



THE MUSICAL YOU'VE BEEN DREAMING OF ARRIVES AT THE NORRIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Beloved holiday musical WHITE CHRISTMAS comes to life on stage December 6-15

Palos Verdes, CA (October 25, 2013) – The Norris Center for the Performing Arts is celebrating the spirit of the season with the sparkling holiday musical, Irving Berlin's WHITE CHRISTMAS, December 6-15 for six performances. Based on the classic 1954 film starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, this lavish Broadway romantic comedy is an all-singing, all-dancing evening of theatre that includes many of the greatest songs ever written, and even a live snowfall on stage.

Faithful to the original film, WHITE CHRISTMAS is centered around two showbiz stars and World War II army buddies, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis. With romance in mind, they follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a picturesque Vermont lodge -- which happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former Army commander. When they learn that the inn's future is in jeopardy, the men team up with the sisters to save the day by producing a holiday show bursting with dazzling production numbers and a generous helping of yuletide cheer.

The illustrious Irving Berlin score, backed by a live, 11-piece orchestra, includes such timeless songs as "Blue Skies," "Sisters," "Count Your Blessings," "The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing," "Snow" and "I Love a Piano." Topping it all off, of course, is the award-winning title tune, "White Christmas."

“The heartwarming story and beloved songs of ‘White Christmas’ have been enjoyed by families for generations,” said James Gruessing, artistic director of the Norris Center for the Performing Arts. “Now, this magical holiday classic can be experienced live, on stage in one of the most spectacular productions in the 31-year history of the Norris Theatre. We hope that everyone will join us for this bright and merry musical that the New York Daily News called ‘a holiday card come to life.’”

The Norris Theatre production features a cast of 24 performers and stars Brent Schindele as Bob Wallace, David Lamoureux as Phil Davis, Gail Ellen Bennett as Betty Haynes, Tro Shaw as Judy Haynes, Polly Seale as Martha Watson, Michael Prohaska as General Waverly and introducing Ashley Jewel Reynolds as Susan Waverly. The production is directed by Randy Brenner, with choreography by Kami Seymour and musical direction by Daniel Thomas.

The production is generously supported by Medawar Fine Jewelers and Bennett Landscape.

Performance times for the December 6-15 engagement of WHITE CHRISTMAS are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Ticket prices are \$45 for adults and \$25 for children, and group discounts are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (310) 544-0403 or visit www.norriscenter.com. Free, covered parking is located behind the theatre. The facility is wheelchair accessible and assisted listening devices are provided upon request. The Norris theatre is located at 27570 Norris Center Drive in Rolling Hills Estates, in the South Bay area of Los Angeles.

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