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Santa's Arrival Marks Start of Palmdale Playhouse's Holiday Extravaganza
Featuring Singalong and Visits with Santa, Comedy, Music & Dance

PALMDALE – The Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10th St. East in Palmdale, will kick off its 2015 Holiday Extravaganza with a visit from Santa Claus, followed by a full plate of music, dance, comedy and holiday fun.

The Playhouse's annual Holiday Open House begins with Santa on hand to greet and extend holiday wishes to all ages. Old St. Nick will appear on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 11 am to 4 pm; and Wednesday, December 9 and Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4 to 9 pm.

"Take a break from the traffic and crowds to experience the sights, sounds and scents of the season," Pagliaro said. "The Playhouse will be filled with seasonal decorations and we'll have complimentary refreshments to enjoy." Admission is free. Photos with Santa are \$5.

Brand new for 2015 will be special "Singalong with Santa," on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6 pm.

"Here's an opportunity to start a new holiday tradition with the family!" said Pagliaro. "We'll have live carolers and tasty refreshments before the show, followed by Santa's elves who will help kids handcraft special keepsakes that are sure to become sentimental treasures. Then, we'll join Santa & the Sunday Night Singers in the theatre for an interactive performance." Tickets are \$5 and includes a souvenir songbook to use during the show.

The following afternoon, Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 pm, the Palmdale Junior Ballet and Theatre Dance Company will present "Hansel & Gretel" and "For the Love of Christmas. This performance is family-friendly and suitable for children ages 2 and older.

The Palmdale Junior Ballet's presentation of Hansel and Gretel is a one-act dance

fantasy featuring forest creatures, angels, gingerbread children and, of course, a wicked witch who lures Hansel and Gretel through the forest and into her kitchen. As their parents search the woods for their lost children, Hansel and Gretel conspire to escape the witch's giant oven and to free the gingerbread children from her spell.

Immediately following, the Palmdale Theatre Dance Company will perform fun and entertaining holiday dances featuring "We Wish You The Merriest" by Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby, "Sound of Christmas" by Ramsey Lewis and "Zat You Santa Claus?" by Louis Armstrong. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for seniors, students, military and ages 12 and under.

On Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 pm, the entertainment turns comedic as the Ambassador of Americana, Charles Phoenix, will present his "Retro Holiday Slide Show" and lead the audience on a hilarious, high-octane adventure extravaganza into his colorful world of 'flea-market found' vintage and 'mom and pop' Kodachrome slides. With abundant joy, clever wit, and a keen eye for oddball detail, Charles lavishes the very best of his mid-century images with colorful commentary celebrating the way we gifted decorated, dressed, dined, and drank for the holidays in the '50s and '60s. Festive holiday dress is highly encouraged. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for seniors, students, military and ages 12 and under.

Wrapping up the holiday offering and tying them up in a nice bow will be three musical concerts by West Coast Classical. Beginning on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 pm, the West Coast Classical Beginning Strings, Beginning Band and Jazz Combo will present "Holiday Celebration," featuring the bouncy tune "Frosty the Snowman" and a sparkling arrangement of "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow." On Friday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 pm, the West Coast Classical Flute Choir, Saxophone Choir, Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra will present "Making Spirits Bright," featuring holiday favorites such as "Jingle Bells" and "Winter Wonderland" in a fabulous arrangement. Then on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 pm the West Coast Classical Concert and Symphonic Orchestra will present "Sounds of the Holidays," with festive music like "Noel," and Christmas' most serene tune, "Silent Night." Tickets for each

performance are \$12.

“We’re excited to have such a fun filled holiday extravaganza to offer residents,” Pagliaro said. “We’re encouraging everyone to come see what community theatre is all about, support and enjoy quality entertainment and celebrate the holiday season with us.”

Tickets for all Palmdale Playhouse events may be purchased online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/playhouse, 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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