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Santa's Arrival Kicks off Palmdale Playhouse Holiday Experience *Music, Dance and Singalong also Featured*

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10th St., begins its 2016 Holiday Extravaganza begins with the annual visit from the Big Man from the North Pole with a **Holiday Open House with Santa** starting tomorrow, Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Jolly Old St. Nick will meet and greet attendees on Tuesdays, Nov. 22 and 29; December 6 and 13, from 3 to 8 pm, and Thursdays, December 1, 8 and 15, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Admission is free. Photos with Santa are \$5 and include a complimentary photo frame gift pack.

“With the Playhouse decorated for the season, this is a perfect time to give yourself a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays and experience the sights, sounds and scents of the season,” said Palmdale Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. “We’ll also have complimentary refreshments for you to enjoy.”

On Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 pm, enjoy live carolers and tasty refreshments as part of the second annual **Singalong with Santa**. Santa’s elves will help kids handcraft special keepsakes that are sure to become sentimental treasures. Then, join Santa and

The Sunday Night Singers in the theatre for an interactive performance. Tickets are \$6 and includes a souvenir songbook to use during the show.

Dance comes to the forefront on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 and 7 pm as the Palmdale Junior Ballet and Theater Dance presents **The Nutcracker Story and Christmas Celebration.**

The toymaker Herr Drosselmeyer will tell the enchanting and magical tale of Clara and her Nutcracker in The Nutcracker Story Ballet. Palmdale Junior Ballet will present an abridged version featuring dancing toys, mischievous mice, waltzing flowers and sparkling snowflakes. Palmdale Theatre Dance will celebrate the season with music featuring “Hey Santa Claus,” “Silent Night,” “Christmas Party” and “No Christmas For Me.”

Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

Music finishes up the 2016 Holiday Extravaganza, led by a rousing concert by **The Tony Capko Rockin’ Holiday Big Band** on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 pm. “Be warned---this ain’t your daddy’s big band!” notes Pagliaro. “This rockin’ holiday mini orchestra combines the excitement of a modern day big band with high energy sounds of the season.” Comprised of LA’s finest musicians and their spirited arrangements, this concert is sure to meet all of Santa’s requirements and kick start your holidays into high gear.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

Next on tap is a **Cozy Smooth Jazz Holiday**, on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm. This very special night of music is designed especially for listeners to enjoy the sounds of the season Smooth Jazz style. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for students, seniors, military and

children 12 and under. Purchase tickets for both the **Cozy Smooth Jazz Holiday** and **The Tony Capko Rockin' Holiday Big Band** at a discounted price of \$25 for adults and \$19 for students, seniors, military and children 12 and under.

The West Coast Classical caps everything off with three holiday performances. First up is the West Coast Classical Beginning Strings, Beginning Band and Jazz Combo present a **Holiday Celebration** on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm. This joyous family friendly holiday program filled with holiday music favorites will feature the West Coast Classical Jazz closing the show with a jazzy Christmas sound that will have your toes-a-tapping. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 children 12 and under.

On Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 pm, the West Coast Classical Flute Choir, Saxophone Choir, Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra present **Making Spirits Bright**. Charlie Brown, America's beloved comic character, is remembered in this musical montage of treasured holiday favorites including "Christmas Time Is Here," "O Tannenbaum," "Skating," and "Linus and Lucy." Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 children 12 and under.

The Holiday Extravaganza concludes with the West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic Orchestras presentation of **Sounds of the Holidays** on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 pm. Experience the magic of Tchaikovsky's classic holiday adventure, *The Nutcracker*, as a sparkling party, a dramatic battle and a whimsical journey to the Land of Sweets are brought to life with one of the greatest symphonic scores ever written. Mendelssohn's Italian "Symphony No 4 in A Minor" is included along with many favorite orchestral holiday classics.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 children 12 and under.

Tickets for all Palmdale Playhouse events may be purchased online at www.palmdaleplayhouse.com, or at the Box Office beginning two hours before each show, 38334 10th St. East. For more information, please call 661/267-5684.

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