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### ***Palmdale Playhouse Holiday Experience Kicks Off with Visit from Santa Music, Singalong and "It's a Wonderful Life" Also Featured***

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10<sup>th</sup> St., kicks its 2017 Holiday Experience with the annual visit from St. Nick at **Santa's Wonderland** beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Santa Claus will meet and greet attendees on Tuesdays: Nov. 28; Dec. 5 and 12, from 3 to 8 pm; and Thursdays, Nov. 30; Dec. 7 and 14 from 10 am to 2 pm; and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Admission is free. Photos with Santa are \$5 and include a complimentary photo frame gift pack.

"When you stop by the Palmdale Playhouse and when you see the festive décor, hear the holiday music and see Santa in person, it'll put you in a great holiday mood!" said Palmdale Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. "We'll also have complimentary refreshments for you to enjoy."

On Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm, enjoy live carolers and tasty refreshments as part of the newest holiday tradition at the Playhouse, **Singalong with Santa**. Santa's elves will help kids handcraft a special keepsake ornament to take home and hang on the tree and help them write a letter to Santa. Attendees will then join elf hosts Figgy & Sugar

Plum, Santa and The Sunday Night Singers for an interactive singalong in the theatre. Tickets are \$6.

Dance takes the Playhouse stage on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 and 7 pm as the Palmdale Junior Ballet and Theater Dance present **The Magical Toyshop & Step into Christmas**. The Magical Toyshop is a merry one-act ballet that tells the story of a family that stumbles upon a toyshop with toys and dolls — country maids, tin soldiers, clowns, cancan dancers, queens and Cossacks. The magic begins when the toys come to life! Palmdale Theatre Dance will Step Into Christmas to “Silent Night,” “Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer,” and “Winter Wonderland.” Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

Switching from dance to live performance, the Palmdale Playhouse will present Fake Radio’s **“It’s a Wonderful Life”** on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8 pm. Relive the story of George Bailey who never got the chance to fulfill his dream of exploring the world and building skyscrapers. While his friends and family have left town or become successful, he soldiered on at home, running his father’s building and loan business successfully, much to the chagrin of the town’s richest man. When a financial emergency threatens George and the entire town, he contemplates a bitter end until an unlikely friend teaches him an important lesson. Tickets are \$15 general admission.

The 2017 Holiday Extravaganza concludes on a musical note, beginning with West Coast Classical Beginning Strings, Beginning Band and Jazz Combo presentation of a **Holiday Celebration** on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm. This joyous family-friendly

program will be filled with holiday music favorites with a jazzy Christmas sound. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for seniors and children 12 and under.

Next on tap, the West Coast Classical Flute Choir, Saxophone Choir, Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra present is **Making Spirits Bright** on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm. This concert of holiday tunes will delight the audience with “An American Christmas” featuring jazzy toy soldiers, rockin’ merry gents, and much more. Deliciously sinister music from *The Nightmare Before Christmas* by composer Danny Elfman will also be featured. A unique offering for the season, the music will also include “Overture,” “Christmas Eve Montage,” and “Sally’s Song.” Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and children 12 and under.

The Holiday Extravaganza concludes with **Sounds of the Holidays** on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 pm. West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic Orchestras will present a concert full of holiday spirit as they perform favorite classics with a featured piece, “Harp Concerto” by George Frideric Handel. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and children 12 and under.

Tickets for all Palmdale Playhouse events may be purchased online at [www.PalmdalePlayhouse.com](http://www.PalmdalePlayhouse.com), or at the Box Office beginning two hours before each show, 38334 10th St. East. For more information, please call 661/267-5684.

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