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***IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY* RETURNS TO THE GAMM STAGE!**

WARWICK, RI (October 31, 2022) – **The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre** (The Gamm) brings audiences home for the holidays with a limited run of ***It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play***. Adapted by **Joe Landry** from the screenplay by **Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra** and **Jo Swerling**, this acclaimed twist on the classic film runs from **Dec. 9-24 only**. The production marks the theater's fourth year retelling this redemptive story of resilience and community as if from an actual radio station on Christmas Eve in 1946.

Gamm Artistic Director Tony Estrella remounts this year's show, originally directed by **Damon Kiely**, and passes the role of George Bailey to Gamm veteran actor **Jeff Church** after three years performing the beloved character. With a cast of seven actors playing multiple characters, an onstage Foley artist creating real-time sound effects, and a sprinkling of customized radio jingles, ***It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*** promises once again to make "**something so well-known and recognizable feel so fresh and new.**" (*Broadway World*).

"Playing George Bailey every holiday season for the past three years has been a real blessing in challenging times," Estrella said. "Our Director, Damon, and a stellar cast created a deeply moving, magical production. I feel very privileged to be the one putting it all back together one more time with old and new faces re-invigorating a true American classic."

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play runs **December 9-24** at The Gamm Theatre, 1245 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, R.I.

TICKETS:

Regular \$55-\$75

Previews (Dec. 9-11) \$38 & \$48

Child/Student \$20

Rush \$30

Pay-What-You-Can on **Friday, Dec. 9** only

Discounts for **groups of 10** or more

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ABOUT *IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY*

Back by popular demand! George, Clarence, and the entire town of Bedford Falls come to life in this staged 1940s radio broadcast of Frank Capra's holiday movie classic. With live sound effects and a handful of actors, the story of beleaguered building and loan owner George Bailey and his affable helper angel, Clarence, unfolds one fateful Christmas Eve as you've never seen it before. This captivating, life-affirming story is a holiday treat for the entire family!

If you're looking for a new tradition . . . 'It's A Wonderful Life' deserves to be included in your holiday merriment."

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ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

adapted by **Joe Landry** from the screenplay by **Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra, and Jo Swerling**

Original direction by **Damon Kiely†**, remounted by **Tony Estrella†**

CAST

George Bailey.....**Jeff Church***

Mary Hatch/Rose Bailey.....**Lynsey Ford**

Henry F. Potter/Clarence/others.....**Fred Sullivan, Jr.***

Harry Bailey/Ernie Bishop/others.....**Rodney Witherspoon II***

Violet Bick/Janie Bailey/others.....**Helena Tafuri**

Joseph/Billy Bailey/others.....**Richard Noble**

Announcer/Zuzu Bailey.....**Milly Massey**

Foley Artist.....**Will Malloy**

CREW

Set Design by **Michael McGarty**

Costume Design by **Jessie Darrell Jarbadan**

Music Direction by **Emily Turtle & Milly Massey**

Lighting Design by **Noah Beauregard**

Production Management by **Jessica Hill Kidd**

Stage Management by **Robin Grady***

†Member of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, a national theatrical labor union.

*Member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
DECEMBER 2022				8	9 PREV 7:30	10 PREV 2 & 7:30
11 PREV 2 & 7:30	12	13	14 7:30	15 7:30	16 7:30	17 2 & 7:30
18 2 & 7:30	19	20 7:30	21 7:30	22 7:30	23 7:30	24 2

MASKED MATINEE! For the performance on **Saturday December 17 at 2pm** only, a mask covering your mouth and nose will be required for everyone in the building, and must be worn at all times except when actively eating or drinking concessions.

ABOUT THE GAMM THEATRE

Founded in 1984, the non-profit Gamm Theatre is proud to tell stories that entertain, provoke, and engage seriously with the most important issues of our time. The Gamm further serves the public with educational programming that enriches the cultural and civic life of our community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Tony Estrella and Managing Director Amy Gravell, The Gamm is a regionally recognized, award-winning theater and a proud member of New England Area Theatre (NEAT), a bargaining unit of the Actors' Equity Association.