



CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY **RETURNS TO CYGNET'S ROLANDO STAGE**

SAN DIEGO, CA – Cygnet Theatre Company is proud to present the return of the timeless holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* based on the Frank Capra film and adapted for the stage by Joe Landry. *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* runs **November 20 through December 28, 2008** on Cygnet Theatre's Rolando Stage located at 6663 El Cajon Blvd. Low-priced previews are November 20 through November 25. **Press Opening is November 26 at 8pm.**

It's December 24, 1946 in Studio A at WCYG Radio and a cast of actors are preparing to present *It's a Wonderful Life* live to their listening audience. With the help of a pianist and a sound effects artist, the ensemble recreates the story of George Bailey, a young man whose dreams of traveling the world are thwarted by his sense of responsibility to the family business. Down on his luck, George contemplates throwing his life away when he is visited by Clarence, a guardian angel, who shows George what the world would be like had he never been born.

This year's cast features many returning favorites from last year's production including **Tom Andrew** as George Bailey, **Jonathan Dunn-Rankin** as Mr. Potter and **Veronica Murphy** as Ma Bailey. Joining the cast this year are local favorite **David McBean** (*Fully Committed*) as Harry Bailey, **Jeannine Marquie** (The Matchmaker) as Mary Hatch and **Tim West** as Clarence the Angel. Award-winning sound effect artist **Scott Paulson** will once again re-create the sounds of Bedford Falls. Piano accompaniment and musical direction will be provided by **Amy Dalton**.

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The production will be staged by Marybeth **Bielawski-DeLeo** based on the direction of **Sean Murray**. This will be the directorial debut for Bielawski-Deleo at Cygnet Theatre. Previously she has assisted on productions of *It's A Wonderful Life* and *Bug*. As founder of Inukshuk Productions she directed the acclaimed production of *Terra Nova* at 6th @ Penn Theatre.

The rest of the creative team includes lighting designer Eric Lotze, costume designer Veronica Murphy, wig and hair designer Peter Herman, set designer Sean Murray, properties designer Bonnie L. Durben, sound designer Matt Lescault-Wood, and stage manager Nikki Hanzal. Costume design will be based on original costume design by Jeanne Reith. Sound design will be based on original sound design by George Yé.

Performances of *It's A Wonderful Life* are Tuesday through Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$22 - \$38. Discounts are available for seniors, students and military.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting Cygnet's website at www.cygnettheatre.com or calling the box office at **619-337-1525**. Tickets can also be purchased in person by visiting the box office.

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CYGNET THEATRE FACT SHEET

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY

WHAT: Cygnet Theatre Company presents *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*.

WHERE: Cygnet Theatre – Rolando Stage
6663 El Cajon Blvd, Ste N, San Diego, CA 92115

WHO: Adapted by Joe Landry

Director: Marybeth Bielawski-Deleo
Musical Director: Amy Dalton
Scenic Design: Sean Murray
Costume Design: Veronica Murphy^o *based on the design by Jeanne Reith^o*
Wig and Hair Design: Peter Herman^o
Lighting Design: Eric Lotze^o
Properties Design: Bonnie L. Durben^o
Sound Design: Matt Lescault-Wood *based on the design by George Yé^o*
SFX Design: Scott Paulson
Stage Manager: Nikki Hanzal

CAST:

Tom Andrew* (<i>George Bailey</i>)	Amy Dalton (<i>Judith Church, piano</i>)
Jonathan Dunn-Rankin (<i>Mr. Potter</i>)	Jeannine Marquis (<i>Mary Hatch, Violet Bick</i>)
David McBean (<i>Harry Bailey</i>)	Veronica Murphy (<i>Ma Bailey</i>)
Scott Paulson (<i>Sam Hinds, sfx</i>)	Tim West (<i>Clarence Oddbody, Uncle Billy</i>)

DATES: Previews begin: Thursday, November 20, 2008
Press Opening: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 7:30pm
Closes: Sunday, December 28, 2008

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE
Tuesday - Wednesday at 7:30pm
Thursday - Saturday at 8:00pm.
Sunday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

PRICES: Range from \$22-\$38
Previews: \$22
Tuesday, Wednesday Evenings and Sunday Evenings: \$30
Thursday, Friday Evenings and Sunday Matinees: \$32
Saturday Evenings: \$34
Opening Night: \$38
Discounts are available for children, seniors, students, active-duty military and groups.

HOW: Phone: (619) 337-1525
Online: www.cygnettheatre.com
In Person:
Rolando Box Office: 6663 El Cajon Blvd., Ste N, San Diego, CA 92115
Old Town Box Office: 4040 Twiggs St., San Diego, CA 92110

^oCygnet Resident Artist *Member of Actor's Equity

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