



Jerry Naylor, former lead singer of the Buddy Holly Crickets, will perform April 30 as part of the Tribute to Rockabilly Legends at the Capitol Theatre, Davenport.

## IF YOU GO

**What:** “The Rockabilly Legends,” with Jerry Naylor, Stan Perkins and Richie Lee

**When:** 7:30 p.m. today, Thursday, April 30

**Where:** Capitol Theatre, 330 W. 3rd St., Davenport

**How much:** \$25 and \$20; children 12 years and younger \$8 with an adult ticket

**Information:** (563) 326-8820 or  
[www.TheCapDavenport.com](http://www.TheCapDavenport.com)

**Also on the Web:** [www.JerryNaylor.com](http://www.JerryNaylor.com)

Jerry Naylor’s tribute to “The Rockabilly Legends,” which lands at the Capitol Theatre in Davenport tonight, comes from a balance of research and personal experience.

The 70-year-old Naylor is a raconteur when it comes to friends and legendary fellow musicians Elvis Presley,

Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison and Jerry Lee Lewis. He replaced Buddy Holly as the lead singer of the Crickets after Holly’s fatal plane crash in 1959.

“It’s not about me by any stretch,” Naylor said from his home near Portland, Ore. “It is literally about paying proper tribute to these great legends. They were all great friends, and we all started out together.”

The concert tonight is a continuation of a project that began in 2000 and has included a lengthy documentary, a shortened version that was used as a PBS special, a 180-page book, a four-CD documentary soundtrack and eight separate CDs devoted to various artists.

“Phase two” of the project is the concert tour, Naylor said.

He is one of six musicians on stage during the show, including Perkins’ son Stan and 18-year-old Holly impersonator Richie Lee from Des Moines.

The concert includes multimedia effects, as well as a history that traces rockabilly music back to the 17th century in Africa. The history of the styles of music continues through the 1950s, the point when Naylor credits Presley with giving rockabilly a larger audience. “Elvis gave us legitimacy,” he said. “We could take these elements that make up what we all had within us — the African spiritual songs, the Southern gospel, the Delta blues, the bluegrass, the hillbilly music — and merge all that together and do our songs and not be shameful about doing them. It was a new element that Elvis could introduce that could be played on country stations, pop stations, R&B stations.

“He literally opened the waterway and it just flooded out.”

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## **The Rockabilly Legends in concert April 30**

**Press release submitted by The Capitol Theatre**

IN CONCERT - APRIL 30

ONE NIGHT ONLY

THE ROCKABILLY LEGENDS

THE MUSIC OF BUDDY HOLLY, CARL PERKINS,  
JOHNNY CASH

ELVIS PRESLEY, JERRY LEE LEWIS AND ROY  
ORBISON

The Capitol Theatre is pleased to announce that the definitive "Rockabilly/ Fifties Rock n' Roll Experience" concert will be performed on Thursday, April 30th featuring Jerry Naylor, former lead singer of the Buddy Holly Crickets, Stan Perkins, son of Rockabilly/ Fifties Rock and Roll Legend, Carl Perkins and Iowa's own rocker deluxe, Richie Lee.

This unique concert experience, "The Rockabilly Legends: A Tribute to My Friends," will reveal the historic birth of Rockabilly/ Fifties Rock and Roll music with tributes to Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Buddy Holly. Naylor and Perkins will be supported by the Rockabilly Legends Band and the Solid Rock Singers. The performance will close with a special tribute to Buddy Holly, who Naylor replaced as lead singer of The Crickets after Holly's death in 1959.

Jerry Naylor began his career performing with these legends, and is the creator, writer and producer of "The Rockabilly Legends: They Called it Rockabilly Long Before They Called it Rock and Roll" book and documentary which is currently being broadcast on the PBS Television Network. Hal Leonard Publishing has published Naylor's book now in global distribution. Naylor is a Grammy nominated singer as well as a member of the West Texas Music Hall of Fame (since 1998) and the Rockabilly Hall of Fame (since 2000).

Stan Perkins is the son of Rockabilly legend Carl Perkins, who in 1956 wrote and recorded the first Rockabilly/ Fifties Rock and Roll million-selling record, "Blue Suede Shoes," recognized as the original foundational recording defining Rock and Roll. Carl Perkins was one of the first inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Stan grew up performing his father's classic rock and roll music, and played drums with the Carl Perkins band for 22 years, traveling the world on concert tours.

Reserved tickets for the show are priced at \$25.00 and \$20.00. Special pricing for children under 12 is \$8.00 with purchase of an adult ticket. Tickets are available online by clicking [here](#) or by phone or in person at the Capitol box office. Doors will open at 6:30 pm with curtain at 7:30 pm.

All profits benefit the Rockabilly Legends Foundation that provides scholarships and funding for music curriculum in our colleges and universities.

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## **Rockabilly Legends tonight at Capitol**

**By Jonathan Turner, [jturner@qconline.com](mailto:jturner@qconline.com)**

A tribute to rockabilly is coming to the Capitol Theatre in Davenport tonight.

"The Rockabilly Legends," at 7:30 p.m., will feature Jerry Naylor, former lead singer of Buddy Holly's Crickets; Stan Perkins, son of rock and roll legend Carl Perkins; and Richie Lee.

The '50s-style concert will include tributes to Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Buddy Holly. Mr. Naylor and Mr. Perkins will be supported by the Rockabilly Legends Band and the Solid Rock Singers.

The performance will close with a special tribute to Buddy Holly, who Mr. Naylor replaced as lead singer of The Crickets after Holly's death in Iowa in 1959.

Reserved tickets for the show are \$25 and \$20. Special pricing for children under 12 is \$8 with purchase of an adult ticket. To purchase, visit the box office at 311 Ripley St. or call (563) 326-8820.