



**News Release**  
**Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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**Virginia Rep Presents**  
***Beehive: The '60s Musical***  
**April 8 – May 15 at the November Theatre**

**Richmond, VA** – It was a revolutionary time of female role models with big hair and high boots. It was the 1960s. Couples danced to the music of the early “girl groups” such as the Chiffons, the Shirelles and the Supremes.

***Beehive*** delivers the pop, soul and rock and roll of yesteryear! Six actresses spotlight Diana Ross, Leslie Gore, Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin, and Carole King, and perform over 25 hit songs with some back stories about the pieces and the period.

This Broadway musical of the mid-1980s was created by the late Larry Gallagher, who envisioned that an on-stage band would celebrate the era along with the cast.

Some of the many songs that are performed in ***Beehive*** include "The Name Game," "Walking in the Rain," "My Boyfriend's Back," "One Fine Day," "Be My Baby," "Abraham, Martin and John," "River Deep/Proud Mary," "Cry Baby," and "Make Your Own Kind of Music."

Dancing also plays a big part in **Beehive**. The Monkey, the Pony, the Jerk, the Swim, and the Mashed Potato are some of the funky dance steps of the '60s.

**Beehive** will be directed and choreographed by Leslie Owens Harrington, who most recently directed **Pinkalicious** for Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre.

The creative team and cast list is below.

### **Direction & Design**

Direction/Choreography	Leslie Owens-Harrington^
Music Direction	Billy Dye
Scenic Design	Mercedes Schaum, Amy Bale
Costume Design	Sue Griffin, Marcia Miller Hailey
Lighting Design	Lynne M. Hartman+
Sound and Projection Design	Jacob Mishler
Stage Management	Hannah Hoffert*
Wig Design	Kevin S. Foster, II

### **Cast**

Wanda	Jianna Hurt
Pattie	Madison Paige Buck
Alison	Mallory Keene*
Laura	Nicole Baggesen*
Jasmine	Temperance Jones*
Gina	Awa Sal Secka*

^Member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society

\*Member of Actors' Equity Association

+Member of USA United Scenic Artists', local 829.

### **Band**

Piano/Conductor	Shellie Johnson
Tenor Sax	Deb Saidel
Trumpet, Tambourine	Craig Taylor
Guitar	Hannon D. Lane
Bass	Mary Fender O'Brien
Drum Set	Paige Miller

## **Ticket Information**

**Box Office:** 804-282-2620

[www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

Tickets range from \$36 - \$67

Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.

## **Press**

The show runs 90 minutes with no intermission

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## **About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages four seasons annually: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, Virginia Rep's Children's Season, the Hanover Tavern Season, and the Theatre Gym Season produced in partnership with Cadence Theatre Company. Virginia Rep also tours, both virtually and live, and provides educational programming to schools throughout Virginia and to major performing arts centers throughout 32 states.

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