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Broadway's Princess Diana musical is now set to premiere on Netflix

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The lights on Broadway may still be out but the new musical Diana, based on the life of the late Princess Diana, is making an exciting move to Netflix.

The musical, which was originally going to open at the Longacre Theatre in New York City in late March, has decided to pivot to a digital debut of their show with a performance in an empty theatre for a film crew only.

A statement released by the show's producers reads, "We speak for the entire company when we say that we couldn't be more excited to finally be able to share our show with theater lovers everywhere."



(Gavin Bond)

The statement continued on to explain, "Though there is no substitute for the live theater, we are honored to be a part of the quality entertainment that Netflix provides its subscribers worldwide."

In conjunction with the Actors' Equity Association, the producers have worked out safety protocols to make sure the production is as safe as possible for all those involved.

The plan involves constant testing of all cast and crew members, an isolation plan and even changes to the ventilation system in the backstage area to make every aspect of the production as safe as possible for everyone.



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After the success of Hamilton's release on Disney+ its no surprise that other theatre productions are making moves to film stage performances of their shows to give theatre fans access to shows again during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

According to a survey of **TodayTix** customers, 39 percent of people who watched Hamilton on Disney+ and hadn't seen the musical in person were more inclined to buy a ticket to see it on Broadway or with a touring production once theatres are allowed to open again.

Netflix working with the Diana team is a perfect match, as the streaming giant already has experience capturing live Broadway productions.



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Netflix already offers Bruce Springsteen's one-man musical and the play American Son starring Kerry Washington.

Diana follows the tragic, yet inspiring story of Princess Diana, following a young woman learning to break free of the confines of the British royal family. The musical features songs by Bon Jovi keyboardist David Bryan and a story by playwright Joe DiPietro. The pair also collaborated on the Tony-winning Memphis.

The show is now set to open on Broadway on May 21, 2021, and should all go to plan, the Netflix production will be available to the public in early 2021.



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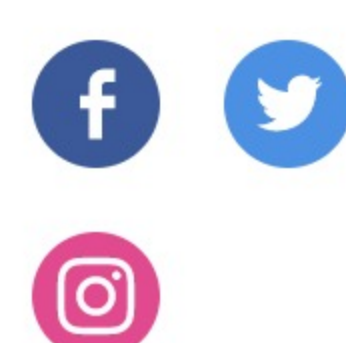
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