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ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER’S SMASH HIT



**IS COMING TO PHILADELPHIA
ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
MARCH 27, 2018**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, January, 17 2018) --- Broadway legend Andrew Lloyd Webber’s high-octane Broadway and West End hit *School of Rock – The Musical* is coming to Philadelphia at the Kimmel Center’s Academy of Music, for the very first time, from March 27-April 1, 2018. It is based on the smash hit 2003 film with the same name, 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**.

“It is a pleasure to welcome Andrew Lloyd Webber’s lighthearted and highly entertaining show to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus for six action packed days,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Fans of the legendary impresario as well as fans of true rock music will delight in this sprightly masterpiece. Plus, it’s simply a fun show for families, with kids as rock musicians.”

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.

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. 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, and helps 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.

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Academy of Music

Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 29, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 1, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, visiting kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office from 10am-6pm daily. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 215-790-5883. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

The Shubert Organization

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The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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