



THE WEST END & BROADWAY SMASH-HIT MUSICAL

UK TOUR 2025/26: OPENS NEXT WEEK!
DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND BOOKING EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 2026

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BUDDY – THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY

“PURE UNADULTERATED FUN”
Daily Telegraph

“THE SHOW YOU’LL NEVER FORGET”
Daily Mail

The West End and Broadway smash-hit musical ***Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story*** opens next week at the Birmingham Hippodrome and is delighted to announce, due to popular demand, an extension of its UK tour booking period to **30th May 2026**, with tickets on sale for all venues.

The show opens at the Birmingham Hippodrome on Wednesday 27th August for six performances, ahead of a UK tour covering the length and breadth of the country. From Norwich to Cardiff, Plymouth to Glasgow, Salford to Southampton and Bradford to Belfast, plus many more locations in between!

Loved by critics and audiences alike, ***Buddy*** tells the enduring story of the musical icon’s meteoric rise from his early Country and R&B musical influences, to becoming a major Rock & Roll innovator and international star, up until his legendary final performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa – and tragic, untimely death at the age of just 22. In 18 short months the bespectacled boy from Lubbock, Texas, revolutionised Rock & Roll – the sound of the youth – and how it was written, recorded and performed, influencing everyone from The Beatles to Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones to Fleetwood Mac. And Buddy’s influence wasn’t just limited to the sound. “He made it okay to wear glasses,” said John Lennon. “I was Buddy Holly.”

Boasting a multi-talented cast of actor-musicians, ***Buddy*** presents two terrific hours of music with over 20 of his greatest hits, including the timeless classics *That’ll Be The Day*, *Peggy Sue*, *Oh Boy*, *Everyday* and *Rave On*. With the Big Bopper’s *Chantilly Lace* and Ritchie Valens’ *La Bamba*, and rip-roaring versions of *Shout* and *Johnny B. Goode* completing a stellar musical line-up, ***Buddy*** is a not to be missed evening of family entertainment.

AJ Jenks returns to the show and will play the role of Buddy Holly at the majority of performances, with Joe Sterling playing Buddy at some performances also. Cast members include: Stephen Alexander-Kerr, Miguel Angel, Joshua Barton, Andrew Farrell, Ewan Ling, Marta Miranda, Melker Nilsson, Thomas-Fabian Parrish and Laura-Dene Perryman.

"We are very excited to be back on tour. The electricity and connection created between cast on stage and audience members – aged 8 to 80 – at each performance is palpable. Witnessing people of all ages up out of their seats and dancing in the aisles, caught up in the energy and pure joy of the music, is something to behold and never fails to amaze with this show. The music very much lives on!"

Writer/Executive Producer Alan Janes

Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story has enjoyed phenomenal success, having played a record-breaking 4900 performances over 614 weeks on tour in the UK and Ireland, as well as 5822 performances over 728 weeks in London's West End (that's currently a total of 10,722 UK performances!). A true original, **Buddy** is one of a small number of iconic musicals including *Les Misérables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *Miss Saigon*, *Evita* and *Cats* to surpass a spectacular three decades on stage. Seen by 23 million theatregoers since it opened in London's West End in 1989, the show speaks an international language and continues to bring joy to audiences around the world!

Visit: buddythemusical.com for all tour details.

LOCAL VENUES: To book tickets for *Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story* at (INSERT VENUE) from (INSERT DATES) visit (INSERT WEBSITE) or call the Box Office (INSERT BOX OFFICE NUMBER).

Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story – the Years in Numbers:

- *Buddy* became the first West End production to tour the UK while simultaneously playing in the West End in 1991. It set a record of 243 weeks of continuous touring, or four years 35 weeks on the road!
- *Buddy* ran in the West End for over 14 years – playing the Victoria Palace, Strand/Novello, and Duchess Theatres – making it one of the longest-running shows in London theatre history!
- *Buddy* has been staged across five continents, including in London and the UK; Broadway and across the USA including Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Reno; Toronto, British Columbia and throughout Canada; Hamburg, Essen and Germany; Sydney and Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Japan and Singapore
- In total our Buddy Hollies have sung 20 songs 271,666 times
- Since *Buddy* first began there have been 27 actors playing the title role of Buddy in the West End, on tour and on Broadway
- 3,338 pairs of trousers have had to be replaced – due to Buddy knee sliding across stages throughout the world – and 434 pairs of glasses!
- Throughout the world 14 couples have met and married while working in the company and there have been 28 Buddy babies!

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BUDDY – THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY | 2025-25 UK TOUR DATES

2025

27 – 30 August	Birmingham	0844 338 5000	birminghamhippodrome.com
2 – 6 September	Basildon	01268 205 300	towngatetheatre.co.uk
9 – 13 September	Malvern	01684 892277	malvern-tickets.co.uk
15 – 17 September	Dunstable	01582 60 20 80	everyonetheatres.com
19 – 20 September	Crewe	0343 310 0050	trafalgartickets.com
22 – 27 September	Salford	0161 876 2000	thelowry.com
30 Sept – 4 October	Billingham	01642 552663	forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk
7 – 11 October	Portsmouth	023 9282 8282	kingsportsmouth.co.uk
13 – 14 October	Basingstoke	01256 844244	anvilarts.org.uk
16 – 18 October	Tunbridge Wells	01892 554441	assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk
21 – 25 October	Windsor	01753 853 888	theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk
28 Oct – 1 st November	Saffron Walden	0845 548 7650	saffronhall.com
3 – 4 November	Swindon	0343 310 0040	trafalgartickets.com
6 – 8 November	Yeovil	01935 422 884	westlandsyeovil.co.uk
11 – 15 November	Guildford	01483 44 00 00	yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

2026

13 – 17 January	Bath	01225 448844	theatreroyal.org.uk
19 – 24 January	Exeter	01392 72 63 63	exeternorthcott.co.uk
27 – 31 January	Cheltenham	01242 572 573	everymantheatre.org.uk
3 – 7 February	Blackpool	01253 290190	blackpoolgrand.co.uk
9 – 10 February	Whitley Bay	0191 643 2643	playhousewhitleybay.co.uk
12 – 14 February	Hull	01482 300 306	hulltheatres.co.uk
18 – 21 February	Norwich	01603 630000	norwichtheatre.org
24 – 28 February	Bradford	01274 432000	bradford-theatres.co.uk
2 – 7 March	Lichfield	01543 412121	lichfieldgarrick.com
10 – 14 March	New Brighton	0151 666 0000	florapavilion.com
17 – 21 March	Darlington	01325 405405	darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk
23 – 24 March	Shrewsbury	01743 281281	theatresevern.co.uk
26 – 28 March	Buxton	01298 72190	buxtonoperahouse.org.uk
31 March – 4 April	Belfast	028 9024 1919	goh.co.uk
7 – 11 April	Plymouth	01752 267222	theatreroyal.com
20 – 21 April	Northampton	01604 624811	royalandderngate.co.uk
23 – 25 April	Chelmsford	01245 606505	chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk
27 April – 2 May	Stevenage	01438 363200	everyonetheatres.com

4 – 6 May	Lincoln	01522 519999	newtheatreroyallincoln.ticketsolve.com
8 – 9 May	Crawley	01293 553636	parkwoodtheatres.co.uk
11 – 12 May	Glasgow	0141 332 1846	trafalgartickets.com
14 – 17 May	Cardiff	029 2063 6464	wmc.org.uk
21 – 23 May	Southampton	02380 711811	mayflower.org.uk

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