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Betsy Struxness, Christopher Tierney, Richard Blake, Jason Mills Set for Reading of New Musical *The Happy Hooker*

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An invitation-only reading of a musical version of "The Happy Hooker," the 1971 memoir by Xaviera Hollander that inspired the 1975 [Lynn Redgrave](#) film, will be presented Oct. 7 at The Cutting Room. *The Happy Hooker: The Musical* features music by Warren Wills and a book and lyrics by Richard Hansom. Hollander serves as co-author and creative consultant for the musical, which is billed as "Broadway-bound."

Directed by Jonathan Warman with musical direction and arrangements by Mike Garson, the reading will feature *Matilda's* [Betsy Struxness](#) in the title role of Xaviera Hollander with [Christopher Tierney](#), [Richard Blake](#), [Jason Mills](#), Michael Zegarzki, Abe Goldfarb, Elyssa Brette Mactas, [Gabrielle Ruiz](#), MaryAnne Piccolo, Andromeda Turre, [Kimilee Bryant](#) and Sal Manzo. Josh Parkin-Ring is the stage manager.

"A frank and informative account of Xaviera's years as the most influential madam in New York," press notes state, "'The Happy Hooker' has been hailed as the most important book of its era on the subject of sex. Its delightfully explicit accounts of the swinger scenes of the late 1960s and early 1970s introduced its readership to jaw-dropping stories of lesbianism, bondage, fetishism and more, with a mix of shrewd observation and uninhibited appetite."

Cindy Sibilsky produces.

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