



CAST BIOGS



AJ JENKS

- Buddy Holly

AJ is from Birmingham. He studied at the Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts, graduating with a BA (Hons) in Actor Musicianship.

His theatre credits include: Athos in The Three Musketeers (The Barn, Cirencester), The Farmer in The Farmer, The Wolf, The Goat & The Cabbage (Middle East Tour), Barry Gibb in Saturday Night Fever (UK Tour), Elvis Presley in Million Dollar Quartet (The Barn, Cirencester), The Lost Ones (Theatre Royal, Stratford East), Godiva Rocks (Belgrade Theatre, Coventry), Sheep (White Bear Theatre, London) and Peter Tork in The Monkees Reloaded (UK Tour).

AJ is thrilled to be returning to BUDDY-The Buddy Holly Story having toured with the show previously in 2019 and 2023.



ANDREW FARRELL – Decca

Producer, Murray Deutch

Andrew is from Dunshaughlin, Ireland, and has performed on stages across Ireland, Spain, the United States and Mexico.

Trained at the American College Dublin, he proudly holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Musical Theatre and Performance.

Some notable roles to date include Brian in Erics Full Monty (New Vic, Stoke), The Barman in The Choir of Man (Norwegian Cruise Lines), Charley Kringas in Merrily We

Roll Along (American College Dublin) and Prince Charming in Into the Woods (American College Dublin).

Andrew is a skilled multi-instrumentalist, playing drums, trumpet, sax, guitar, bass, and piano to name but a few and enjoys spending time with his three Jack Russell puppies.

Andrew is delighted to join the Company of BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story & hopes you all enjoy the show!



EWAN LING

- Radio Engineer, Apollo DJ

Ewan trained at The Guildford School of Acting.

His credits include: Speedo Mick - The Scouse Stomper (Royal Court, Liverpool), The Borrowers (Hull Truck Theatre), Million Dollar Quartet (Florida, USA / NCL), Dick Whittington (Queens Theatre, Hornchurch), Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story (UK Tour), Dick Whittington (Nottingham Playhouse), Summer Holiday (Sheringham Little Theatre, Norfolk), The Witches of Eastwick in Concert (Sondheim Theatre, West End), West End Does Hollywood (Cadogan Hall, London) West End Does Christmas (Cadogan Hall, London) and The Little Princess (The Other Palace, London).

Ewan is delighted to be returning to BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story having appeared in the show in 2023.



JOE STERLING

- Niki Sullivan (and Buddy Holly for some performances)

Joe trained with the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain.

Theatre credits include: The Simon And Garfunkel Story (UK Tour/Australia/South Africa), Eric's Pride And Prejudice (New Vic Theatre, Stoke), Dreamboats And Petticoats (UK Tour), Frankenstein (TNT Theatre/ADG Europe), Buddy Holly And The Cricketers (UK Tour), Macbeth (UK/International Tour), The Jungle Book (UK Tour, Birmingham Stage

Company), A Christmas Carol (Giant Olive Theatre Company), Based On A True Story (Jermyn Street Theatre), Oliver! (New Vic Theatre, Stoke).

Workshops: The Golden Voice (Dominion Theatre, Studio), My Land's Shore (RADA Studios)

Film: Atonement (Working Title/Universal).

Joe is also a singer/songwriter and his music can be found on streaming services.

Joe would like to thank his family for all their support. Especially his wife Leyla and their two young rock and roll fans, Kasper and Seth!



JOSHUA BARTON

- The Big Bopper

Joshua trained at the Arts University Bournemouth. His credits include:

Stage: The Commitments (UK/Ireland Tour), The Big Bopper in BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story (30th Anniversary Tour), Maggie May (Finborough Theatre), Algernon in The Importance of Being Earnest, Laertes in Hamlet (London Contemporary Theatre), Macheath in The Threepenny Opera (Lighthouse Theatre Poole).

TV and Film: Oh! The Ladies Bodyguard has Eloped!, The Villains.

Joshua is delighted to return to the role of the Big Bopper and can't wait to see you out there dancing in the aisles!"



LAURA-DENE PERRYMAN-

Marlena Maddison

Laura trained at The University of Winchester (BA (Honours) Degree in Musical Theatre.

