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Exclusive: Tom Cruise's *Rock of Ages* to Film at Revolution in Fort Lauderdale

Those paying close attention to the upcoming concert listings at [Revolution](#), Fort Lauderdale's sizable downtown rock venue, will certainly notice a sizable gap in programming for June. After May 28's Face to Face show, nothing follows on the calendar until a Dirty South DJ gig on July 1. This is not a result of a snowbird mass exodus or a yearly fumigation, though.

Several sources confirm that the upcoming movie adaptation of the Broadway hair metal extravaganza *Rock of Ages*, which stars Tom Cruise, will film performance scenes inside the 1,100-capacity venue.

According to [Deadline New York](#), the film has just added *Watchmen* star Malin Akerman to the ensemble cast that already includes Cruise, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Bryan Cranston, Alec Baldwin, Mary J. Blige, Russell Brand, Paul Giamatti, Julianne Hough, and Mexican pop singer [Diego Boneta](#).

The original *Rock of Ages* production, which features a story of the Sunset Strip based around power ballads scooped directly out of umpteen TimeLife collections -- including hits by Whitesnake, Styx, Journey, and the like -- has grown quite a bit from a 2006 Los Angeles debut (Tenacious D's Kyle Gass and *Singled Out* host Chris Hardwick were in that cast). By the time it reached off-Broadway and Broadway in New York in 2008-09, *American Idol* castoff Constantine Maroulis starred as the up-and-comer Drew Bowie (now Boneta's role in the film). A U.S. tour (hitting the [Broward Center December 28, 2011 through January 9, 2012](#)) and Canadian, Australian, and British spinoffs of the production have followed.

Most of the information leaking out about *Rock of Ages* movie, set for a 2012 release, has come directly from director [Adam Shankman's Twitter](#), which has been quite active lately.



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