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American Hot Wax, 50's Rock'n' Roll Film Opens At Theatre

Paramount Pictures' "American Hot Wax," a film about the exciting early days of rock n' roll, will open at the Theatre.

Set in New York City in 1959, the film re-creates one of the most emotionally-charged moments in history to have been a teenager. "American Hot Wax" stars Tim McIntire as Alan Freed, the most influential disc jockey of the period. Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck Berry are special guest stars. Along with Screamin' Jay Hawkins, they perform in the film's climactic Big Beat Show at the Brooklyn Paramount. The film is produced by Art Linson and directed by Floyd Mutrux from a screenplay by John Kaye, story by John Kaye and Art Linson.

John Lehne, Laraine Newman, Jay Leno, Fran Drescher, Jeff Altman, Stephen Pearlman, Moosie Drier, Richard Perry and Hamilton Camp also star in the ensemble piece as the people around Freed who are most affected by the music he is playing. The film company also formed a group called The Chesterfields, who are discovered in the course of "American Hot Wax" to open the Big Beat Show. The group (Carl Earl Weaver, Al Chalk, Sam Harkness and Arnold McCuller) has already been signed by A&M Records, who will produce their own album, as well as the two-record soundtrack album of the film.

Filmed entirely in Los Angeles and at the Paramount Studios in Hollywood, the Wiltern Theatre served as the Brooklyn Paramount for the movie's rock n' roll show. Director of photography William Fraker had as many as eight cameras rolling to capture the performers on film for the movie's most ambitious sequence. All the music heard in the film was recorded live, with music supervision by Kenny Vance, who also formed all the groups who appear in the show.



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SCENE 2A

The marquee lights blaze bright as the crowds throng to Alan Freed's Big
Beat Show at the Brooklyn Paramount in "American Hot Wax," a film that
re-creates the exciting early days of rock and roll.



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THE STORY

(Not For Publication)

It is 1959. Rock and roll is here to stay, and Alan Freed (TIM McINTIRE) is riding high as the man who brought it to teenage America.

But while Freed is the most sought after personality by song writers, rock and roll groups, and their promoters, he is also beginning to feel reverberations from the establishment. State legislators are considering banning rock and roll, and, at WROL, Freed's station in New York, he is being asked to tone down his live radio show.

Still, Freed is his own man. He continues playing the music he likes—loudly—pounding a phone book to the beat "because the kids know when you're listening." He's planning his upcoming show at the Brooklyn Paramount featuring Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Screamin' Jay Hawkins and Fats Domino. With the help of his secretary Sheryl (FRAN DRESCHER) and his driver Mookie (JAY LENO) (whose devotion to his employer is only exceeded by his devotion to Sheryl), Freed goes on fending off critics and record hustlers as the big show approaches.

Meanwhile, Teenage Louise (LARAINE NEWMAN), an aspiring songwriter, has met The Chesterfields, a freshly formed Black group, while they are all trying to capture Freed's attention at the radio station. They team up—her songs, their harmony—and manage to convince Freed that together they have a future. Along with Sheryl and Mookie, he takes them out to the Long Island estate he is about to buy—to the chagrin of the real estate agent and the posh neighborhood.

Back in the city, a plot against Freed is brewing at the District Attorney's office. Disgusted by his music and its purportedly adverse effect on teenagers, the D.A. (JOHN LEHNE) is out to get Freed—and he lets it be known that he doesn't care how, as long as the indictment sticks.

Freed buys the estate and asks Sheryl to book some studio time for The Chesterfields. He then returns to the station, while Sheryl and Mookle discuss their future.

The Chesterfields get their big break: Alan Freed books them in his rock and roll show at the Paramount. And while Freed continues making final arrangements with the show's artists and their agents (it seems everyone wants either more money or the closing spot), the lines start to form at the theatre the night before the revue. Freed stops by the theatre to greet his most ardent fans—and the D.A.'s office has sent some men down there to survey the situation. Freed asks the police captain in charge only that they let the kids have a good time.

The night of Alan Freed's Big Beat Show at the Brooklyn Paramount arrives, bringing with it euphoric pandemonium. The Chesterfields open the show with Teenage Louise's music, and the crowd goes wild. Backstage, Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis agree to let Fats Domino close the night. On stage, the Planotones and the Delights entertain. As a last minute inspiration, Freed convinces Screamin' Jay Hawkins to make his entrance in a white coffin. He sings "I Put A Spell On You" and the crowd screams along.

