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Port Summer Show Presents All Shook Up

Celebrating 45th Anniversary with alumni events

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ll Shook Up is this year's Port Summer Show. Performances of the jukebox Elvis Presley-inspired musical are Thursday, Aug. 3 through Saturday, Aug. 5, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 6, at 2 p.m. in the newly renovated and air conditioned Paul D. Schreiber Auditorium at Schreiber High School in Port Washington.

The Port Summer Show has been producing top-quality Broadway musicals for the Port Washington community since 1972. All Shook Up is inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley, with the book written by Joe DiPietro. Tickets are \$10 adults, kids under 12 years old and seniors are \$5. The Thursday performance invites seniors to attend

Now in its 45th year, the Port Summer Show is a nonprofit teen theater program that has been producing Broadway musicals since its early years performing at Port Washington's John Phillip Sousa Bandshell. These productions give the town's teenagers a unique opportunity to be involved in all aspects of a production, both on and off the stage. Teenagers in grades seven through 12 spend five-and-a-half weeks working with a professional director and choreographer singing, dancing and rehearsing for the annual August production.

Generations of Port Washington residents pass down this tradition, as parent volunteers and alumni are integral in creating and producing the



Sam DeMarino (Port Summer Show alumni and co-president) with second generation Port Summer **Show performers Matthew and Sarah DeMarino**

shows each year.

Alumni of the Port Summer Show will have a wide range of activities to enjoy this year. Alumni Week will kick off on Saturday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m.,



as alumni attend Mythology Mix Tape at Landmark at Main Street. Mythology Mixtape is a rock opera-style concert featuring timeless hits from the 1980s, showcasing a powerhouse cast of vocalists and musicians. Original concept and song selection comes from Port Washington's own Pam Meadows (founder of The Port Summer Show), with musical arrangements by Brian E. Long.

There will be a picnic on Sunday, July 30, for alumni with a sing-a-long performance of the 45th Anniversary song (accumulation of music/lyrics from every one of the past shows by Dave Barnett).

The festivities will conclude with dinner on Saturday, Aug. 5, at Landmark Diner at 1027 Northern Blvd. in Roslyn before attending the 7:30 p.m. performance of All Shook Up.

To RSVP and for more information, email summershowalumni@gmail.com. Alumni events are being coordinated by Michael and Maria Scotto.

When asked about the Port Summer Show, Scotto said, "It's special to see my kids have the same opportunity to be involved in summer teen theater that I did growing up. All because Pam and Ron Meadows created the summer show 45 years ago. Another uniquely Port Washington endeavor." Being in The Port Summer Show is a special rite of passage for Port Washington teens.

"Words cannot express the excitement of seeing my daughter and son perform in the Port Summer Show 35 years after I did, carrying on a beloved Port Washington teen summer theater tradition," said co-president of The Port Summer Show, Sam

DeMarino.