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## Broadway Rose Theatre Presents a Tongue-in-Cheek Holiday Revue



Tigard, OR – Broadway Rose Theatre Company continues its 2014 Season of Brass 'n' Sass with a holiday revue, *A Christmas Survival Guide* playing at the **Broadway Rose New Stage**. Spiked with comedy, tempered with tender reflections, and infused with favorite seasonal tunes, this light-hearted revue will de-stress and refresh one and all with holiday cheer! Preview performance is Wednesday, November 26 with opening night on **Friday**, **November 28**, and performances continue through **December 21**, **2014**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, December 6, 13, and 20. 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.

This intimate revue takes a wry and knowing look at a stressful season. Armed with a copy of "A Christmas Survival Guide" and an optimistic attitude, the characters charge into an urban holiday landscape searching for the true essence of Christmas. In songs and vignettes, they learn to cope with the season in ways that are both hilarious and heartwarming.

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Comedic songs include a jazzy version of "Silver Bells" with cell phones and other electronic device interruptions, "Sleigh Ride" with a runaway horse, an Elvis impersonator singing "Santa Claus is Back in Town," a neglected Mrs. Claus singing "Surabaya Santa," and "The Twelve Steps of Christmas." The four-part harmony group numbers include "Carol of the Bells," "Waiting for the Man with the Bag," "The Happy New Year Blues," and "The Greatest Gift."

A Christmas Survival Guide was conceived and written by James Hindman and Ray Roderick, with musical arrangements and orchestrations by John Glaudini. Dan Murphy will direct and choreograph the Broadway Rose production, with musical direction by Jeffrey Childs. The creative team also includes Chris Whitten (*Scenic Designer*), Jessica Carr (*Costume Designer*), Phil McBeth (*Lighting Designer*), Deb Dahling (*Prop Designer*), and Jessica Downs (*Production Stage Manager*).

The cast includes Craig Allen, Megan Carver, Ben Farmer, and Amy Jo Halliday.

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