Then, Chuck Berry does "Roll Over Beethoven" and the audience breaks loose with dancing in the aisles. Berry goes into "Sweet Little Sixteen" and the balcony starts to shake with the music.

Jerry Lee Lewis takes the stage, bringing the audience to their peak with "Great Balls of Fire." Then suddenly the vengeful D.A. orders the house lights on, angering both Jerry Lee and the frenzied audience. But Freed manages to keep the situation under control. The kids return to their seats and Jerry Lee Lewis takes the stage again. Still the house lights remain on under orders from the D.A.

The crowd has become restless and now finally erupts. Resigned, Freed leaves the stage as the kids battle with the police, trampling over each other, scrambling toward the exits

In the wake of the melee, the District Attorney announces that his office will seek an indictment against Freed, and WROL's station manager suspends the DJ indefinitely, pending the outcome of the charges. The authorities and the media believe they have brought an end to a disruptive fad. Instead, it is just the beginning of an era. Rock and roll is here to stay.

Tim McIntire Portrays Legendary Rock'n' Roll DJ Alan Freed In "American Hot Wax"

"I was already playing guitar at the time," recalls Tim McIntire, speaking about the year in which the film "American Hot Wax" is set. "So rock and roll was very important in my life. I was in New York in 1959 as a matter of fact. And although I never went to one of Freed's shows—I wish I had—I used to listen to him on the radio all the time."

McIntire, who is playing Alan Freed in "American Hot Wax," was in New York in 1959 because his father, John McIntire was appearing on television's "Naked City" at the time. Born in Los Angeles in 1944 to actors Jeanette Nolan and John McIntire, Tim remembers that the family moved around a lot in those years. "I spent half my time in Los Angeles, and half in Montana, and half in New York and half in Europe. And I guess that makes around four halves."

With his family in entertainment, it was only natural that Tim found his way into show business at an early age. "I started as a musician when I was four years old. I was first trained as a classical violinist, which I kept up until I was 17, when I quit because I was playing a lot of guitar. I took up guitar when I was about ten." McIntire also made his professional acting debut at the age of four on one of the first shows broadcast from Los Angeles, "The Los Angeles Television Theatre."

In the years that followed, Tim managed to pursue careers in both acting and music. As a child actor, he often appeared with his father on television, and made his film debut in "Shenandoah," starring James Stewart. He grew up into featured roles in such films as "The Sterile Cuckoo," starring Liza Minnelli, and more recently Tim appeared for "American Hot Wax" director Floyd Mutrux in "Aloha, Bobby and Rose," in "Gumball Rally" and "The Choirboys."

But all the while he continued to consider himself a musician. "I played Flamenco guitar for a dancer on the road for nine years. I did regular studio work after that, and today I play guitar and fiddle with my band." His band is Funzone, with whom he is also lead singer. "We do a little bit of everything—country, jazz, some rock and roll—sort of a cross-section of all kinds of music."

Music and film work became intertwined when Tim served as musical supervisor on "The Christian Licorice Store," which Floyd Mutrux wrote. More recently, McIntire collaborated with John Rubinstein on the scores for "Kid Blue" and Robert Redford's "Jeremiah Johnson."

Living today in Los Angeles with his wife, actress Kelly Jean Peters, McIntire sometimes ponders why he was selected to play Alan Freed



Still * AHW-SP-3 SCENE 1A
Tim McIntire, portraying legendary
disc jockey Alan Freed, drives the
audience wild as he introduces the
hottest acts in rock and roll during
his Big Beat Show in Paramount
Pictures' "American Hot Wax," a
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days of the music that defined the
50's generation.

in "American Hot Wax." "I don't really look anything like him. But I guess Floyd knows that I've done a lot of radio—spots, voice-overs—I mean I know a lot about that business, and I work a lot with my voice in general. And I have a rock and roll consciousness, which is what I think was most important to him."

Asked how he has approached the Freed character, McIntire will offer, "Freed's son Lance was immensely helpful. I got a lot of insights from him and from the musicians who knew him. Musicians loved him and they're all very fond of his memory.

"Freed loved the music. It was his passion and his life. And he loved the kids. He was a rebel really —I guess that's the best way to describe him. He never did anything that he didn't want to do, and he never played a record that he didn't want to play. He just loved what he was doing and he was very devoted to it."

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"American Hot Wax" Blends Golden Oldies Of Rock And Roll 50's With Brand New

While certified gold abounds in aramount Pictures' "American Paramount Pictures' Hot Wax" with the presence of such rock and roll musical giants as Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis, these two legendary performers are sharing the spotlight and the soundtrack with a brand-new, still-cellophane-wrapped streetcorner group, The Chesterfields, a group created especially for the movie but destined to become part of today's "Top 100" scene. The film, which celebrates the birth of rock and roll music through the volatile career of radio disc jockey Alan Freed, is a savvy blending of the golden old(ies) and the brand-new.

