



AMERICAN STAGE

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American Stage presents IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY this Holiday season!

St. Petersburg, FL – American Stage will continue its holiday tradition with its second annual **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY** by Joe Landry. This holiday production will run from December 10th thru December 24th, 2016.

This nostalgic take on a holiday classic will transport audiences to a 1940's soundstage where six actors will recreate the beloved story of purpose, love, and family. The production features VC Heidenreich*, Jim Sorensen*, Becca McCoy*, Colleen Cherry and Dean Wick.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY takes this beloved Frank Capra classic and, through the power of live theatre, creates a magical story-telling experience," says Producing Artistic Director and production director Stephanie Gularte.

"This holiday season as we are recovering from a difficult and divisive election year, we are particularly looking forward to sharing this life-affirming story that celebrates the power of community with our audiences. We are thrilled to bring back this production that captivates the imagination through inventive and joyful storytelling for all ages."

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY runs December 10th through December 24th, 2016.

TICKETS

General tickets \$30.

Family 4-pack tickets: \$108 (10% off)

Discount tickets are available as follows: Student Tickets are \$20; Seniors and Retired Military Members receive \$2 off; and Group Rates are available for parties of 12 or more. Tickets are currently available at the American Stage Box Office, by phone at (727) 823-PLAY (7529), or online at www.americanstage.org.

THE PLAY

This beloved American holiday classic comes to life as a live, captivating 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage and live, on-stage sound effects, the story of the idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

"One of the best holiday shows around. Fresh and inventive. Highly recommended."

— Chicago Sun-Times

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE will be presented with no intermission.

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT

Joe Landry's plays have been produced across the country and internationally, and include IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY, REEFER MADNESS, VINTAGE HITCHCOCK: A LIVE RADIO PLAY, EVE & CO., BEAUTIFUL, HOLLYWOOD BABYLON, AND NUMB. Mr. Landry attended Playwright's Horizons/NYU, founded Second Guess Theatre Company in Connecticut and is a member of the Dramatists Guild of America. He is currently developing new projects for the stage and screen.

CAST

VC Heidenreich* (Freddie Filmore/Joseph)
Jim Sorensen* (Jake Laurent/George Bailey)
Dean Wick (Harry Heywood/Clarence)
Becca McCoy* (Lana Sherwood/Violet)
Colleen Cherry (Sally Applewhite/Mary)

CREATIVE

Stephanie Gularte (Director)
Jill Castle (Costume Design)
Jerid Fox (Properties/Set Design)
Christopher Baldwin (Lights)
Rachel Harrison* (Production Stage Manager)

*= member, Actors' Equity Association

For Cast Bios please visit <http://www.AmericanStage.org/wonderful-life/>
DIRECT LINK to publicity photos www.AmericanStage.org/in-the-media/

**Photo credit is Joey Clay. Please note that publicity photos are not typically available until 2 weeks prior to opening. Please contact Joey Panek for immediate needs.*

WHAT: American Stage presents IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY by Joe Landry

WHERE: Raymond James Theatre
163 3rd Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

WHEN: December 10, 2016 – 24, 2016

TIMES & PRICES

Saturday, December 10th | 3PM & 8PM
Sunday, December 11th | 3PM
Wednesday, December 14th | 7PM
Thursday, December 15th | 8PM
Friday, December 16th | 8PM
Saturday, December 17th | 3PM & 8PM
Sunday, December 18th | 3PM
Wednesday, December 21st | 7PM
Thursday, December 22nd | 8PM
Friday, December 23rd | 8PM
Saturday, December 24th | 1PM & 6PM

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TICKET PURCHASES

Box Office: (727) 823-PLAY (7529)

Online: www.americanstage.org

Walk-up: 163 3rd Street North

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

SERVICE & FACILITIES

Physical Accessibility: The theatre features accessible parking, entrances, restrooms, and seating.

*Benefits of a Valid Disabled Parking Permit: Displaying your valid disabled parking permit will allow you to park at City metered spaces for FREE, for as long as your event requires, including those posted with time limit signs (green signs). **This does not apply to loading zones or otherwise restricted parking signage (red signs).***

Listening System: Theatregoers may enjoy the free infrared listening system from any seat.



AMERICAN STAGE

Since 1978 American Stage has been dedicated to telling meaningful, compelling stories with integrity and professionalism. As the Tampa Bay area's longest-running, most critically-acclaimed professional theatre company, we seek to bring the power of quality live theatre to each generation in our community.

American Stage invites you to lean forward and experience the most captivating stories of the moment and the most relevant stories of the past. All told with passion and a commitment to excellence.

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