

BEAUTIFUL

The Carole King Musical

MEDIA RELEASE

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Gerry Goffin & Carole King
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Directed by Kelly Thornton
A co-production with The Segal Centre

Not your typical jukebox musical is coming to the Mainstage.

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WINNIPEG, December 20, 2023 – The story of one of the most celebrated singer-song writers of all time is taking the spotlight. ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** follows Carole as she forges an unlikely path into the New York music business.

When Carole pairs up with lyricist Gerry Goffin, her career soars. Soon, they're churning out hits for The Drifters, Bobby Vee and The Shirelles. But when their relationship hits a sour note, Carole must find her own voice. This uplifting true story about one woman's remarkable journey from a young song writer to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame is woven with irresistible performances of chart-topping songs from Motown and Carole King's solo career such as *Natural Woman*, *One Fine Day* and *You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling*.

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical stars **Ruth Acheampong** as Uptown Singer / Shirelle (Beverly) / US: Little Eva and others; **Andre Anthony** as Lead Drifter / US: Drifters and others; **Lisa Bell** as Janelle Woods / Shirelle (Micki) US: Shirelle (Shirley); **Tess Bengler** as Carole King; **Louise Camilieri** as Shirelle (Shirley) / US: Uptown Singer and others; **Jeremy Carver-James** as Drifter 4 / US: Drifters and others; **Ellen David** as Genie Klein; **Matthew Fletcher** as Nick / Righteous Brother / Bobby Vee / US: Gerry Goffin, Neil Sedaka and others; **Darren Martens** as Gerry Goffin; **Mike Melino** as Barry Mann; **Davis Okey-Azzunah** as Drifter 2 / US: Drifters and others; **Laura Olafson** as Cynthia Weil; **Jonathan Patterson** as Diamond / Righteous Brother / Lou Adler / US: Donny Kirshner; **Alana Randall** as Little Eva / Lucille / Shirelle (Doris) / US: Janelle Woods and others; **Rhea Rodych-Rasidescu** as Betty / Marilyn Wald; US: Carole King; **Dakota Jamal Wellman** as Drifter 3 / US: Drifter and others; **Chase Winnicky** as Neil Sedaka / BeeBop Guy / US: Barry Mann and others / Nick and others / Lou Adler and others, **Cory Wojcik** as Donny Kirshner; **Jillian Willems** Standby: as Cynthia Weil, Genie Klein, Betty / Marilyn Wald.

The creative team features Director **Kelly Thornton**, Music Director **Floydd Ricketts**, Choreographer **Jaz Sealey**, Set Designer **Gillian Gallow**, Costume Designer **Louise Bourret**, Lighting Designer **Hugh Conacher**, Sound Designer **Sylvin Sévigny**, Assistant Director **Justin Stadnyk**, Assistant Sound Designer **Evan Brown**, Casting **Rachelle Glait**, Stage Manager **Melanie St. Jacques**, Assistant Stage Manager **Zahra Larche** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Kyra Krassnigg**.

Tickets for ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** start at \$29 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537, toll-free at 1 877 446 4500 or visit royalmtc.ca.

B-roll will be sent to select media on January 10 and is also available upon request. A selection of photos is available for download on our website. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre.

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