To tell the story of the origins of The Big Beat, the filmmakers wanted to both utilize the actual talents created by the event they were describing and also offer something new in homage to the so-called "streetcorner" groups (i.e. Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers; Little Anthony and the Imperials) who became overnight stars in the Alan Freed Brooklyn Paramount stage shows. To fill the first requirement, the filmmakers knew exactly who they wanted - Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis. For the second musical aspect of the film, they hired The Chesterfields, four young men who not only make their movie acting debuts in "American Hot Wax," but who sing together as a group for the first time.

Chuck Berry, who is guest-starring as himself performing at Alan Freed's Big Beat Show, was recently named by People Magazine as the preeminent living legend in the field of rock and roll. Berry bounced into the music limelight with his rollicking recording of "Maybelline," following it with another monstersized hit, "Roll Over, Beethoven." While appearing at an Alan Freed Show at the Brooklyn Paramount.

Berry created his now-famous "duck walk." Formed while playing the most complex patterns on his electric guitar, Berry flashed across the stage, knees bent, with a fluid grace that left the audience breathless. It quickly became his trademark.

Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" was the song that became Jerry Lee Lewis's first chart rider. Lewis, who is guest starring as himself in "American Hot Wax," first started "shakin" professionally in the late Fifties when he signed on with the Memphis-based Sun Records label. "Great Balls of Fire," a flamboyant rock tune, became one of Lewis's greatest successes. Indeed, flamboyancy was very much a part of the performer's act. Audiences always awaited the point in his show when he would stand up at the keyboard and send the piano bench hurling across the stage. Pounding with one hand on the piano, he wouldn't miss a beat as he would rip off his jacket and tie while continuing to belt out the lyric, the rest of his body gyrating all the while.

Unlike the two guest stars, The Chesterfields are not certified gold record sellers. But the movie should change that. The four young singers who make up the group-Al Chalk, Sam Harkness, Arnold McCuller and Carl Earl Weaver—were hired for the film because of their special blend of innocence and excitement. two qualities needed for the streetcorner group which would provide an integral part of the scenario. The script calls for Alan Freed to book the group into his Brooklyn Paramount stage show and to arrange a recording session which would lead to a recording contract. The overnight success story seen in the film is now being repeated away from the cameras with the group winning a recording contract performing as The Chesterfields.



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The Chesterfields zoom from ghetto streetcorners to the opening act at Alan Freed's Big Beat Show in Paramount Pictures' "American Hot Wax," a film that re-creates the exciting early days of rock and roll.

SOUNDTRACK ALBUM

A&M Records has released the original soundtrack album from AMERICAN HOT WAX. The front cover of this important promotional tool is adorned with the film's ad art while the back cover includes cast and credit information.



Featured in this album is the AMERICAN HOT WAX theme along with such popular 50's numbers as "Mr. Lee," "Maybe," "Roll Over Beethoven," "Rock and Roll Is Here To Stay," "Why Do Fools Fall In Love?," "I Put A Spell On You," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Great Balls Of Fire," and others by such artists as Chuck Berry, Screamin' Jay Hawkins, The Delights, Jerry Lee Lewis and The Chesterfields.

Please be sure to contact your local A&M representative to arrange record store window and point-of-sale displays featuring stills from the film. This album is certain to be an intricate part of your overall marketing campaign.

