has music supervision and arrangements by Sonny Paladino, incidental music and dance music arrangements by Brian Usifer, vocal design by AnnMarie Milazzo, and orchestrations by Bob Gaudio, Sonny Paladino, and Brian Usifer. The team also includes Jamie Harrison (illusion consultant), Kathy Fabian (properties designer) and Jim Carnahan, CSA (casting).

The *A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical* National Tour Director is Austin Regan, Tour Choreographer is Yasmine Lee, and Tour Music Director is James Olmstead. The Stage Management team is led by Stacy N. Taylor with Travis Blackwell and Kali Ashurst. The Company Management team is Erik Birkeland and Heather Moss.

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased now by calling 212-239-6200, visiting www.telecharge.com (and selecting “Philadelphia area” for purchase), or in-person starting November 18 at the Forrest Theatre box office (1114 Walnut Street).

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