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FIRST NATIONAL TOUR OF FIVE-TIME TONY AWARD-NOMINATED SMASH-HIT MUSICAL



WILL ROCK COLUMBUS

"Absurdly enjoyable! About as guilty as pleasures get! The siren call of those guitars and singalong choruses is impossible to resist."

- *The New York Times*

"Rock and comedy in perfect proportion!"

- *Time Out*

In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small-town girl met a big-city dreamer, and in LA's most legendary rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the '80s. It's *ROCK OF AGES*, a hilarious, feel-good love story told through the hit songs of iconic rockers Journey, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Foreigner, Pat Benatar, Whitesnake, and many more. Don't miss this awesomely good time where big hair meets big dreams and the result totally wails.

Direct from Broadway, Tony Award nominee Constantine Maroulis of "American Idol" fame will reprise his acclaimed performance as Drew in the first national tour of the five-time Tony Award-nominated smash-hit musical *ROCK OF AGES*. *Rolling Stone* says, "Rock of Ages has found a perfect lead in Maroulis," and so like Bartles & James, big hair and Dep, some things are just meant for each other.

CAPA and Broadway Across America present *ROCK OF AGES* at the Palace Theatre (34 W. Broad St.) December 7-12. Show times are Tuesday, December 7, at 8pm; Wednesday, December 8, at 8pm; Thursday, December 9, at 8pm; Friday, December 10, at 8pm; Saturday, December 11, at 2pm & 8pm; and Sunday, December 12, at 1pm and 6:30pm. Tickets start at \$22.50 and can be purchased at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase by phone, please call (614) 469-

0939 or (800) 745-3000. The Ohio Theatre Ticket Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm.

ROCK OF AGES is directed by Tony Award nominee Kristin Hanggi (*Bare*, *Pussycat Dolls* on the Sunset Strip) and choreographed by Kelly Devine (*Jersey Boys* – Associate Choreographer). The book is by Chris D'Arienzo (writer and director of the film *Barry Munday*), the original arrangements are by David Gibbs (Counting Crows, Film *That Thing You Do*) and the music supervision, arrangements, and orchestrations are by Ethan Popp (*Tarzan*, *Europe: We Will Rock You*, *Mamma Mia!*).

Scenic design is by Beowulf Boritt (*Spelling Bee*, *LoveMusik*), costume design is by Tony nominee Gregory Gale (*Cyrano*, *The Wedding Singer*), lighting design is by Jason Lyons (The Threepenny Opera), sound design is by Tony nominee Peter Hylenski (*Shrek*), and projection design is by Zachary Borovay (*A Catered Affair*).

ROCK OF AGES opened on April 7, 2009, at Broadway's Brooks Atkinson Theatre to critical acclaim, following an Off-Broadway engagement in the fall of 2008. The Broadway production was nominated for five 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and New Line Records released the Original Broadway Cast Recording in July 2009, featuring 28 songs from the show. A New Line Cinema/Warner Bros. film of the musical, directed by Adam Shankman (*Hairspray*), is scheduled to be released in 2011.

ROCK OF AGES opened to rave reviews at the legendary Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto, Canada on May 11, 2010. It was also recently announced that *ROCK OF AGES* will head down under and open at the Comedy Theatre, Melbourne, Australia, in April 2011.

ROCK OF AGES is produced by Matthew Weaver, Carl Levin, Jeff Davis, Barry Habib, Scott Prisand, Janet Billig Rich, Hillary Weaver, Relativity Media, and The Araca Group.

www.RockofAgesMusical.com

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About CAPA

Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, Valentine Theatre (Toledo, OH), and the Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), **CAPA** is a non-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit www.capa.com.

About Broadway Across America

Broadway Across America is owned and operated by British theatre producer John Gore (CEO) and entertainment industry veteran Thomas B. McGrath (Chairman). Broadway Across America presents first-class, touring Broadway musicals and plays, family productions, and other live events throughout a network of 43 North American cities. Broadway Across America is also dedicated to the development and production of new and diverse live theatre for productions on Broadway, across America, and throughout the world. Broadway Across America most recently produced the Broadway productions of *HAIR*, *WEST SIDE STORY*, and Irving Berlin's *WHITE CHRISTMAS*. Upcoming productions include *MINSKY'S*, *PROMISES, PROMISES*, *MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET*, and the West End production of *BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S*. Touring productions include Nickelodeon's *STORYTIME ADVENTURES* featuring Dora the Explorer, and *DREAMGIRLS*. For more information or to purchase tickets through an authorized agent, go to www.BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com.

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