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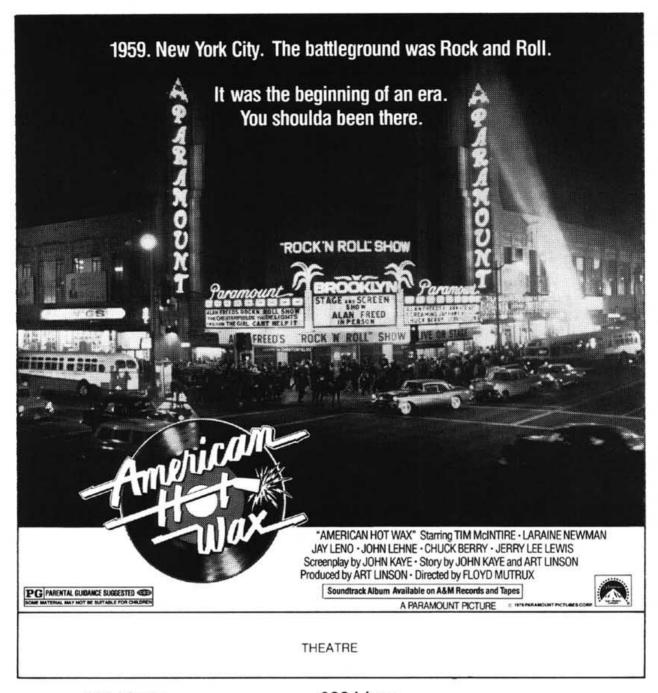
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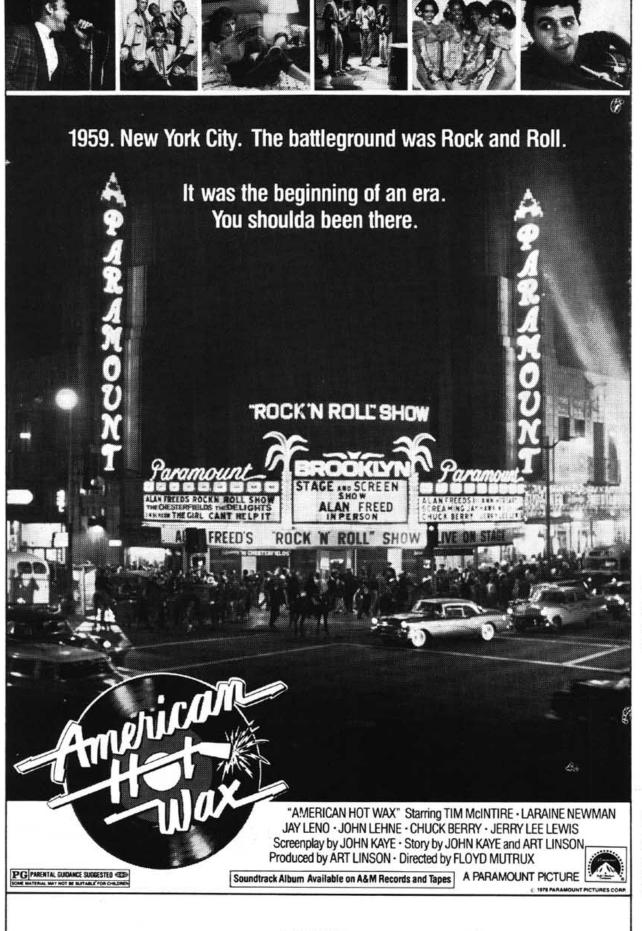
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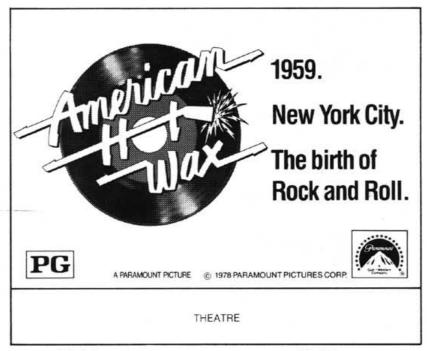
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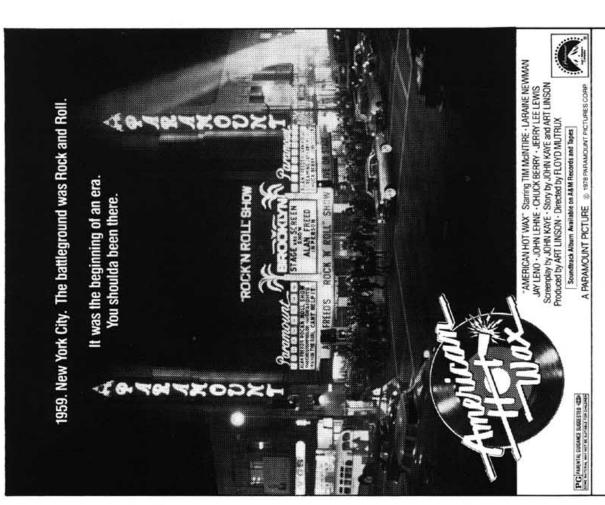
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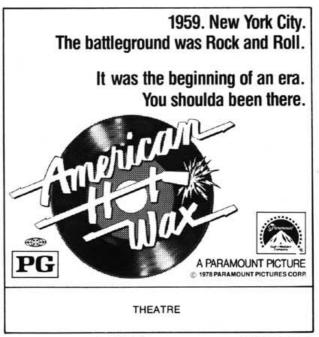


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