

Press Release
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Opening Thursday, December 5th and running through December 22nd, The Larry Keeton Theatre presents *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Based on the beloved 1946 film, this musical faithfully follows George Bailey's life from his childhood dreams to his midlife disappointments and beyond, as we all take a journey to discover whether his life has mattered at all. Cinematically scored and theatrically staged, this adaptation breathes musical life into a familiar story, while retaining the warmth, humor, and pathos of the original. A new holiday classic for devotees and newcomers alike.

The play not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and that the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.

George's past dream of escaping his small town life was long ago quashed by family obligations and civic duty. Now a husband and father, he's also running his late father's business, Bailey Brothers' Building and Loan, which the town's richest man, Henry Potter, wants to eliminate as a competitor. But the business has helped many of the people who live in the town.

On Christmas Eve morning, George's Uncle Billy goes to the bank to deposit \$8,000 of the Building and Loan's cash, but unintentionally wraps the envelope with the cash in a newspaper that he then loses. When a bank examiner arrives to review the Building and Loan's records, George realizes that criminal charges are possible. Furious at Uncle Billy, a devastated George begins to contemplate suicide.

Enter his guardian angel, who descends on Christmas Eve to save him from despair and to remind him – by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born – that his, after all, has been a wonderful life.

With a stellar cast and stage Direction by Susan Walsworth, Musical Direction by Matt McNeill and Choreography by Kevin F. Raymond, *It's A Wonderful Life* is sure to please all audiences. Book and Lyrics by KEITH FERGUSON with Music by BRUCE GREER, *It's A Wonderful Life* is adapted from the screenplay by FRANCES GOODRICH, ALBERT HACKETT, FRANK CAPRA, AND JOE SWERLING.

Dinner seating for the meal portion of the evening begins at 5:45 pm with curtain at 7:00 pm Thursday - Saturdays and seating at 12:45 pm with curtain at 2:00 pm on Sunday matinees. Dinner/Show Tickets \$32 ages 13 to adults, \$22 for children 12 and under. Show Only Tickets \$25 ages 13 to adults, \$15 for children 12 and under. Call 615-883-8375 or visit www.thelarrykeetontheatre.org