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Jimmy Buffett's

ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE

**will play at The Hanover Theatre in Worcester from
October 21 - October 24!**



Worcester, Mass. (September 29, 2021)

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“IT WILL KNOCK YOUR FLIP-FLOPS OFF! THIS IS WHAT ESCAPISM IS ALL ABOUT.”

— *Entertainment Weekly*

Plan your escape to the new musical about the choices we make – and the people we become – once we've had a change in latitude. The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts is pleased to announce that **Jimmy Buffett's [Escape To Margaritaville](#)** will come to Worcester from October 21 to October 24.

Tickets to [Escape to Margaritaville](#), generously sponsored by The Club at Rockland Trust, are on sale now. Discounts are available for members and groups of 10 or more. Please contact the box office at **877.571.SHOW (7469)** for more information.

Welcome to Margaritaville, where people come to get away from it all – and stay to find something they never expected. Get ready for a hilarious and heartwarming musical with the

most unforgettable songs from one of music's greatest storytellers. *USA Today* calls it "A little slice of paradise!", so don't let the party start without you.

Following a 537-day hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the relaunch of the North American tour will welcome back **Chris Clark** as *Tully*, **Sarah Hinrichsen** as *Rachel*, **Peter Michael Jordan** as *Brick*, **Rachel Lyn Fobbs** as *Marley*, **Patrick Cogan** as *J.D.* and **Matthew James Sherrod** as *Jamal* to the island in their originating roles. The tour will welcome **Emily Qualmann** as Tammy.

The company will also feature **DeVon Buchanan**, **Anthony Cataldo**, **Lauren Celentano**, **Fabi Gallmeister**, **Julia Grondin**, **Rachel Kay**, **Ruby McCann**, **Georgia Monroe**, **Gabriela E. Moreno**, **Ernesto Olivas**, **Jake Pedersen**, **Kyle Southern**, **Trent Soyster**, **Emma Stricker**, **Jade Turner**, **Bryce Colby Vaewson** and **Chad Vaught**.

"Our musical is back, this fall season, and ready to take parrotheads and theatre patrons to the island of Margaritaville and escape this crazy world we all find ourselves in these days, for a few hours of fun," says **Jimmy Buffett**. "And, our talented performers are ready, willing and able to take you on a vacation, without ever leaving your seat."

With a book by Emmy Award winner **Greg Garcia** ("My Name is Earl," "Raising Hope") and Emmy Award nominee **Mike O'Malley** ("Survivor's Remorse," "Shameless"), [*Escape To Margaritaville*](#) is the musical comedy getaway featuring both original songs and your most-loved Jimmy Buffett classics, including "Fins," "Volcano," "Cheeseburger in Paradise" and many more.

Based on the original direction by Tony Award-Winner **Christopher Ashley** (*Come From Away*), this production is under the helm of **Amy Anders Corcoran** (*Freaky Friday*). Choreography is by Tony Award-Nominee **Kelly Devine** (*Come From Away*), with associate choreography by **Andrew Turteltaub** (*Escape to Margaritaville*); scenic design by **Walt Spangler** (*Tuck Everlasting*); costume design by **Paul Tazewell** (*Hamilton*); lighting design by **Howell Binkley** (*Hamilton*) and **Amanda Zieve** (*Titanic*); sound design by **Brian Ronan** (*Beautiful*) and **Craig Cassidy** (*Cirque Dreams*); and wig, hair & makeup design by **Leah J. Loukas** (*On the Town*). Orchestrations are by **Michael Utley** (*License to Chill*), with dance music arrangements by **Gary Adler** (*Avenue Q*). Music supervision & arrangements and additional orchestrations are by **Christopher Jahnke** (*Porgy and Bess*), with music direction by **Matthew Smedal** (*Clueless: The Musical*). Casting is by **Binder Casting/Chad Eric Murnane, CSA**.

Set your mind on island time and get those fins up!

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BIOGRAPHIES:

JIMMY BUFFETT (*Composer/Lyricist*). Singer/songwriter/author Jimmy Buffett has become a legend of popular culture as the composer of such classic songs as “Margaritaville,” “Come Monday” and “Cheeseburger in Paradise.” He has recorded over 50 albums, most of which have gone gold, platinum or multi-platinum. His sold-out concert tours are an annual rite of summer passage for his multigenerational legions of fans, some affectionately known as Parrot Heads, many of whom are professionals by day and who dress in spectacular and outrageous tropical outfits and headwear when Jimmy comes to town. Born in the Gulf Coast town of Pascagoula, Mississippi, he was raised in Mobile, Alabama. He is a fourth-generation sailor and fisherman, a pilot, a surfer and a frequent traveler to remote and exotic places of the world, having become addicted to *National Geographic* magazine as a child. The lyrics to many of his songs are influenced by his travels all over the globe. As a best-selling author, he is one of only nine authors in the history of *The New York Times* Bestseller List to have reached #1 on both their fiction and non-fiction lists. Jimmy has received two Grammy nominations, numerous Country Music Association awards and was the recipient of one of the nation’s highest songwriting honors when he was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. And now Jimmy is heading back into the theatre world. The new musical [*Escape to Margaritaville*](#) features the music and lifestyle of Jimmy Buffett, from an original story, and includes both new songs and the most-loved Buffett classics. Speaking of Buffett classics, the most famous of them all, “Margaritaville” has been inducted into the 2016 Grammy Hall of Fame for its cultural and historic significance. Only those recordings that have influenced and inspired both music creators and fans for generations are considered for this most special honor.

