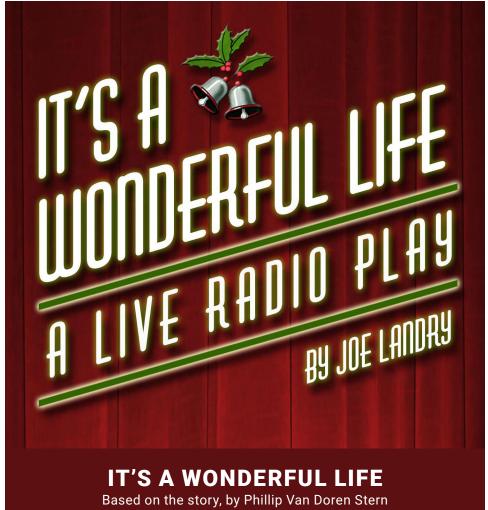
PLAYBILL

THE ART CENTRE THEATRE



Based on the story, by Phillip Van Doren Stern By Joe Landry



December 2nd - 18th, 2022 The Art Centre Theatre, Plano, TX This is a live production of what goes on in the 1940's broadcast of "It's A Wonderful Life". See the inner workings of a play/radio station and hearken back to the days of George Orwell and the war of the worlds.

Don't touch your dial! America's favorite holiday classic is live on stage, re-enacting as if it's on an actual 1940s radio station, with every memorable character, wacky sound effect, and the heartwarming conclusion of the iconic film recreated live before your ears—and eyes! With humor and humanity, George Bailey's tale of love, loss, and redemption brought to life! A heaven-sent gift for the entire family.

Cast & Crew

Samantha Andrews	Janie and Young Mary
Mahkya Askew	Sound Engineer
Sam Baker	Producer and Director
Sebastian Carey	Foley Artist and Peter
Javier Castell	Martinez and Mr. Partridge
Jael 'Joey' Curley	Sheriff and Special Voices
Rob Frey	George
Amy Lacey	Claire
Daniel Lunt	Gower and Potter
Susan O'Brien	Violet
Allen Pitts	Nick and Chairman of the Board
Deanna Santos	Mary and Reineman
Caleb Santos	Young George and Tommy
Jonathan Sieders	Uncle Billy
Ree Tredo	Mrs. Bailey
Trey Upton	Announcer and Harry
Lendea Venegas	Josephine, Zuzu and Tilly

The Art Centre Theatre

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WHO'S WHO



Samantha Andrews (Janie and Young Mary)

Has been in a few plays at act and hopes to be in more she is super bad at writing bios so she is very sorry to whoever is reading this.



Mahkya Askew (Sound Engineer)

is a young entrepreneur, maneuvering his way through the entertainment industry. He is a multi-instrumentalist and vocalist, with 5 years of live performance and audio experience. Although fairly new to the theater scene, he has been able to achieve great success as a sound engineer for plays such as: A Christmas Carol, Much Ado Out West, The Savannah Sipping Society, and more! Mahkya is currently attending Full Sail University studying to get his degree in Music Production.



Sam Baker (Producer and Director)

Sam is excited to produce and direct this presentation. Sam has been producing and directing the GunSmoke Podcast series for KNON podcasts for the past year, and really enjoys producing "Old Time" radio theater. He would like to thank the Art Center Theater, Jamey, Paul and Bo and the entire Wonderful Life cast for their professionalism, creativity and dedication in this production. Thank you all, I hope you enjoy the show.



Sebastian Carey (Foley Artist and Peter)

Sebastian, more well known as "Bat", is new in the theatre world still learning the ropes. He is a self-taught digital artist who is now debuting as a foley artist for "It's a Wonderful Life". Bat's other works involve voice acting for KNON's Gunsmoke and playing Lucas in "Addams Family" as well as several characters in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Bat would like to thank his family and friends at Art Centre Theatre for all of their love and support.



Javier Castell (Martinez and Mr. Partridge)

Originally from a Spanish small town near Barcelona, Javier showed a passion for the Arts at a very early age. He has written and published two books in Catalan, his native language. He has also directed two documentaries and is currently working on his first musical project. With a background in Education, Javier is excited to be back for another ACT production. Other favorite past theatre/musical roles by Javier include Brad in The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Zach in A Chorus Line and Ken in Rumors.

WHO'S WHO Continued



Jael 'Joey' Curley (Sheriff and Special Voices)

has been seen skulking around the back rooms and warehouses of ACT theater for years. Always ready to participate in the latest production. Joey has a huge stage presence for such a diminutive stature. Joey's presence alway fills the theater with spot-on acting and characterizations of the role. This production is thrilled to have Joey participate.



