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SYNCHRONIZE YOUR WATCHES! THE 2022 OLIVIER AWARD-WINNING BEST NEW MUSICAL SETS ITS DESTINATION FOR CLEVELAND



COMING TO PLAYHOUSE SQUARE FROM JUNE 11 – JULY 7

“A JAW-DROPPING SPECTACLE THAT HITS ALL THE RIGHT BUTTONS!” – *USA Today*

“DAMN FUN! IT SENDS THE CROWD OUT ON A MASSIVE HIGH.” – *The Hollywood Reporter*

(February 1, 2024) — Lead producer **Colin Ingram** together with **Robert Zemeckis** and **Bob Gale**, the creators of the *Back to the Future* film trilogy, and Playhouse Square are thrilled to announce the 2022 Olivier Award-winning Best New Musical, **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** will come to Cleveland as part of the 2023-24 KeyBank Broadway Series at Playhouse Square. The Broadway and West End hit show based on the Universal Pictures/Amblin

Entertainment film will play Playhouse Square from June 11 to July 7, 2024. Casting will be announced at a later date.

Beginning February 2, 2024, tickets will be available online at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000. Groups of 15 or more are encouraged to call 216-640-8600. Cleveland will host the tour's official opening night on Friday, June 14th, 2024.

Following celebrated productions in London's West End and on Broadway, **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** will open its tour at Playhouse Square in Cleveland, Ohio, in June 2024 and continue to destinations across North America. The tour launches less than 12 months after the show's Broadway opening on August 3, 2023, at the Winter Garden Theatre. The critically acclaimed West End production of **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** officially opened in London on September 13, 2021, has been seen by more than 800,000 people to date, and broken multiple Adelphi Theatre box office records. The production won the Best New Musical Olivier Award as well as multiple WhatsOnStage Awards and a Broadway World Award for Best New Musical. **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** had its world premiere at the Manchester Opera House on March 11, 2020.

"BRINGS ALL THE MAGIC FROM THE SCREEN TO THE STAGE!" – *Entertainment Weekly*

Marty McFly is a rock 'n' roll teenager who is accidentally transported back to 1955 in a time-traveling DeLorean invented by his friend, Dr. Emmett Brown. But before he can return to 1985, Marty must make sure his high school-aged parents fall in love in order to save his own existence.

Based on the Universal Pictures/Amblin Entertainment film, **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** has a book by **Bob Gale**, new music and lyrics by Emmy and Grammy Award-winning **Alan Silvestri** and six-time Grammy Award-winning **Glen Ballard**, with additional songs from the film including "The Power of Love" and "Johnny B. Goode." **Bob Gale** is the co-creator and co-writer of the *Back to the Future* film trilogy and **Alan Silvestri** composed the iconic film score for the series.

BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical is directed by Tony Award® winner **John Rando** and features a multi-Tony and Olivier Award-winning design team that includes **Tim Hatley** (set and costume design), **Tim Lutkin** and **Hugh Vanstone** (lighting), **Gareth Owen** (sound) and **Finn Ross** (video), with choreography by **Chris Bailey**, musical supervision and arrangements by **Nick Finlow**, illusions by **Chris Fisher**, orchestrations by **Ethan Popp** and **Bryan Crook**, dance arrangements by **David Chase**, and casting by **Tara Rubin**. **Bespoke Theatricals** serves as General Manager.

"THE AUDIENCE GOES WILD!" – *The New York Times*

Bob Gale said, "To paraphrase Marty McFly, you guys are ready for this, and your kids are gonna love it (too)! If Bob Zemeckis and I time traveled back to 1980 and told our younger selves that the script they were struggling to write would become a Broadway musical 43 years later, they'd kick us out of their office and call us crazy. Well, sometimes, crazy ideas give birth to great entertainment, and now Bob and I are eager to share our musical vision with New York audiences. The London production exceeded our original expectations on every level, and we're certain the Broadway version, along with the fantastic songs by Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard, will be even better. Regardless of whether you've seen the original film, **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical**, with its outstanding performances and incredible stagecraft, will delight and enthrall you, your kids, your parents, and everyone you know!"

Alan Silvestri and **Glen Ballard** said, “It all began for us with the story and characters that made *Back To The Future* a much beloved, cinematic classic. The magic of musical theatre presented us with the possibility of adding new dimension and depth to our familiar Hill Valley residents. Through song and dance their innermost thoughts, hopes, and dreams are now revealed. It’s a story first told in 1985, that traveled back to 1955, and will now be told in 2023 in New York City and, starting in 2024, across North America. We are thrilled and excited to invite you to join us on this epic journey through time.”

Lead Producer **Colin Ingram** said, “Following London and Broadway, we are delighted to take **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** on the road. We look forward to entertaining and thrilling audiences, who have cherished this story for decades, with the moving and spectacular musical version.”

The Original Cast Recording of **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** is available now from Sony Masterworks Broadway in all formats, including vinyl. (<https://soundtracks.lnk.to/BTTFAlbum>) A deluxe 2-disc edition of the Original Cast Recording featuring never heard before demos of the songs from the musical was released by Sony Masterworks Broadway on June 30, 2023.

A 240-page hardcover book, [Creating Back to the Future The Musical](#) by Michael Klastorin, the official behind-the-scenes companion to the stage musical adaptation of *Back to the Future*, published by Abrams Books, was released on July 3, 2023 and is available at abramsbooks.com.

Back to the Future the film was released in 1985, starring Michael J. Fox as “Marty McFly” and Christopher Lloyd as “Dr. Emmett Brown.” The film grossed \$360.6 million at the box office worldwide and the total box office for all three films in the *Back to the Future* franchise was \$936.6 million (over \$1.8 billion in today’s money).

Follow **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical** at [@btffbway](#) on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and Instagram.

For more information visit www.BackToTheFutureMusical.com.

BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical is part of the KeyBank Broadway Series at Playhouse Square and will play the KeyBank State Theatre for 32 performances, June 11 – July 7, 2024. Show times are Tuesdays – Fridays at 7:30PM, Saturdays at 1:30 and 7:30PM, and Sundays at 1:00 and 6:30 PM. Tickets will be available online at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000 beginning Friday, February 2nd.

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