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Life Could Be A Dream

By Wilfred M. Phillips Jr.

ITC opened its 34th season with Roger Bean's award-winning musical, *LIFE COULD BE A DREAM*, at the beautiful International City Theater in Long Beach on Friday, February 22. Nostalgic songs from the doo-wop era (50's and 60's) had the audience tapping their toes and singing along with the characters. The finger popping love songs, which rocked the airways in the 50's and 60's, bring the audience back to those wonderful bygone years when groups such as Little Anthony and the Imperials, The Platters, The Righteous Brothers and many more controlled the airways.

The cast consists of four males and one female: Hunter Berecochea (Eugene Johnson); Josey Montana McCoy (Denny Varney); J. Thomas Miller (Wally Patton); Trevor Shor (Skip Henderson) and Marisa Matthews, (Lois Franklin).

The musical takes place in 1963 Springfield, USA in Denny's basement. Denny and two of his buddies, Eugene and Wally, are lying around listening to the radio program, "Bullseye Millers." An announcement of an upcoming talent show, which consists of a recording contract to the winner, captivates Denny's attention and determination to win the contest. Denny forms a singing group, "Denny and the Dreamers," with Eugene and Wally, along with Skip Henderson, an out of work auto mechanic. Lois, the daughter of a wealthy repair shop owner, gets her father to sponsor the group and becomes one of the singers in the group. The musical has a loveable ending with a medley of songs such as, "Get a Job," "Tears on My Pillow," "Earth Angel," "Only You", "Duke of Earl," and many more of your favorites doo-wop songs.

Theater goers of all ages will enjoy the outstanding musical renditions, comedy, acting, and choreography by the entire cast. Roger Beans' award-winning jukebox musical is in a class of its own. I guarantee you will leave the theater in high spirits. FIVE STARS!!!

LIFE COULD BE A DREAM is currently performing at the International City Theater located in the Long Beach Performance Center, 330 Seaside Way Long Beach, CA 90802, and will close March 10, 2019. For show times and ticket prices, call (562) 436-4610 or visit:

InternationalCityTheatre.org