Rob Frey (George)

Rob Frey is happy to be back on stage to present this wonderful gift to you. Active at ACT since 2017 when he played Lurch in The Addams Family Musical, he has acted in many roles, expanded his resume to include voice characterization for KNON's "Gunsmoke" and his crowning achievement when he directed "Jesus Christ Superstar" at ACT in 2019. Rob wishes to thank his boyfriend Scott for his support, as well as his friends and family who continue to support him. Thank y'all for coming!



Amy Lacey (Claire)

is excited to be in her first show with The Art Center Theatre! When not on the theater stage, Amy teaches Improv to Middle and High School students at a Performing Arts Co-op, sings with a Southern Rock cover band, plays softball, and for the last 25 years has been a wedding and events coordinator. Amy would like to thank her husband, Greg, for being a theater bachelor and letting her chase her crazy dreams, her kiddos, Prestynn and Ayden, for letting her be "not just a regular mom but a cool mom", and the cast a crew for their support, especially her dear friend Sam Baker who talked her into doing this amazing show!



Daniel Lunt (Gower and Potter)

is a semi professional actor who has worked in films, TV, commercials, voice over, and on various stages in both scripted plays and improv throughout the DFW area. He has also done several shows at ACT (most recently as the lead in the supernatural comedy Blithe Spirit) and has done several voices for director Sam Baker's KNON production of Gunsmoke. Daniel feels privileged to be able to make art with awesome people and continue to play pretend as an adult.

WHO'S WHO Continued



Susan O'Brien (Violet)

I would like to thank you so much for supporting local theatre, wishing you and yours a peaceful Holiday season and prosperous new year!



Allen Pitts (Nick and Chairman of the Board)

is a third-generation Dallasite and retired architect. Allen attended Jesuit High School in north Dallas before studying for six years at the University of Texas, Austin School of Architecture and is licensed to practice architecture in the state of Texas. In 1984 Mr. Pitts married Phyllis Virginia (Ginger) Galloway late of Memphis Tennessee. In 1995 Allen and Ginger adopted a fifteen-month-old boy, Phillip, out of northern Russia. Phillip is now 29, a graduate of the University of Mississippi and working in commercial real estate in Dallas. As a result of market influences, in 1987 Mr. Pitts, modified his career path from architecture and general contracting to information technology where he has spent the last twenty years principally building Internet web sites. Since retirement Allen has had time to pursue his passion for playing music accompanying vocals with the acoustic guitar and mandolin.



Deanna Santos (Mary and Reineman)

Deanna was most recently seen on the ACT stage in Clue and I Love You You're Perfect Now Change...she is proud to be able to perform along side her son Caleb and hopes you enjoy the show!



Caleb Santos (Young George and Tommy)

Caleb is excited to be doing another show here at ACT... he was recently seen in Rumors as Officer Welch and You're a Good Man Charlie Brown as Charlie Brown... he appreciates the opportunity to perform with such a talented cast... he hopes you enjoy the show!

WHO'S WHO Continued



Jonathan Sieders (Uncle Billy)

was recently seen on the ACT stage as Igor in The Bride of Frankenstein Goes Malibu, and briefly heard as the voice of Professor Knowby in Evil Dead. He has also appeared at North Texas Performing Arts as Jacob Marley & Mr. Fezziwig in Scrooge, Cogsworth in Beauty and the Beast, Mal in The Addams Family, Grimsby in The Little Mermaid, Maury in Disaster, and Mr. Krabs in The SpongeBob Musical. Jonathan's mother-in-law would like to thank Sam for giving him the opportunity to take part in her favorite Christmas show!



Ree Tredo (Mrs. Bailey)

Ree Tredo appreciates being among the talented cast members in this production of It's a Wonderful Life. She has appeared in several productions at ACT and was recently an Assistant Manager for Blythe Spirit. Ree voices Miss Kitty for director Sam Baker's KNON production of Gunsmoke. Through her continuing roles as Wife, Mother, Gigi, and Doggie Mom, she has learned that life is one constant "performance" regardless of whether or not one is onstage. So, Break-a-Leg in all you do...



Trey Upton (Announcer and Harry)

Trey Upton is a professional actor specializing in voice-over, stage acting, and improv comedy. He has dedicated the last two years studying acting at Collin Community College and signed with Core Talent Agency. As chairman-elect of Mutiny Theatre Company, a Plano Texas stationed theater company that takes pride in performing original works, he is always searching for the next big thing on his road to becoming a full-time performing artist in the entertainment industry.



Lendea Venegas (Josephine, Zuzu and Tilly)

is new to ACT and has had a ball working with this talented cast and crew. With a background primarily in vocal performance, this has been the perfect project to break back in to the world of theater. She is thankful for friends and family that support her in all things and wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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