

GEVA THEATRE CELEBRATES A COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND THIS SUMMER WITH ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE On Stage July 15 - August 3, 2025

Rochester, N.Y. — Get ready for a toe-tapping, heartwarming celebration of one of country music's most legendary voices! *Always...Patsy Cline* brings the iconic singer's hits to life in a heartfelt musical packed with humor, friendship, nostalgia, and unforgettable music. Based on the true story of Patsy Cline's bond with devoted fan Louise Seger, this charming production features beloved classics like "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," and "Walkin' After Midnight." Whether you're a longtime fan or discovering her music for the first time, *Always...Patsy Cline* is a must-see journey through the songs and spirit of a true music legend. This production is directed by **Thalia Schramm** and stars **Emmi Bills** as Patsy Cline and **Sonja Marquis** as Louise Seger. *Always...Patsy Cline* runs on the Wilson Stage July 15 - August 3, 2025. Pre-sale tickets are available now for Season Subscribers at a discounted rate. Single tickets will go on sale to the general public April 1, 2025; visit GevaTheatre.org or call the Box Office at 585-232-GEVA(4382).

"As a life-long Patsy Cline fan, I've always felt such a connection to the music and celebration of friendship in this show – and her music brings that warm feeling to the audience in such a nostalgic way," shared Director Thalia Schramm, who also serves as Geva's General Manager. "This show is made even more special as I reunite with the two incredible actors I directed in this very show back in 2016."

The Cast:

Emmi Bills (Patsy Cline, she/her) is delighted to be making her Geva debut stepping back into Patsy's iconic cowgirl boots! Favorite previous credits include Patsy Cline (*Always... Patsy Cline*), Sandra Bloom (*Big Fish*), Electra (*Gypsy*), and a myriad of characters (both human and puppet) touring with Madcap Puppets, sharing original muppet-style puppet shows with children and families across the Midwest. She has a BFA in Musical Theatre from the Conservatory of Performing Arts at Point Park University and is based in the Chicagoland area, where she works with children as a teaching artist. Endless thanks to Travis and her family for their unwavering support and to Thalia and Sonja for getting the band back together! Find her online at www.emmibills.com.

Sonja Marquis (Louise Seger, she/her) is thrilled to make her Geva Theatre debut revisiting a role she loves! Other favorite roles: *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* (Betty), *Mamma Mia* (Rosie), *Souvenir* (Florence Foster Jenkins), *Ordinary Days* (Clair), and the world premiere production of *What Springs Forth* (Sallie Ben) at Jeff Daniels' Purple Rose Theatre Company. She is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association and has also worked regionally as a sound designer, director, and theatre arts instructor. Helping build the next generation of theatre-makers has filled her cup; she has worked with young artists of all ages as a director,

playwright, and mentor, and is currently a Lecturer with Oakland University's Department of Theatre. Big gratitude to Thalia and the Geva team, high-five to Emmi, and smooches to Mike!

The Creative Team:

Along with Director **Thalia Schramm**, the creative team includes Music Director **Don Kot** (he/him), Scenic Designer **Carolyn Mraz** (she/they), Costume Designer **Amanda Roberge** (she/her), Lighting Designer **Bentley Heydt** (he/him), and Sound Designer **Andrew Mark Wilhelm** (he/him). **Kevin Gregory Dwyer** is the Production Stage Manager (he/him) with Associate Stage Manager **Julia Bregy** (she/her).

Geva's 52nd Season is sponsored by ESL Federal Credit Union with Honorary Season Producer Dr. Dawn Lipson. *Always...Patsy Cline* is presented with support from Media Sponsors WHAM 13 and 92.5 WBEE. Geva's official vehicle sponsor is Vision Automotive.

TICKET AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

When: July 15 - August 3, 2025

Where: On the Wilson Stage, 75 Woodbury Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14607

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About Geva Theatre

Founded in 1972, Geva Theatre is a not-for-profit, professional theatre company dedicated to creating and producing professional theatre productions, programs, and services of a national standard.

Geva offers a wide variety of educational, engagement, and literary programs, nurturing audiences and artists alike. Geva Theatre sits on the ancestral and unceded territory of the O-non-dowa-gah, or "the people of the Great Hill." In English, they are known as the Seneca people, "the keeper of the western door." They have stewarded this land through generations, and Geva pays respect and gives thanks to their elders, past and present.

Geva is under the leadership of Artistic Director Elizabeth Williamson and Executive Director James Haskins.

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