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Buddy Holly Raves On!

(Brevard, NC) – “Rave On!,” an electrifying show, will take place at the Brevard Music Center on Saturday, June 19 at 7:30 pm. Presented by Hyperion Productions, this critically acclaimed show pays homage to Rock ‘n’ Roll legend, Buddy Holly. Some of his most beloved tunes include: “Peggy Sue”, “That’ll Be The Day”, “It’s So Easy,” and “Maybe Baby.”

Known to audiences around the United States as Buddy Holly, Billy McGuigan has performed in over 375 performances of *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*. His accolades include: a Spotlight Award for Best Actor in a Musical and a nomination for an Arizoni Award in the category: Best Actor in a lead role – Musical.

Billy went on to write and co-produce “Rave On!” This Holly tribute show has been performed with many symphonies and is one of two “tribute” shows endorsed by the Buddy Holly Estate.

In addition, Billy is the writer, director and producer of *Yesterday and Today*, a unique and interactive Beatles experience. During the show, Billy allows the audience to request their favorite Beatles songs and share their personal stories, creating an intimate and unforgettable experience. Billy also maintains a busy schedule acting in industrial films, commercials and doing voice over work.

According to critic Bruce Elder, Buddy Holly is “the single most influential creative force in early rock and roll.” A native of Lubbock, TX, Holly and his back-up band The Crickets were pioneers of the Rock ‘n’ Roll music scene in the 1950’s. Sadly, his success lasted only a year and a half due to a sudden and tragic air plane crash in an Iowa cornfield in 1959. Holly was in the first group of inductees to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986. In 2004, the Rolling Stones ranked Holly thirteenth among “The Fifty Greatest Artists of All Time.” His works inspired and influenced many musicians and artists, including The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and Bob Dylan.

The Brevard Music Center features world-renowned guest artists each summer. Select entertainers outside of the classical music arena are invited to appear at the Music Center on a Variations night, named because these performances are a variation on the core classical programs presented throughout the season. All proceeds from these concerts benefit BMC’s educational programs.

Other events within the Variations series include an Evening with Ricky Skaggs on Thursday, July 29. On Saturday, August 14, the Brevard Music Center will present Garrison Keillor’s *A Prairie Home Companion*. “Rave On!” auditorium tickets are \$30, \$35, and \$40, while lawn tickets are \$20. Audience members can enjoy dining through Picnics, *Presto!* Pre-orders are suggested but not required. For more information, please visit brevardmusic.org or call (828) 862-2105.

“Rave On!” is generously sponsored by Faye and Gil Coan, Jr. with Beth and Charles Pickelsimer III.

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