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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical *The Prom*, produced by Bill Damaschke '85, will be headed from the stage to the screen in 2020 — your Netflix screen, to be exact.

While the show concludes its Broadway run, Damaschke's production is nowhere near finished.

[The Prom](#), a musical comedy about outcast Broadway stars looking for a cause to spearhead and a girl who wants to change her small town, will be adapted as a Netflix film by award winning director Ryan Murphy, who is known for directing television cult successes like *Glee* and *American Horror Story*. Damaschke will stay on as a producer for the film.

The Netflix film will star Meryl Streep, James Corden, Nicole Kidman and Ariana Grande with Awkwafina, Keegan-Michael Key and Andrew Rannells also joining the cast.

Damaschke graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1985 with a bachelor of fine arts in [music theatre](#). He logged two decades at Dreamworks Animation, producing films such as *Madagascar*, *Kung Fu Panda*, and *How to Train Your Dragon* while also overseeing DreamWorks Animation's live theatrical productions, including Tony Award-winning *Shrek The Musical*. Damaschke moved on to serve as president of Animation and Family Entertainment at Skydance Media. Through his own company, StoryKey Entertainment, Damaschke is currently executive producer of the Broadway musical-adaptation of [Moulin Rouge](#).

In addition to producing the star-studded and highly anticipated film, Damaschke also announced plans to take *The Prom* on the road for a national tour, beginning in February 2021 in Providence, Rhode Island.

The film adaptation of *The Prom* is expected to be released in the fall of 2020.



Bill Damaschke '85