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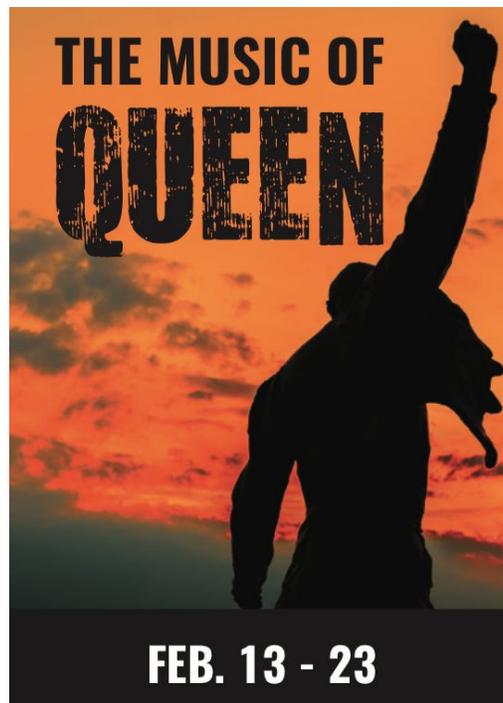
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FLAT ROCK PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS

THE MUSIC OF QUEEN

The first show of the Playhouse's 2020 season is sure to rock your world. This Valentine's season, grab "Somebody to Love" and head down to the Leiman Mainstage.



Flat Rock, NC (January 24, 2020) – Flat Rock Playhouse's 2020 season kicks off with *Music on the Rock® The Music of Queen*, a concert

celebrating the hits of the legendary rock group whose catchy choruses and memorable melodies have remained classics for decades. Featuring the group's famous songs including "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We Will Rock You," "Don't Stop Me Now," "Another One Bites the Dust," and more, ***The Music of Queen*** runs February 13 through the 23 on the Leiman Mainstage in Flat Rock, NC.

Dustin Brayley and **Ryan Guerra** join forces with **Nat Zegree** for the first time on the Leiman Stage making ***The Music of Queen*** one for the books! Fans will recognize Brayley from last year's hit *The Music of the Beatles and The Eagles* in addition to numerous Music on the Rock® shows.

Guerra is no stranger to the Leiman Mainstage and has performed in Music on the Rock® for years including *The Music of the Beatles and The Eagles* and was also part of the 2018 production of *A Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas*.

Zegree most recently starred on the Playhouse stage in a special Christmas performance, *Feliz Nat-vidad*, but he has also performed in hits like *Pickin' and a Grinnin'*, *Amadeus*, and *Million Dollar Quartet*.

Rounding out this group of fan favorites are **Eric Anthony**, **Paul Babelay**, and **Ryan Dunn**, who have performed in dozens of Music on the Rock® shows including *Bubblegum Pop*, *Pickin' and a Grinnin'*, and *The Music of the Beatles and The Eagles*. ***The Music of Queen*** kicks off the Playhouse's season of Puttin' on The Hits. Matthew Glover, Artistic Associate and Company Manager, said about the Playhouse's first 2020 production,

"2020 is all about Puttin' on the Hits! Combining the iconic music of Queen with these iconic musical Vagabonds was the perfect way to begin the 2020 season. Queen was a legendary group that really changed the sound and style of music in the 70's and 80's, and this cast of talented musicians have shaped Flat Rock Playhouse and our Music on the Rock® series over the last decade. We are thrilled to bring all of these elements together so our patrons can rock out to great tunes with great Playhouse artists!"

TICKETS AND SCHEDULE

The Music of Queen will run for two weekends only, February 13th - 23rd at the Leiman Mainstage in Flat Rock. Performances on Thursday at 7:30 PM, Friday at 8 PM, Saturday at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM, and Sunday at 2 PM. Tickets start at \$35 and can be purchased by calling the Playhouse Box Office at 828-693-0731, toll-free at 866-732-8008 or online at www.flatrockplayhouse.org.

The Flat Rock Playhouse Leiman Mainstage is located at 2661 Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

PHOTOS AVAILABLE

High-resolution production color photos will be available for media use by request.

TV CAMERA FILMING

Filming a short segment of this production during rehearsals or Opening Night for press use may be arranged.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews with the cast and artistic staff are available.

FLAT ROCK PLAYHOUSE

In 1937, a group of struggling performers, led by Robroy Farquhar, organized themselves as the Vagabond Players. The Vagabonds worked in a variety of places over the course of three years, and in 1940 found themselves in the Blue Ridge region of Western North Carolina. The local and tourist community welcomed them with open arms when they presented their first summer season of plays in a 150-year-old grist mill they converted into The Old Mill Playhouse at Highland Lake. So successful was that summer, they returned in 1941. After WWII, the Vagabond Players reorganized, came back to the region and opened a playhouse in nearby Lake Summit. The Lake Summit Playhouse thrived during the post-war years and soon the Vagabond Players were looking for a larger and permanent home. In 1952, the troupe of performers, and a newly formed board of directors, made an offer to buy an 8-acre lot in the Village of Flat Rock. This new home made the Vagabonds "locals" and a rented big top gave birth to Flat Rock Playhouse. As the beautiful Western Carolina region continued to grow, so did the Playhouse and in 1961, by Act of the North Carolina General Assembly, Flat Rock Playhouse was officially designated The State Theatre of North Carolina.

What began as a few weeks of summer performances in 1940 is now a nine-month season of plays including Broadway musicals, comedy, drama, and theatre for young audiences. The Playhouse's dual mission of producing the performing arts and providing education in the performing arts includes a professional series; a summer and fall college apprentice and intern program; and Studio 52, year-round classes and workshops in theatre and film for students from kindergarten through adults. Flat Rock Playhouse now hosts over 105,000 patrons annually and is a significant contributor to the local economy and the Arts in North Carolina.

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