

KENNEDY-CARROLL PRODUCTIONS present

SONS of SUN

THE SAM PHILLIPS STORY
A ROCK 'N' ROLL PLAY

Written by KIERAN CARROLL from an original idea by JOHN KENNEDY
Directed by NEIL GOODING

Starring MATT CHARLESTON, DAMIAN SOMMERLAD and CORINNE MARIE
Music performed by JOHN KENNEDY and the SONS OF SUN BAND

SONS OF SUN – THE SAM PHILLIPS STORY is a wild rock'n'roll play about Sun Records, Memphis, and the artists that started their careers there. Told through the character of its founder Sam Phillips, his assistant Marion Keisker, and the famous musicians that Sam recorded, the show features a three piece live band fronted by John Kennedy, performing thirty-one songs from Elvis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison and many more.

The pugnacious Sam Phillips is played by prolific Sydney actor, Matt Charleston, with co-stars Corinne Marie and Damian Sommerlad taking on multiple roles from Sam's assistant Marion Keisker to Howlin' Wolf.

Sydney musician John Kennedy, of Love Gone Wrong fame, began developing the Sons of Sun idea in 2011 with the release of his Sons of Sun Vol 1 CD. Award winning Melbourne playwright Kieran Carroll (*The Giraffe's Uncle*, *3XY OR I DIE!*) has written an accompanying script to Kennedy's beautiful renditions. Internationally renowned director, Neil Gooding (*Breast Wishes*, *Holding The Man*, *Gutenberg the Musical*) seamlessly blends the narratives and songs to produce a compelling, original and heartbreaking blend of rock'n'roll theatre.

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Props supplied by Newtown Old Wares

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Sons of Sun CDs by John Kennedy are available at each performance.
CDs are also available from Red Eye Records, Sydney at redeye.com.au

All songs are downloadable from itunes.apple.com/au/album/sonsofsun



John Kennedy (*Guitar/Vocals/Concept*):

John has released many albums since the early 80s with his bands JFK and the Cuban Crisis, Love Gone Wrong and The '68 Comeback Special. He is responsible for the indie hits: *Miracle in Marrickville*, *Big Country*, and *King St*.



Kieran Carroll (*Playwright*):

Kieran's recent works include *3XY Or I Die!* (Old Fitzroy Theatre), *A Fitzroy Romance* (La Mama Courthouse) and *The Giraffe's Uncle* (Newtown Theatre) with three new works to be staged in 2013.



Neil Gooding (*Director*):

Neil directed and produced the Australian premiere of *Gutenberg! The Musical!* for which he was nominated for a 2009 Helpmann Award and a 2009 Green Room Award for his direction. Neil is the author of *Back To The 80's* which is now produced hundreds of times around the world every year.



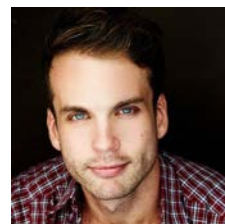
Matt Charleston (*Sam Phillips*):

Matt's TV credits include *Water Rats*, *Australians At War*, *All Saints* and *Packed To the Rafters*. In 2012, Matt performed in *Helen Back* and *Hamlet* both for Harlos Productions.



Corinne Marie (*Marion Keisker, Sam's mother, Sam's teacher*):

Corinne's recent theatre credits include *Frivolity* at Fiveways (First Class Productions), *Lucy Black* (Subtluance Theatre) and *The Farnsworth Invention* (The New Theatre).



Damian Sommerlad (*Narrator & all other male characters*):

Damian recently returned from London where he graduated from East 15 Acting School. He recently shot WW1 feature *'Forbidden Ground'* which is due to hit Australian screens later this year.