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6th Street Playhouse to Present Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*

A heartwarming holiday musical for everyone!

SANTA ROSA, CA (November 6, 2017) 6th Street Playhouse to present Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* by David Ives and Paul Blake, with music & lyrics by Irving Berlin. It is directed by Michael Fontaine, music directed by Ginger Beavers and choreographed by Joseph Favalora. The musical will run December 1-23 in the G.K. Hardt Theatre.

The Playhouse is excited to present this classic holiday musical on the big stage. Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heartwarming musical tells the story of Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis who have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. The dazzling score features well-known standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love A Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial favorite, "White Christmas."

"After having *A Christmas Carol* as our resident holiday production on the G.K. Hardt stage, we felt it was time to provide a new but still wonderful musical for all to enjoy!" says Artistic Director Craig A. Miller. "Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* is timeless, perfect for the whole family, and the most heartwarming, healing and festive show for the season."

On opening night, December 1st, there will be a complimentary reception following the performance where patrons can meet the cast and enjoy sparkling wine and nibbles.

The Playhouse is offering free tickets to patrons who lost their home to the fire and can call the box office at (707) 523-4185 to reserve their tickets.

The Playhouse is also encouraging people to buy tickets early to help with production costs. There's an early bird offer for one free exchange for tickets purchased by Saturday November 11th.

White Christmas opens in the G.K. Hardt Theatre December 1st and runs through December 23rd every Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00, with select performances on Thursday evenings. Tickets are \$15 - \$38.

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About 6th Street Playhouse

In 2004, a new partnership reunited the Santa Rosa Players and Actors Theatre under one board of directors. Together they renovated the 119-year-old Del Monte cannery into the 6th Street Playhouse, which houses a 185-seat main stage (the G.K. Hardt Theatre) and a 99-seat black box (the Studio Theatre).

6th Street Playhouse is a performing arts organization that produces live theatre and provides education programs of the highest quality that engage, delight, and inspire the diverse communities of the North Bay region. 6th Street Playhouse is the central hub of the Sonoma County arts scene. It is known throughout the region for its high level of artistry, professionalism, educational opportunities and the bravery of its approach to works both new and old.

Award-Winning

As the most award-winning theatre company in the North Bay Area, 6th Street Playhouse has been named "Best Theatre Troupe" by the North Bay Bohemian readership for the last five consecutive years, and "Best Local Theatre Company" by the Press Democrat "Best of Sonoma County" Awards for the last four out of five years. The Playhouse was named "Theatre of the Year" by Broadway World San Francisco 2012-2014.

In 2012 Playhouse Artistic Director, Craig A. Miller, was named one of Sonoma County's "Forty Under 40" by the North Bay Business Journal, honoring the County's forty most influential people in their field under the age of 40.

In the last five years, 6th Street Playhouse has received over fifty nominations for excellence in all areas of production from the leading Theatre Arts adjudication organizations in the Bay Area, including the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle (SFBATCC), Theatre Bay Area (TBA), and Sonoma One Theatre Awards (SOTA). Of those nominations, The Playhouse received six awards at the 2013 San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, including Best Ensemble for our production of *Red*, and Best Leading Male and Female Actors for *The Rocky Horror Show*.

In our 2013/14 Season, the musical production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* swept the SFBATCC Awards, taking home wins in all four of its nominated categories; winning a total six awards for the season, which was highlighted in *American Theatre Magazine*.

In 2015, the Playhouse took home three awards at the Theater Bay Area Awards for Best Direction, Best Ensemble, Best Actress, and Best Production for *Clybourne Park*.