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What's On at American Stage This Holiday Season

American Stage presents IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE and extends THE 39 STEPS

St. Petersburg, FL – American Stage Theatre Company ends a successful 2015 with a lot to cheer about. **THE 39 STEPS**, the second production in the 2015/2016 “Season of Awakenings,” will be officially **extending its run through Saturday, December 19th**. Immediately following, from December 19th to December 27th, American Stage will begin a new holiday tradition with **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY** by Joe Landry.

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 American Stage staple Richard B. Watson (**THE 39 STEPS, WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF**), Becca McCoy (**THE PEARL IN THE HOGWALLER**), as well as local favorites Evan Causey, Colleen Cherry, Dean Wick, and Florida newcomer, Jonathan Rhys Williams.

“IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY, like **THE 39 STEPS**, takes a beloved classic and, through the power of live theatre, creates an engaging and visceral experience,” says Producing Artistic Director Stephanie Gularte, who directed **THE 39 STEPS** and will also helm **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY**.

“The holiday season is a time when we as a community can come together and share in meaningful experiences with the ones we love. We are thrilled to provide two great productions that captivate the imagination through inventive and powerful storytelling for all ages.”

THE 39 STEPS extension adds Wednesday December 16th, Thursday December 17th, and Friday December 18th at 8PM to the performance schedule. ([Click Here for more information on THE 39 STEPS](#))

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY runs December 19th through December 27th, 2015.

TICKETS

General tickets \$28. 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.

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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

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

Evan Causey (The Stage Manager/Foley)
Richard Watson* (Freddie Filmore/Joseph)
Jonathan Rhys Williams* (Jake Laurent/George Bailey)
Colleen Cherry (Sally Applewhite/Violet)
Becca McCoy* (Lana Sherwood/Mary)
Dean Wick (Harry Heywood/Clarence)

CREATIVE

Stephanie Gularte (Director)
Laura Fowler (Costume Design)
Jerid Fox (Properties/Set Design)
Rachel Harrison* (Production Stage Manager)
Alli Gersbach (Assistant Stage Manager)

*= member, Actors' Equity Association

For Cast Bios please visit www.AmericanStage.org/live-radio-play/
DIRECT LINK to publicity photos www.AmericanStage.org/in-the-media/

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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 19, 2015 – December 27, 2015

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TIMES & PRICES

Saturday, December 19th | 2PM
Sunday, December 20th | 2PM
Monday, December 21st | 7PM
Tuesday, December 22nd | 7PM
Wednesday, December 23rd | 7PM
Thursday, December 24th | 2PM & 7PM
Saturday, December 26th | 2PM & 7PM
Sunday, December 27th | 2PM

General Admission \$28
Family 4-Pack \$100 (\$25 per ticket)

TICKET PURCHASES

Box Office: (727) 823-PLAY (7529)
Online: www.americanstage.org
Walk-up: 163 3rd Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

SERVICES & 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). **Please note: 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.



Group Ticket Pricing Packages are also available. For tickets, please call the American Stage Box Office at (727) 823-PLAY (7529).

AMERICAN STAGE

Founded in 1977, American Stage's mission is to create the most compelling professional live theatre in the Tampa Bay area, and to make it accessible to all members of the community. The vision is to preserve the greatest human stories from our past, while creating the most defining stories and storytelling of our time. American Stage presents its Mainstage Series in the 182-seat Raymond James Theatre year round and the annual American Stage in the Park each Spring. The theatre's other programming includes: "After Hours" Series, School Tour, Youth/Adult Classes, Summer Camp, and Teen Summer Institute.

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