

## Forever Plaid revisits music of yesteryear

*Brampton Guardian*

Music of the '50s and '60s will come to life— or is that afterlife?— when the Rose Theatre Summer Theatre Series presents *Forever Plaid* on the main stage, July 13 to 28.

The classic musical comedy that centres around four young, eager male singers who are killed in an untimely car crash on the way to their first big gig. By some miracle, the men are revived for a chance to perform the “show that never was.”

It's goofy, funny and charming— and has all the right elements for an easy, breezy, entertaining summer theatre experience. With clever banter and catchy harmonies, audience members will be laughing and singing along with the four “Plaids”.

The show's director, Rob Woodcock, said

*Forever Plaid*

has been a musical the Rose Theatre has wanted to produce for some time. Since the 2008 production of

*Plaid Tidings*

(a holiday-themed sequel to *Forever Plaid*), patrons have been asking for the first installment to come to the Brampton stage.

*Plaid Tidings*

was a real audience pleaser and we were asked when we would be doing the regular version,” explained Woodcock. “We had talked about for years, and it took some time, but now here we are.”

With songs like

*Three Coins In The Fountain*

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*Catch a Falling Star*

and

*16 Tons*

, the music will bring the audience back to a time of doo-wop groups and early boy bands.

“The music features tight harmonies and catchy tunes that will bring back fond memories to many of our patrons,” Woodcock said.

It's also reminiscent of shows like Ed Sullivan, Perry Como and those “great variety shows of yesteryear”, he added.

The light, funny toe-tapper will appeal to all, and is a family-friendly production.

Starring in the show are a group of Rose Theatre stage favourites— Sweeney MacArthur (

*The 39 Steps*

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*A Christmas Carol*

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*Plaid Tidings*

); Jon Alex MacFarlane (

*The Last Resort*

); Kraig Wayne (

*The Last Resort*

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*The War Show*

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*Songs for a New World*

); and Rob Torr (

*7 Stories*

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*Odd Couple*

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*Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

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Woodcock said *Forever Plaid* is “first and foremost, and enjoyable night out.”

It's a show where everyone will leave with a smile on their face, and a bounce in their step.

*Forever Plaid* runs July 13 to 28 with 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. shows (check the schedule for showtimes). Tickets start at \$32; or subscription packages are available for the season.

For more, visit [www.rosetheatre.ca](http://www.rosetheatre.ca) (<http://www.rosetheatre.ca>) or call the box office at 905-874-2800.