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NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL WILL BE SO GOOD, SO GOOD, SO GOOD

Smash-hit Broadway musical *A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical*, celebrating the legendary life and music of Neil Diamond, is coming to Melbourne for fans to see live – thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos announced the show will make its Australian premiere at The Princess Theatre on a hot August night in 2026, attracting visitors from across the country to see the acclaimed musical.

Created with the rock legend himself, *A Beautiful Noise* is the true story of how the Brooklyn-born Diamond became a music icon who has sold 120 million albums worldwide.

The musical will take audiences on a jukebox journey through Diamond classics like “Sweet Caroline”, “Song Sung Blue”, “Forever in Blue Jeans,” and “Cracklin’ Rosie”.

The announcement comes ahead of the 53rd anniversary of the recording of Neil Diamond’s iconic *Hot August Night* album in 1972.

Diamond has performed seven major concert tours across Australia, with his iconic live album *Hot August Night* spending 29 weeks at number one and 65 weeks on the Australian charts.

The Australian premiere of the musical in Melbourne adds to other major theatre productions to debut here such as *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*, *& Juliet*, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* and *Groundhog Day The Musical*.

A Beautiful Noise adds to a blockbuster calendar of cultural events across the city including *Beetlejuice The Musical*, *Lego Star Wars: The Exhibition*, and *Melbourne Winter Masterpieces: French Impressionism* exhibition at the NGV.

These cultural events help support Victoria’s record \$40 billion visitor economy which employs more 288,000 workers – accounting for one in every 14 filled jobs in the state.

For information and to register interest, fans should visit theneildiamondmusical.com.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

“The good times never seemed so good for our calendar of major events – this musical is yet another reason Melbourne is the cultural and major events capital of the nation giving locals and visitors alike exclusive experiences.”

“We know fans will turn out in their thousands to see the life and work of the legendary Neil Diamond celebrated in this musical which will also provide a boost for local jobs and businesses.”

Quote attributable to Visit Victoria CEO Brendan McClements

“Melbourne isn’t just the nation’s sporting capital, it’s the cultural capital, too – and Australian premieres like this highlight what makes us ‘Every bit different.’”

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Quotes attributable to music legend Neil Diamond

"Some of my most thrilling nights have been while sharing my music with audiences around the world."

"A Beautiful Noise has already had an incredible journey on Broadway and is currently touring across the U.S., and it's an incredible honour to see it heading to Melbourne. I hope Australian audiences enjoy the show as much as I have."