New Century Players presents

A Fireside Christmas

Compiled & Directed by
David Hastings
with Kevin Yell

November 23, 24 & 25, 2018

Rose Villa Performing Arts Center
13505 SE River Road
Portland, OR 97222
New Century Players welcomes you to the show!

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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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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.

**Producer’s Circle ($1,000+)***
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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
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**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 Summer Theater. During the week, she works as a surgical nurse.

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**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!

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**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

Hark! The Heralds Angels Sing
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
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.  
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