GREG GARCIA (*Book*) created three back-to-back syndicated comedies: “Yes, Dear,” “My Name is Earl” and “Raising Hope.” He has written on a variety of other sitcoms, including “Family Matters” and “Family Guy,” and won an Emmy for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series for the pilot of “My Name is Earl.” Garcia entered the world of musical theatre for the sole reason of hoping his oldest son Camden, a very talented actor at Boston University, would think he was cool. When he’s not writing, directing and producing TV shows, he likes to watch hockey with his son Nathan, play board games with his son Trace and walk Mabel the dog on the beach with his amazing wife Kim.

MIKE O’MALLEY (*Book*) is the creator of the award-winning television series “Survivor’s Remorse,” which recently completed its four season run on Starz. Next up, he will be the showrunner for the LionsGate/Starz hourlong drama “Heels” which will begin production in 2020. O’Malley also wrote on Showtime’s “Shameless” for the first four seasons. As an actor, he was nominated for an Emmy for his portrayal of Burt Hummel on “Glee” and recently appeared in YouTube Premium’s “Wayne” as well as the upcoming “Snowpiercer” for TNT. Television acting credits include: “Yes, Dear;” “Justified;” “My Own Worst Enemy;” “My Name is Earl;” “Welcome to the Family” and “The Mike O’Malley Show.” Film acting credits include: *Sully, Concussion, 28 Days, Deep Impact, Cedar Rapids, Eat Pray Love* and *Meet Dave*.

Way back when, he hosted the Nickelodeon shows “Get the Picture” and “Guts.” He is the author of two plays that have been published by Samuel French: *Three Years from Thirty and Diverting Devotion*. His play *Searching for Certainty* was adapted into the film *Certainty*, which won the Best Screenplay award at the Boston film Festival. Born in Boston, and raised in New Hampshire, Mr. O’Malley resides in Los Angeles with his wife Lisa and their three children.

CHRIS CLARK (*Tully*) is beyond grateful to return to the island and finally find that lost shaker of salt. Actor, improv/standup comedian, personal trainer, pizza/cold brew enthusiast. “I couldn’t have survived the last year without my family, Oozma, CGF and my therapist.” BFA Texas State. @chrisclark55

SARAH HINRICHSEN (*Rachel*) has performed in a lot of shows, but none more special than this return to the island! Unending love and thanks to Amy, the TROIKA Team, SD, Brrrrrick, and of course M+D. sarahhinrichsen.com @sare_hin

EMILY QUALMANN (*Tammy*) is ecstatic to make her National Tour debut as Tammy. Off-Broadway: *The Office!: A Musical Parody* (Phyllis & Others, Michael Scott U/S). The Hartt School ‘19. Gratitude to the E2M team, The Roster Agency, family, friends, Dmitri, Chet and you, dear reader. emilyqualmann.com @emilyqualmann

PETER MICHAEL JORDAN (*Brick*) is so happy to be polishing off his time on the 2019/2020 Tour of *Escape to Margaritaville* in ... 2021. He couldn’t have done it without Amy, everyone at Troika, scientist Rachel, and the Jordan 4. “Much love.” @latifahpeter

RACHEL LYN FOBBS (*Marley, U/S Rachel*) Renewing my License to Chill! Voiceover Artist/Vocal Coach, *Pride & Prejudice* (VA Stage Co), *Dopesick* (HULU), *The Good Lord Bird* (Showtime), *Madam President* (developmental lab), “GizmoGO!” (CBN). Love to Mum & Dad. Matthew 6:33 @fobbsy

PATRICK COGAN (*J.D.*) was last seen on the First National Tour of *The Full Monty* as Harold. Before that, for 14 months, as Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*. He stopped touring to raise his 3 children and 18 years later is back on the road.

MATTHEW JAMES SHERROD (*Jamal/U/S J.D.*) is ecstatic to be performing for audiences again! Actor/Singer/Songwriter from NYC. Favorite credits include *Rent* (Collins), *Shrek* (Donkey), *Hair* (Male swing) and *Godspell* (“All Good Gifts”). “Follow me on TikTok – MattyJSH and Instagram – MattyJSongs