

New Musical "CHARLIE HU\$TLE" Explores Baseball's Most Controversial Legend – Pete Rose

As the sports world mourns Pete Rose's passing, CHARLIE HU\$TLE debuts at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Michigan, on November 14, 15, 21, 22.

DETROIT, MI, UNITED STATES, October 17, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As the sports world reflects on the recent passing of Pete Rose, CHARLIE HU\$TLE, a new musical, is set to debut at Oakland Community College's Smith Theater in Farmington Hills, Michigan, on November 14, 15, 21, and 22.

Created by acclaimed composer Neil Berg (*The 12*, *Grumpy Old Men*) and screenwriter Ryan Noggle (*The Neighborhood*, *Saturday Night Live*), this timely production explores the complicated legacy of Rose, a figure who has long divided public opinion. Directed by Broadway veteran Jennifer Little (*Phantom of the Opera*, *Mame*), the musical arrives at a poignant moment in history as the world reexamines Rose's life and career.

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Pete Rose's story is Shakespearean—a hero's epic rise and tragic fall. It's a cautionary tale of greatness and failure, and it's never been more relevant than today.”

*Ryan Noggle, CHARLIE HU\$TLE
writer/lyricist*

Rose, often considered one of baseball's greatest players, holds the all-time hits record, but is equally remembered for the gambling scandal that led to his permanent ban from Major League Baseball and exclusion from the Hall of Fame. CHARLIE HU\$TLE dives into these contradictions, offering a fresh and emotional perspective on the champion who defied the odds on the field but ultimately became a symbol of scandal.

“This production couldn't be more timely,” said director

Jennifer Little. “With Rose's passing, we're not just telling a story about baseball, but also



grappling with how society remembers its heroes—and the complexities of fame, redemption, and justice.”

CHARLIE HU\$TLE also marks a significant milestone for Oakland Community College. “This is an amazing opportunity for (my) students to learn from heavy hitters like Berg and Noggle, said Little. “It’s really rare for a community college to get to work with this level of professional talent...representing both coasts!”

Berg added, “The students get to develop a brand-new musical, and we get the chance to see our work brought to life—it’s a win-win for everyone.”

Ticket Information: CHARLIE HU\$TLE runs exclusively at OCC’s Smith Theater on November 14, 15, 21 & 22. Tickets are [available on OCC’s Theatre website](#) and also on [Eventbrite](#).

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