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NATIONAL TOUR CAST ANNOUNCED FOR

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S SMASH HIT

SCHOOL of ROCK
THE MUSICAL

**Coming to The Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale
December 12 – 24, 2017**

Fort Lauderdale, FL – September 22, 2017 - Broadway legend Andrew Lloyd Webber is excited to announce casting has been finalized for the national tour of his high-octane Broadway and West End hit ***School of Rock – The Musical!*** ***School of Rock – The Musical*** will play the Broward Center for the Performing Arts December 12 – 24, 2017.

Tickets for ***School of Rock – The Musical*** will go on sale on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 10 AM. Tickets will be available at the **Broward Center AutoNation Box Office**, 201 SW Fifth Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33312, browardcenter.org or call **954.462.0222**. Orders for groups of ten (10) or more may be placed by calling **954.660.6307**. Ticket prices start at \$35.25*.

Soon to be rocking the roofs off of theaters across America, the ***School of Rock – The Musical*** national tour stars **Rob Colletti** as Dewey, **Lexie Dorsett Sharp** as Rosalie, **Matt Bittner** as Ned, **Emily Borromeo** as Patty, **Merritt David Janes** as Dewey Alternate, **Deidre Lang** as Ms. Sheinkopf, **Olivia Bucknor** as Shonelle, **Theodora Silverman** as Katie, **Chloe Anne Garcia** as Marcy, **Carson Hodges** as Mason, **Gianna Harris** as Tomika, **Gilberto Moretti-Hamilton** as Freddy, **Phoenix Schuman** as Zack, **John Michael Pitera** as Billy, **Theo Mitchell-Penner** as Lawrence and **Ava Briglia** as Summer. The adult ensemble features **John Campione**, **Patrick Clanton**, **Christopher DeAngelis**, **Kristian Espiritu**, **Melanie Evans**, **Liam Fennecken**, **Kara Haller**, **Elysia Jordan**, **Jameson Moss**, **Sinclair Mitchell**, **Tim Shea** and **Hernando Umana**. The kid's ensemble features **Rayna Farr**, **Bella Fraker**, **Alex Louis**, **Tommy Ragen**, **Gabriella Uhl** and **Aiden Niklas Villa**.

School of Rock – The Musical is based on the smash hit 2003 film of the same, featuring music from the movie, as well as an original score by **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, lyrics by **Glenn Slater**, a book by **Julian Fellowes**, choreography by **JoAnn M. Hunter** and direction by **Laurence Connor**.

School of Rock – The Musical opened on Broadway to rave reviews on Sunday, December 6, 2015. This Ben Brantley *New York Times* 'Critics' Pick' "is an inspiring jolt of energy and mad skillz," raves Jesse Oxfeld of *Entertainment Weekly*. And in his four-star Critics' Pick review, *Time Out's* David Cote proclaimed, "School's IN – forever!" ***School of Rock – The Musical*** was nominated for four 2016 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score (**Lloyd Webber** and **Slater**), Best Book (**Fellowes**), and Best Leading Actor in a Musical (**Alex Brightman**). ***School of Rock – The Musical*** also won the 2017 Oliver award for Outstanding Achievement in Music.

Based on the hit film, **School of Rock – The Musical** is a hilarious new musical that follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn a few extra bucks by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight-A students into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. While teaching these pint-sized prodigies what it means to truly rock, Dewey falls for the school's beautiful, but uptight headmistress, helping her rediscover the wild child within.

School of Rock – The Musical features scenic and costume design by **Anna Louizos**, lighting design by **Natasha Katz**, sound design by **Mick Potter** and music supervision by **John Rigby**.

School of Rock – The Musical is produced on Broadway by **Andrew Lloyd Webber** for **The Really Useful Group, Warner Music Group & Access Industries, The Shubert Organization** and **The Nederlander Organization**. **Nina Lannan** and **Madeleine Lloyd Webber** serve as Executive Producers.

Calendar Listing

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SCHOOL OF ROCK – The Musical is a *New York Times* Critics' Pick and "AN INSPIRING JOLT OF ENERGY, JOY AND MAD SKILLZ!" (*Entertainment Weekly*). Based on the hit film, this hilarious new musical follows Dewey Finn, a wannabe rock star posing as a substitute teacher who turns a class of straight-A students into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. This high-octane smash features 14 new songs from ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER, all the original songs from the movie and musical theater's first-ever kids rock band playing their instruments live on stage. *Vanity Fair* raves, "FISTS OF ALL AGES SHALL BE PUMPING!"

* **Tickets start at \$35.25**

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The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop, and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit **www.BrowardCenter.org**.

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