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Broadway Rose Theatre Company Presents a New Holiday Musical Revue



Tigard, OR – The Broadway Rose Theatre Company concludes its 2012 season of Great Escapes with Rick Lewis' new holiday musical revue, *Christmas on Broadway*. Four wide-eyed wannabe actors are snowbound in a Broadway theater on Christmas Eve. With nothing but a few trunks filled with costumes, props, and set pieces, they live out a shared holiday dream – starring on Broadway! Filled with holiday classics from Broadway shows and holiday songs from Broadway composers, the evening is an irresistible blend of holiday magic. *Christmas on Broadway* will be performed at the Broadway Rose New Stage. Preview performance is November 21 with opening night on **Friday, November 23**, and performances continue through **December 23, 2012**. Evening performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturday, December 1, 8, and 15. The New Stage is located at 12850 SW Grant Avenue in Tigard. Tickets **start at \$30** for adults, with discounts available for groups and youth. For a full listing of show performances or to order tickets visit www.broadwayrose.org or call the box office at 503.620.5262.

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Rick Lewis has worked with Broadway Rose in many capacities over the last 18 years including musical director, director, and actor, but he is most familiar to Broadway Rose's audience for his charming musical revues. *Christmas on Broadway* is the seventh Rick Lewis show that Broadway Rose has produced including *A Taffeta Christmas*, *Haulin' Out the Holidays*, and *G.I. Holiday Jukebox*. "Rick is a master at putting together musical revues," says Broadway Rose Artistic Director Sharon Maroney. "His arrangements are always stellar and our audience loves his work. We are thrilled to premiere his new show."

Mr. Lewis started developing the show's concept a year and a half ago. "As I worked on the piece I had some of Portland's most talented musical theater performers in mind for the five-character show." He shared his concept with Sharon Maroney and she decided to offer the parts to the actors Lewis had in mind without holding auditions. "It made sense to get the actors on board so Rick could choose songs best suited for the vocal abilities of the performers," said Maroney.

The light plot starts with four wide-eyed wannabe actors taking a tour of an old shuttered Broadway theater on Christmas Eve just as a huge snow storm hits the city and traps them in the theater. With nothing but a few trunks filled with costumes, props, and set pieces, they live out a shared holiday dream – starring on Broadway! The revue is filled with holiday classics from Broadway shows and holiday songs from Broadway composers. Songs include "We Need A Little Christmas," "Baby, It's Cold Outside," "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas," and "I Want Eddie Fisher for Christmas."

"Rick has really tried to combine the magic of Christmas with the excitement of Broadway," says Maroney. "Sometimes the show is broad and funny, sometimes it's touching and sentimental. It's full of surprises and outstanding music."

The Broadway Rose cast of *Christmas on Broadway* includes Rebecca Teran, Josh Stenseth, Norman Wilson, Amy Jo Halliday, and Amanda Valley. The production is directed by Rick Lewis with musical direction by Jeffrey Childs and choreography by Lisamarie Harrison. Set design is by Chris Whitten, lighting design by Jonathan K. Hart, costume design is by Allison Dawe, prop design is by Deb Dahling, and sound design is by Dan Hallberg.

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BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY, a not-for-profit arts organization, has been successfully producing musical theater in Tigard since 1992 under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney. As the only professional musical theater company in Washington County, Broadway Rose plays an important role in enriching the community's cultural arts. Committed to increasing opportunities for Oregonians to participate in the arts and working to retain Portland's talent pool and attract new talent to the area, Broadway Rose is resolved

to keep live theater affordable and make its productions accessible to all ages and members of the community. The Broadway Rose Theatre was selected as one of the “100 Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon” by Oregon Business Magazine in 2009, 2010, and 2011, and it was selected as the 2009 “Business of the Year” by the Tigard Chamber of Commerce.

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