Her theatre credits include: Princess Jasmine in Aladdin for Neon Productions, female lead vocalist/1st cover in Dancing In The Streets UK theatre Tour, Fairy Sugar Snap in Jack and the Beanstalk for Evolution Productions, Chantel Williams in BUDDY – The Buddy Holly Story UK tour.

Laura-Dene is delighted to be returning to Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story. She would like to thank her agent Alexander Baker Management, family and friends for their continued support.

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MARTA MIRANDA

– Vi Petty, Maria Elena

Marta is a BA Actor Musician 2020 graduate from Guildford School of Acting.

Her theatre credits include The Jungle Book Middle Eastern Tour (S4K), Robin Hood. The Legend. Re-Written (Regent's Park Open Air Theatre), The Bar At The Edge of Time UK Tour (Frozen Light), Sleeping Beauty (Queen's Theatre Hornchurch) and Lead Vocalist contracts in several resorts across Europe.

Short film credits include A Walk Together (Southside Films), Carols 2020 (Hillsong London).

Aside from her roles as a performer, Marta composed the music for the award winning play, F*ckboy, at Edinburgh Fringe 2024 and recently directed a musical with 200 children in Peru.



MELKER NILSSON

– Joe B. Mauldin

Melker is a Swedish Actor Musician based in London. He trained at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts.

Theatre includes: Bassist (dep) in Choir Of Man (Arts Theatre West End), Brother Jay in Million Dollar Quartet (Barn Theatre, Cirencester), On-Stage Musician in The Wicker Husband (Watermill Theatre), Jacko in Rat King (Hope Theatre, London) and Jim Hawkins in Treasure Island (Quantum Theatre UK Tour).

As a multi-instrumentalist, Melker has played for numerous artists both as a live and studio session musician. Most recently he recorded bass, saxophone and guitars for Ruby Duff's latest album and played the Market Stage at Truck Festival.

Melker has recently been touring his own show, "Möt mig imorgon" (Meet Me in the Morning) in collaboration with Robin Fajardo (Various theaters across Sweden).

Melker has a big love for 50's and 60's rock 'n' roll and is thrilled to be joining the cast of BUDDY.



MIGUEL ANGEL

– Tyrone Jones, Ritchie Valens

Miguel Angel is thrilled to be playing two of his favourite roles, Ritchie Valens and Tyrone Jones. A mixed race Latin Caribbean actor raised in NYC, he now calls London home. Credits include Midnight Tango starring Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with Donny Osmond, La Cage aux Folles, A Chorus Line, West Side Story, Pirates of Penzance, Smokey Joe's Cafe, Genie of the Lamp in many Aladdin pantomimes, Dandini in Cinderella with Peter Duncan and an appearance on the television series Pennyworth. Miguel also performs as a guest entertainer on Cunard, P&O and other cruise lines in The Flyrights, a popular trio singing Motown hits.



STEPHEN ALEXANDER-KERR

– Jerry Allison

Stephen trained at Jazzart UK.

His theatre credits include Thursford Christmas Spectacular, Frederick Abberline in Ripper the Musical (Edinburgh Fringe), Carnival Venezia (Carnival Entertainment), P&O Azura (Headliners), Benny in Abbalutely Fantastic (UK Tour), Marella Explorer 2 (TED Group), Ensemble/Understudy in Beauty and the Beast (Palace Theatre Kilmarnock).

Stephen is represented by Brewis Scott Associates and is thrilled to be joining the cast of Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story. He would like to thank his family and friends for their continued love and support.



THOMAS FABIAN PARRISH

– Norman Petty

His theatre credits include: Humbug (Truman Brewery, London), The Merry Wives of Windsor (UK Tour), Cinderella (Liverpool Everyman), Once (Barn Theatre, Cirencester), Summer In The City (Upstairs At The Gatehouse), Dick Whittington and His Cat (Watford Palace Theatre), Sleeping Beauty (Watford Palace Theatre), Million Dollar Quartet (Norwegian Cruise Lines), Aladdin (Windsor Castle), Oedipus (Latitude Festival), The Lost Boy Peter Pan (The Pleasance Theatre London).

Concert credits include: The Elvis Years (UK Tour), Shape of You (UK Tour).