

BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

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Broadway Rose Theatre Company Presents a Heavenly Holiday Revue



Tigard, OR – The Broadway Rose Theatre Company continues its 2013 season of memories with the holiday musical revue *Plaid Tidings* playing at the **Broadway Rose New Stage**. Preview performance is Wednesday, November 27 with opening night on **Friday, November 29**, and performances continue through **December 22, 2013**. Evening performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, December 7, 14 and 21. 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.

In 2002 The Broadway Rose Theatre Company produced Stuart Ross' *Forever Plaid*, a musical revue consisting of mellow, popular songs from the 1950s and 60s framed with the story of four somewhat nerdish friends forming their own singing group and harmonizing just for the sheer joy of it. Tragically, the group is killed in an accident when their car collides with a bus of Catholic teenagers, but lucky for them, they're sent back to Earth to perform the

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show they never got to do in life.

This holiday season our favorite squeaky-clean 1960's guy group is back again with *Plaid Tidings*. Once more they are allowed to slip through the thinning ozone layer to return to Earth on "an undisclosed mission to perform Harmonal duties." At least part of their mission involves creating a Plaid's Christmas Special as their idol, Perry Como, used to do. In addition to old songs like: "Stranger in Paradise," "Sh-Boom," "Amor," "Mambo Italiano," "Hey There," and "Bésame Mucho," we are also treated to a snowstorm of classic holiday songs: "Let It Snow," "Carol of the Bells," "Joy to the World," "Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," and "Twuz Tha Nite B4 Xmas," a hip-hop rendering of the famous poem. The boys also whip up a Plaid Caribbean Christmas that puts the "Day-O" in Excelsis! Plus a hilarious tribute to The Ed Sullivan Christmas Spectaculars featuring the Rockettes, the Chipmunks, and The Vienna Boys Choir all in 3 minutes and 11 seconds! A holiday treat for the whole family.

The production was written by Stuart Ross and will be directed and choreographed by Dan Murphy with musical direction by Jeffery Childs. Singing the crystalline harmonies will be Jeremy Sloan, Matthew Brown, Robert Head, and Sean Powell.

The creative team also includes Chris Whitten (*Scenic Designer*), Allison Dawe (*Costume Designer*), Bearclaw Hart (*Lighting Designer*), Tim Richey (*Sound Designer*), Deb Dahling (*Prop Designer*), and Jessica Downs (*Production Stage Manager*).

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BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY, a non-profit arts organization, has been successfully producing musical theater in Tigard since 1992 under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney. As Oregon's premier musical theater company, 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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Pictured left to right is Sean Powell, Jeremy Sloan, Matthew Brown, and Robert Head.