



W.H.A.T. debuts original musical as part of Kearny year-long 150th Anniversary Celebration

KEARNY: A TRUE AMERICAN WARRIOR

Opens October 19th

WEST HUDSON, NJ -- History is usually the domain of straight plays, so the mind-blowing success of Hamilton last year was a Broadway rarity.

Now, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Kearny, the West Hudson Arts Theater company (W.H.A.T.) are taking a cue from that success and will be treating the folks in Kearny to another historical musical – this time about the town’s namesake General Philip Kearny. Performances begin October 19th.

Kearny: A True American Warrior A New Musical is the brainstorm of the West Hudson Arts & Theater Company (WHAT) and former Kearny resident Joe Ferriero.

“This production is extremely unique. We’ve taken the exciting life of General Kearny and put it to music that’ll keep your feet taping and your emotions on overload. “ says Ferriero “I was particularly inspired by Kearny’s story. His life is fascinating! “ This show will be a great opportunity to share the history of the town, and learn about a truly heroic, historic and controversial man.

The cast includes James Berko as Philip Kearny with Tom Huelbig, Scott Burzynski, Mariclare Rivera, Elissa Perez, Marisa Freidman, Nathalia Caro and Maura Huelbig rounding out the cast.

“We’re thrilled to be able to participate in the town’s celebration in such a unique and timely way,” commented Jerry Ficeto, W.H.A.T. president.

Kearny: A True American Warrior with Book by Joe Ferriero Music and Lyrics by Joe Ferriero and Karen Sokolof Javitch, and Directed by Michele Sarnoski opens Thursday, October 19th at a special opening night reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. Performance is 7:30 p.m. Additional performances are Friday, October 20th at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, October 21st, at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., at the W.H.A.T. Theater, First Lutheran Church, 65 Oakwood Avenue, Kearny, NJ.

Tickets for all performances are available online at www.whatco.org or by calling 201-467-8624.. Some tickets also available at the theater 30 minutes before each

performance (cash or check only).

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