



CYGNET THEATRE COMPANY

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY **MAKES ITS RETURN TO CYGNET THEATRE**

The Smash Hit Holiday Show Appears for the First Time on Cygnet's Old Town Stage!

SAN DIEGO, CA – This holiday season, Cygnet Theatre Company is proud to present the fourth annual production 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. This holiday Cygnet tradition, which originated at Cygnet's Rolando Stage, makes its way to Cygnet's Old Town Stage for the first time this year! *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* runs **November 27th through December 27th, 2009** on Cygnet Theatre's Old Town Stage located at 4040 Twiggs Street. Low-priced previews are November 27th through December 4th. **Press Opening is December 5th 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* in a "live" 1940's radio broadcast filled with music and the beloved characters from the film. 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 is directed by Artistic Director **Sean Murray** and features many returning favorites from last year's production including **Tom Andrew** as George Bailey, who received a 2008 San Diego Critic's Circle Award for this signature performance and the brilliant Scott Paulson who reigns over Bedford Falls once again with his live, old-fashioned Foley sound effects 'orchestra'. Also returning are **Jonathan Dunn-Rankin** as Mr. Potter, **Veronica Murphy** as Ma Bailey, **David McBean** as Harry Bailey and **Tim West** as Clarence the Angel. **Melissa Fernandes** returns as Violet Bick and **Amanda Sitton** joins the cast this year as Mary Hatch. Piano accompaniment and musical direction will be provided by **Amy Dalton**.

In its fourth year, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* is quickly becoming a San Diego tradition. You won't want to miss it this year. Perfect for all ages, **patrons can now receive one *FREE* child's ticket with every adult ticket purchased!**

Performances of *It's A Wonderful Life* are Tuesday through Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 2pm and 8pm and Sundays at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$17 - \$46. 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 at **4040 Twiggs St.** in the Old Town Historic Park.

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Cygnnet Theatre Company is a 501(k) non-profit organization founded in 2002 by Artistic Director Sean Murray and Executive Director Bill Schmidt. In 2003, Cygnet renovated a storefront at 6663 El Cajon Blvd in the Rolando area into a 157-seat theatre. Cygnet has received over 60 awards and grown to one of the most highly regarded theatre companies in the San Diego area. In December 2007, Cygnet was awarded a 10-year lease by State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Concessions and Reservations Division of the Old Town Theatre. Located in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, the 248-seat venue was renovated during the summer and fall of 2008 and re-opened in November.

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 – Old Town Stage
4040 Twigg St., San Diego, CA 92110

WHO: Adapted by Joe Landry

Director: Sean Murray
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

CAST: Tom Andrew* (*George Bailey*) Melissa Fernandes^o (*Violet Bick*)
Jonathan Dunn-Rankin (*Mr. Potter*) Amanda Sitton (*Mary Hatch*)
David McBean* (*Harry Bailey*) Veronica Murphy^o (*Ma Bailey*)
Scott Paulson (*Sam Hinds, sfx*) Tim West (*Clarence Oddbody, Uncle Billy*)

DATES: Previews begin: Friday, November 27th, 2009
Press Opening: Saturday, December 5th, 2009 at 8:00pm
Closes: Sunday, December 27th, 2009

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE
Wednesday - Thursday at 7:30pm
Tuesday Performances at 7:30pm...beginning December 15th
Friday at 8:00pm
Saturday at 2:00pm and 8:00pm
Sunday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm

PRICES: Range from \$17-\$46
Previews: \$17-\$27
Tuesday, Wednesday Evenings and Sunday Evenings: \$28-\$38
Thursday, Friday Evenings and Sunday Matinees: \$30-\$40
Saturday Evenings: \$32-\$42
Opening Night: \$46
Discounts are available for children, seniors, students, active-duty military and groups.

HOW: Phone: (619) 337-1525
Online: www.cygnettheatre.com
In Person: Old Town Box Office: 4040 Twigg St., San Diego, CA 92110

^oCygnet Resident Artist

*Member of Actor's Equity

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