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# Final Two Weeks!

## THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

### Closes Sunday, April 3

*–A fun world premiere musical that will delight the entire family–*

**Milwaukee, WI – March 22, 2022** – Audiences young and old have been thoroughly entertained by First Stage’s delightful and joyous musical THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS, a world premiere co-commission with **Oregon Children’s Theatre**, now playing at the Marcus Center’s Todd Wehr Theater. The production features clever, original music from classic rock to dance pop as well as fantastical costumes, sets and puppets that will entertain the entire family. Based on the bestselling book by **Drew Daywalt** with illustrations by **Adam Rex**, First Stage Resident Playwright **John Maclay** wrote the book and lyrics and **Eric Nordin** wrote the music and lyrics. Choreography is by First Stage alum **Molly Rhode** and popular Milwaukee actor **Kelly Doherty** is the director.

Here’s what reviewers have had to say about the production . . .

“In collaboration with Oregon Children’s Theatre, First Stage has brought another notable kid’s book to the stage with flair, celebrating the source material and building on it, to the delight of audiences large and small.”

*–Gwendolyn Rice, OnMilwaukee.com*

“Kooky musical numbers, shiny spandex, a smooshed peach, trail mix puppets, a tap-dancing tape dispenser – it’s all here in the loony adventure that is THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS.”

*–Kelsey Lawler, BroadwayWorld*

“This show is veteran actor Kelly Doherty’s directorial debut; you wouldn’t know that from how smoothly its many moving parts flow together. Molly Rhode choreographed this non-stop dance party.”

–*Jim Higgins, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

“Kelly Doherty deftly directs the endearingly inspired weirdness. The story glides effortlessly from musical combat to musical combat in a fast-paced show that reaches its inevitable conclusion in just a little over an hour’s time.”

–*Russ Bickerstaff, Shepherd Express*

“THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS is a delightful introduction to musical theatre for kids between the ages of 4 and 12 and the perfect performance for the whole family to enjoy.”

–*Mary Boyle, Ozaukee Living Local*

Director Kelly Doherty was also interviewed on Fox 6 to talk about the THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS:

[fox6now.com/news/the-legend-of-rock-paper-scissors-at-first-stage](http://fox6now.com/news/the-legend-of-rock-paper-scissors-at-first-stage)

Adult actors Rick Pendzich (Rock) and Austin Nelson, Jr. (Paper) also appeared on WISN to talk about the production:

[wisn.com/article/legend-of-rock-paper-scissors/39416469](http://wisn.com/article/legend-of-rock-paper-scissors/39416469)

**THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS runs now – April 3, 2022** at the Marcus Center’s Todd Wehr Theater, located at 929 N. Water Street in downtown Milwaukee. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased in person at the Marcus Center Box Office at 929 N. Water Street, by phone at (414) 273-7206 or online at [firststage.org](http://firststage.org).

**Tickets start at \$25** – Tickets may be purchased at [firststage.org](http://firststage.org) or through the Marcus Center Box Office, in person at 929 N. Water Street in downtown Milwaukee or by phone (414) 273-7206 or toll free at (888) 612-3500. The number for TDD (for deaf and hard of hearing patrons) is (414) 273-3080.

**COVID Protocols:** First Stage is no longer requiring proof of vaccination upon arrival at the theater, but masks are still required in the theater. First Stage COVID safety protocols and updates can be viewed here: [firststage.org/covid-19-safety-protocols/ - performances](http://firststage.org/covid-19-safety-protocols/-performances)

**Press Release:** The full show press release, including cast list and director’s bio, can be found here: [firststage.org/media/mpbpze34/first-stage-s-the-legend-of-rock-paper-scissors-final-2-15-22.pdf](http://firststage.org/media/mpbpze34/first-stage-s-the-legend-of-rock-paper-scissors-final-2-15-22.pdf)

**Visual Assets:** Production Photos and b-roll from First Stage's 2022 production of THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS can be found here:

[drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fuW9BgWC5f3Uc8QCRSxY-OPNoNm9FPd](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fuW9BgWC5f3Uc8QCRSxY-OPNoNm9FPd)

**Digital Playbill:** The digital playbill includes artistic/actor/designer bios as well as an interview with the director. To view the digital playbill please visit:

[dpb-web.instantcore.com/program/10152/page/10152?cid=5173700](https://dpb-web.instantcore.com/program/10152/page/10152?cid=5173700)

### **Special events for THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS**

**ASL Interpreted Performance: Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

This performance will be sign language interpreted for patrons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Assistive listening devices are also available at the Todd Wehr Theater. To learn more visit:

[firststage.org/plan-your-visit/accessibility/sign-language-interpreted-performances/](https://firststage.org/plan-your-visit/accessibility/sign-language-interpreted-performances/)

### **FACT SHEET**

**About:** THE LEGEND OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

By **Drew Daywalt**

Illustrated by **Adam Rex**

Book and Lyrics by **John Maclay**, Music and Lyrics by **Eric Nordin**

Directed by **Kelly Doherty**

Choreography by **Molly Rhode**

**A world premiere co-commission with Oregon Children's Theatre**

**Location:** Marcus Center's Todd Wehr Theater, 929 N. Water Street, Milwaukee

**Live Performances: now – April 3, 2022**

**Description:** These three fierce warriors return to the stage for a rematch after their brief battle was cut short in March 2020. From the Kingdom of Backyard came Rock, from the Empire of Mom's Home Office came Paper, and from a messy village in the Junk Drawer Realm came Scissors. They were the strongest, smartest and fastest in all the land. Though they searched far and wide for worthy opponents, no one could beat them . . . until they met each other and a musical battle royale began to see who would come out on top! *Performance run time is approximately 60 minutes, with no intermission. Suggested for families with young people ages 4+.*

**Remaining Performances:**

- Friday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

- Friday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 2 at 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – *ASL INTERPRETED PERFORMANCE at 4:00 p.m.*

For more information, please visit [firststage.org](http://firststage.org) or call (414) 267-2961.

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### **About First Stage**

First Stage is one of the nation's leading theaters for young people and families. First Stage touches hearts, engages minds and transforms lives by creating extraordinary theater experiences through professional theater productions that inspire, enlighten and entertain. Its Theater Academy, the nation's largest high-impact theater training program for young people, fosters life skills through stage skills and serves nearly 2,000 students each year. As Wisconsin's leader in arts-integrated education in schools, First Stage's dynamic Theater in Education programs promote literacy, character building and experiential learning throughout the curriculum, serving over 20,000 students each year. First Stage was selected to participate in the Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (2012) and was the recipient of the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* Eureka Award, recognizing creativity and innovation in business, education and the arts for its Next Steps program for students on the autism spectrum (2013, 2015). First Stage is a member of TYA/USA, the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, the Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education, Milwaukee Arts Partners and is a cornerstone member of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF). [firststage.org](http://firststage.org)