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### Palmdale Playhouse Announces Full Menu of Holiday Treats

PALMDALE - The Palmdale Playhouse has announced its schedule of fun-filled events and performances for the upcoming holiday season.

The popular Annual Holiday Open House kicks off the holiday season today, Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 11 am to 4 pm with holiday decorations, treats and a visit from St. Nick himself.

“Take a break from the traffic and crowds to experience the sights, sounds and scents of the season,” said Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. “The Playhouse will be filled with holiday decorations and Santa Claus will be on hand to take holiday wishes from young and old alike. Come and relax and enjoy complimentary refreshments.”

The remaining Open House dates and times are Wed. Dec. 3 from 11 am to 4 pm; Dec. 10 from 4 to 9 pm; and Dec. 17 from 10 am to 3 pm, and 6 to 9 pm. Admission is free. Photo with Santa \$5.

Music and dance are also part of the holiday fun, as the Playhouse stage comes alive on Fri., Dec. 5 at 7:30 pm as the Palmdale Theater Dance Company presents *Christmas Celebration*.

“Your toes will be tapping to an exciting holiday dance production set to tunes like ‘Christmas of Love,’ ‘Song for Santa’ and ‘It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas,’” Pagliaro said. Tickets are only \$7.

On Sat. Dec. 6 at 7:30 pm and Sun. Dec. 7 at 2 pm, the Palmdale Junior Ballet presents ***The Nutcracker Story***. Toymaker Herr Drosselmeyer will tell the enchanting and magical tale of Clara and her Nutcracker in The Nutcracker Story Ballet. This abridged version will feature the Sugar Plum Fairy, Nutcracker Prince and many more of favorite Nutcracker pieces. Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, students, military, 12 & under.

Then on Sat., Dec. 13, 7:30 pm, the Playhouse presents ***Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold***. It will be one "O-ho-ho holy night" as Sister tackles the question "whatever happened to the Magi's gold?" It's CSI: Bethlehem when Sister invites her audience to be characters in a living nativity/crime scene! Tickets are \$18/adults, \$15/seniors, students, military, 12 & under.

Capping off the season, the West Coast Classical Flute Choir, String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Combo present ***Swing in the Holidays on Fri.***, Dec. 19, at 7:30 pm. Under the co-direction of Patricia Graham and Jeff Kaser, this performance will feature favorite holiday tunes gift wrapped in a delightful concert. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, students, military, 12 & under. Then on Sat. Dec. 20 at 7:30 pm, the West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic Orchestra present ***'Twas The Night Before Christmas***. Under the co-direction of Patricia Graham and Jeffrey Kaser, this holiday concert will feature "Faith Noel" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, students, military, 12 & under.

For more information, please visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse) or call 661/267-5684.