

### New Century Players welcomes you to the show!

The New Century Players is a not-for-profit community theatre company. Our mission is to build community by providing opportunities for artistic expression through live performances.

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New Century Players is proud to partner with the City of Milwaukie and the North Clackamas School District and to be a member of the following organizations:

- Oregon Cultural Trust
- American Association of Community Theatres
- Portland Area Theatre Alliance
- Oregon Community Theatre Alliance

#### Acknowledgements

Our special thanks to:

- The City of Milwaukie
- North Clackamas School District
- Rex Putnam High School
- Clackamas County Arts Alliance
- Rose Villa Senior Living Community

#### About the Director, David Hastings

David Hastings is no stranger to the NCP community. He first appeared as Cosme McMoon in *Glorious*. He frequently collaborates with Kevin Yell (*Stairway to Paradise*, two recent *GALA* fundraisers) and Ron Palmblad on *I Do! I Do!* Recently, David conducted *South Pacific* at Lakewood Theatre and *DisEnchanted* at The Historic Elsinore Theatre. He is a performance coach, and



enjoys bringing magic to presentations by business leaders (www.HastingsAudienceConnect.com), auditioners (AuditioningConfidence.com), and TED speakers. David is also the Artistic Director for the Northwest Queer Chorus (NWQueerChorus.lgbt), the first queer-identified chorus in the Western Hemisphere. In his spare time, David enjoys urban hiking and testing recipes for his upcoming cookbook, Clean Up Your Act, from www.TheHappiestVegan.com.



During the show we ask that you please respect the actors and your fellow audience members by turning off cell phones and other electronics.

No flash photography or videography please.

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## Benefactor Support Program

Thank you for your support of New Century Players! We are proud to represent the greater Milwaukie and North Clackamas areas by producing quality entertainment at an affordable price!

We are a 501(C)3 non-profit organization.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve this community!

We want to thank the following donors who have contributed greatly to making our season possible.

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## Cast of A Fireside Christmas

Sarah Thornton
Dirk Foley
Adam John Roper
Mary Weigel
Danny Caputo
Leslie Meyrovich

Number of Acts: 2

**Intermission:** There will be one intermission of 15 minutes

Our performers will be presenting songs of the season, which are not listed here to allow the songs to better surprise and delight you. We hope you enjoy the show and hope you will sing with us during our sing-along songs. (words are in the program for you)

## Special thanks to people who helped us in special ways:

- Ron Palmblad
- ◆ Brent Hall
- ♦ Sean Blake Isabella
- Jan Black (we are premiering her song "Santa's Man")



## **Production team**

Director & Music Director	David Hastings
Producers	Kevin Yell, Elisabeth Goebel
Stage Manager	Kyle Ward
Lighting	Kyle Ward
Backstage Crew	Tyrell Washington
Props	Cast
Photography	David Bliss
Program	Greg Prosser
Poster Art	Mark Schwann
Box Office	Elisabeth Goebel





#### Sarah Thornton

Sarah is excited to be in her first production with New Century! Favorite past shows include The Fantasticks (Luisa), The Curious Savage (Fairy May), Oklahoma (Ado Annie), The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Becky Thatcher), Fools (Sophia), Into the Woods (Florinda), and many others. She was in the world premieres of There's No Business Like Show Business and The Magical Music of Disney. Sarah also enjoyed spending two summers with Leavenworth Sum-

mer Theater. During the week, she works as a surgical nurse.



## Dirk Foley

Dirk is delighted to be working with New Century again. You may have seen Dirk most recently in the New Century Players production of *I Do*, *I Do* (Michael), and *Legally Blonde* (*Prof. Callahan*). He has also appeared in *Stairway to Paradise*, and as Captain Wentworth in *Persuasion* for NCP. Other favorite roles include Robert Browning in *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*, and Jeep in Sam Shepard's *Action*. Away from the theater he

is a baritone with the Portland Gay Men's Chorus and an active jazz vocalist. He loves movies, cats and Monty Python and wishes everyone a very joyous holiday season!



#### Adam John Roper

Adam John Roper is a performer originally from the East Coast. He holds a BFA in theatre from NYU/Tisch School of the Arts, having studied both at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting and the Experimental Theatre Wing. Adam owned a Bikram Yoga studio in NYC for almost a decade before moving to Oregon for a change in lifestyle. Besides acting, Adam spends his time teaching yoga, going to Crossfit, practicing

piano and working for his interior design business, York and Rose Interiors. Check out www.yorkandroseinteriors.com. Adam is ecstatic about performing again with David Hastings and New Century Players!

## Mary Weigel

Mary is thrilled to once again be appearing in a production with New Century Players. Since 2007 she has had the privilege of performing in *Steel Magnolias* (Ouiser), *A Murder is Announced* (Mitzi), *Moon Over Buffalo* (Ethel), *Bad Seed* (Miss Fern), *The Odd Couple* (Renee) and musicals *Hairspray* (PE Teacher) and *Footloose* (Ethel McCormick). Most recently, she has appeared in *Suite Surrender* (Claudia



McFadden) at Sandy Actors Theatre and again on-stage with New Century Players in *Play On!* (Tina Larsen, prompter) and in *Glorious!* (Dorothy) and *Legally Blonde* (Store Manager). Mary has worked for the North Clackamas School District since 1999 and is currently the Principal's Secretary at Ardenwald Elementary School. She wishes to thank her family and friends for their unconditional love and support.

## **Danny Caputo**

This is Danny's second straight Christmas show with New Century Players, following last year's It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play. He has also appeared with New Century in Enchanted April, Witness For the Prosecution, and Infinite Black Suitcase. Another favorite role was as Mayor Shinn in The Music Man at Clackamas Repertory Theatre. He has also been a competitive ballroom dancer. Danny is



excited about getting an opportunity to sing for an audience again.

#### Leslie Meyrovich (not pictured)

An accomplished singer, this is Leslie's first appearance in a New Century Players production. She is pleased to be a part of this cast and to be bringing the joy of the season to you all.

## Sing-along Carols

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

O Come, all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem Come and behold him Born the king of angels O, come let us adore him Christ the Lord

#### The First Noel

The first noel the angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds In fields as they lay.
Noel, noel, noel, noel
Born is the King of Israel

#### It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear That glorious song of old From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night All seated on the ground The angels of the Lord came down And glory shown around

#### <u> Hark! The Herals Angels Sing</u>

Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinner reconciled Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark, the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn king!

#### **Angels We Have Heard On High**

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plain And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strain. Gloria, in excelsis Deo

#### Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare him room Let heaven and nature sing

## New Century 2018-2019 Season

There are many shows yet to come for the 2018-2019 season, one we are calling All's Fair in Love & War. Be sure to mark your calendars so you can see them all.

## The Importance of Being Earnest

by Oscar Wilde

A trivial comedy for serious people.

Performances of a staged reading of this play will be presented February 8-10 at the Rose Villa Performing Arts Center

#### Beau Jest

by James Sherman

A light, sweet, romantic comedy Performances will be presented at the Rex Putnam Black Box Theater March 15-31

#### Gin Game

by D. L. Coburn

A touching story of two people in a nursing home finding common ground and an enjoyment of the game of Gin Rummy. Performances will be presented at the Rose Villa Performing Arts Center June 7-23

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