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CRAZY FOR YOU TAKES THE BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE STAGE FOR THREE WEEKS BEGINNING, JUNE 13, 2007



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The all singing, all dancing, all Gershwin musical, *Crazy for You* returns to the Bucks County Playhouse after a highly successful run during the 2002 Season. *Crazy for You* will be performed on the Playhouse stage from Wednesday, June 13 through Sunday, July 1, 2007.

A tale of boy meets girl in the Wild West, the plot of *Crazy for You* centers on Bobby Child, the rich son of a banking family who is sent to forclose a mortgage on a theatre in Deadrock, Arkansas. Bobby arrives in Deadrock where he meets and falls in love with Polly, the daughter of the theatre's owner. He then sets out to save the theatre and win Polly's heart. With a musical score filled with memorable George and Ira Gershwin tunes, *Crazy for You* features songs such as "Someone To Watch Over Me", "I Got Rhythm", "They Can't Take That Away From Me" and "Embraceable You."

Playhouse favorite, Louis Palena reprises the role of Bobby Child in *Crazy for You* a role he first played during the 2002 Season. Audiences know Louis from many roles over the years most notably the Cat in the Hat in *Seussical*, the Emcee in *Cabaret* and Billy Lawlor in *42nd Street*. Anne Barr returns to the Playhouse stage as Polly. Anne made her Bucks County Playhouse debut last season playing the leading roles of Amneris in *Aida* and Ellen in *Miss Saigon*. *Crazy for You* will be directed and choreographed by Playhouse Artistic Director, Stephen Casey. Now in his 10th season as Artistic Director, Stephen has directed and choreographed some of the Playhouse's most critically acclaimed productions, including *Chicago*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *A Chorus Line*, to name a few.

The Bucks County Playhouse Box Office is now fully ONLINE. Tickets can be purchased by going to the Bucks County Playhouse web site at www.buckscountyplayhouse.com.

The Bucks County Playhouse production of *Crazy for You* runs from Wednesday, June 13 through Sunday, July 1, 2007. Performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 2 PM and 8 PM, Friday at 8 PM, Saturday at 4 PM and 8 PM and Sunday at 2 PM. Ticket prices are \$23.00 to \$25.00. **A "Day of Show" discount is available to students ages 21 and under and all active military.** Discounts are available day of only with valid identification. For information and reservations, call the Box Office at 215-862-2041. The Bucks County Playhouse is located at 70 South Main Street in historic New Hope, Pennsylvania.

A Little about Crazy For You...

Crazy For You opened on February 19, 1992 and ran for four years at the Shubert Theater in New York playing for 1,622 performances. The original production starred Harry Groener as Bobby Child and Jodi Benson as Polly Baker.

Crazy For You won

- 3 Tony Awards for Musical, Choreographer and Costume Designer
- 2 Drama Desk Awards for Musical and Choreography
- 3 Outer Critics Circle Awards for Broadway Musical, Choreography and Set, Costume and Lighting Design

The Los Angeles Critics Circle and Helen Hayes Awards as Best Musical of the Year, as well as the Olivier Award for Best Musical in London

Taped for television at New Jersey's Paper Mill Playhouse under Ockrent and choreographer, Susan Stroman's supervision, the cast of *Crazy For You* featured Jim Walton, Stacey Logan, Jane Connell (recreating her Broadway role), Bruce Adler, and M*A*S*H*'s Larry Linville and was broadcast nationwide on the PBS television series "Great Performances."

Author Ken Ludwig along with original director Mike Ockrent used five musical numbers (*Bidin' My Time, Could You Use Me?, Embraceable You, I Got Rhythm* and *But Not For Me*) and part of a sixth (*Bronco Busters*) from the 1930 Gershwin musical score of *Girl Crazy* and added a dozen more songs of which two (*Tonight's the Night* and *What Causes That?*) which were rediscovered in a warehouse in Seacaucus, New Jersey in 1982.

Crazy for YouFact Sheet

WHAT: The Bucks County Playhouse production of *Crazy for You* with book by Ken

Ludwig, music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin and direction and

choreography by Stephen Casey.

Crazy for You is the heart warming story of stage struck Bobby Child and his ambition to be a dancer. His hilarious journey takes him from the heart of New York theatreland to the trail-blazing frontiers of Deadrock, Nevada. Stephen

Casey directs and choreographs this musical comedy.

WHERE: The Bucks County Playhouse, 70 S. Main St., New Hope, Pennsylvania

WHO: Direction and Choreography by Musical Direction by STEPHEN CASEY LOUIS PALENA

Costume Design by
Scenic Design by
LINDA BEE-STOCKTON
PETER MARTINO
ADAM BELL
Sound Design by
RYAN KILLEEN

CAST: Bobby Child LOUIS PALENA

Polly Baker

Bella Zangler

Irene Roth

Lank Hawkins

ANNE BARR

PATRICK LUDT

LAUREN K. BRADER

DAMIAN BARTOLACCI

Tess JILL PALENA

Everett Baker

Lottie Child

Moose

Mingo

Jared Mancuso

TIM HACKNEY

Junior

Eugene Fodor

WILLIAM WALTERS

LINDA SCHWANDT

JARED MANCUSO

TIM HACKNEY

RON CARLOS

PETER MARTINO

Wyatt ADAM BELL
Patricia Fodor JESSICA CHESBRO
Custus JORDAN BRENNAN

Custus

Patsy

NICOLE D'ANGELO

Follies Girls

NICOLE CALABRESE, JESSICA CHESBRO,
NICOLE D'ANGELO, HEIDI GIBERSON,
MOTOKO MIYAMA, HEATHER MORRIS,

JILL PALENA, SHARON RUDDA

TICKET PRICES: \$23.00 to \$25.00

BOX OFFICE PHONE: (215) 862-2041

WHEN: Crazy for You

June 13 through July 1, 2007

OPENING PERFORMANCE: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 2 PM

Performance: Wednesday through Saturday at 8 PM

Saturday at 4 PM

Matinees: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 2 PM

CLOSING PERFORMANCE: Sunday, July 1, 2007 at 2 PM