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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to our beloved village from our SVST family and team!

We are most grateful in 2023 to bring *Home for the Holidays: A Big Band Christmas* back for a third season. This concert-style show has something for everyone and captures the essence of the holiday spirit that sprinkles the past, present and future. It is our honor to serve through professional live entertainment and education to be a beacon of hope and light for our region for many generations to come.

A very special thank you to our music director, Dr. Andrea Olsen, for sharing her talents through our new music selections and script this year and for assembling our incredible professional 17-piece Big Band and 14 vocalists. To our talented performers, creative, and production teams, thank you for working together to bring this show to life for everyone to enjoy this weekend.

Thank you to the Central Valley School District, University High School Administration, and the University High School Theatre Department for our community partnership. To Music Director Heather Brown, thank you for sharing your Ponderosa Elementary School “Pinetones” this year and for your stunning lobby and theatre decorations for *A Big Band Christmas*. To our patrons, sponsors, donors, friends and, SVST Theatre Angels ...thank you for believing.

What matters most in life is what we give and how we contribute to the betterment of all. In the spirit of giving, we will have a free-will collection at the end of every performance to benefit our SVST Conservatory Scholarship Fund. Additionally, please be reminded that our future home, the Idaho Central Spokane Valley Performing Arts Center, is a privately-funded project. Please consider this holiday season what you or your business may be able to donate as fundraising to complete the building continues through our on-going capital campaign.

With love and light always,

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Yvonne A.K. Johnson

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CAST

Mrs. Claus.....	MARNIE RORHOLM
Santa Claus.....	MICHAEL RORHOLM
Elf.....	DOUG DAWSON

KYLE ADAMS	GATIEH NACARIO
MELODY CHANG	ANDREA OLSEN
CHARLES FLETCHER	DREW OLSEN
DAN GRIFFITH	DARNELLE PRESTON
CALLIE MCKINNEY-CABE	LANDON TOTH
ALEXIS MEEKER	

Featuring **The Pinetones** of Ponderosa Elementary
 Conducted by Heather Brown

BIG BAND ORCHESTRA

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 ART CORCORAN, *guitar*
 ROB PETERSON, *bass*
 TAYLOR BELOTE, *drums*

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SET LIST

ACT I

“Deck the Halls with Jingle Bells”	Band
“A Swingin’ Little Christmas Time”	Company
“The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)”	Gatieh
“Christmas Waltz”	Alexis & Darnelle
“Winter Wonderland”	Callie
“Silver Bells”	Drew & Andrea
“Momma Wouldn’t Lie to Me”	Charles
“Candy Cane Lane”	Melody
“Christmas Time is Here”	Pinetones
“Believe”	Landon
“Hot Chocolate”	Santa & Men

THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION.

ACT II

“Sleigh Ride”	Band
“Step into Christmas”	Mrs. Claus & Company
“Christmas Is”	Dan
“I’ll Be Home for Christmas”	Darnelle
“A Hand for Mrs. Claus”	Callie & Melody
“Mrs. Santa Claus”	Drew
“With All of Your Heart”	Andrea & Pinetones
“When a Child is Born”	Alexis & Pinetones
“Merry Christmas Everyone”	Kyle & Company
“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”	Full Company
“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”	Band

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Featuring **The Pinetones** of Ponderosa Elementary
Conducted by Heather Brown

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Madilynn Conner	Brooklynn Massey	Kash Sharpe
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Emily Ivory	Eliana Radmer	Pearl Wollenhaupt*

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Landon Toth

OUR WISH LIST

Not only are we preparing for our next season, we are also preparing to move into our new home, the Idaho Central Spokane Valley Performing Arts Center! Our holiday wish list is full of tools and accessories that are essential to our production quality.

TOOLS

- Table Saw - SawStop Industrial Cabin Saw - \$5,400
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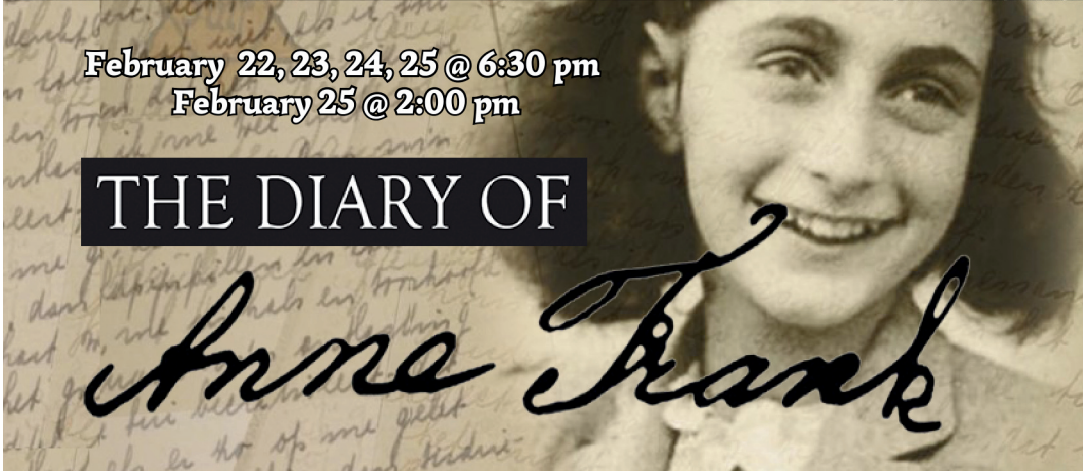
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CAST BIOS

KYLE ADAMS has loved performing for SVST throughout the years and he is thrilled to return to the stage once again in *A Big Band Christmas*. He recently returned from serving a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He appreciates your support and hopes you enjoy the show!

MELODY CHANG is excited to return to the stage for her third *A Big Band Christmas*. She was recently seen as Wanda in Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville* with SVST and Edwin/Eddie in *Earth to Kenzie* with Inland Northwest Opera. MT credits include *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Sister Act*, *Edges*, *The Addams Family Musical*, and *Carousel*. Opera credits include *Carmen*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Die Lustige Witwe*, *The Mikado*, *La Traviata*, *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, *L'elisir d'amore*, and *Dido et Aeneas*.

DOUG DAWSON is scared of snakes. This year's *A Big Band Christmas* will be his third appearance as the beloved elf. He has been seen as Uncle Max in SVST's *The Sound of Music*, Skeezy on *Z Nation*, and Stingy Jack in Netflix's *The Curse of the Bridge Hollow*.

CHARLES FLETCHER recently appeared in SVST's *Bright Star* and *The Bridges of Madison County*. You may have seen him play various characters around Spokane, including Uncle Fester, Mr. Bumble, Mr. Beaver, and Harold Hill. Charles is grateful for the support of his family to practice his love of theatre.

DAN GRIFFITH is thrilled to be appearing in *A Big Band Christmas*, following Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville* and *The Bridges of Madison County*! He is also honored to be the chairman of building committee for the new ICSVPAC. What an amazing gift to our region! Dan would like to dedicate this performance to his father who has been his inspiration for so many worthwhile things in life.

CALLIE MCKINNEY-CABE was last seen on the SVST stage as the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*. A veteran performer, since 1994 she has performed with CST, Aspire Community Theatre, Lake City Playhouse, and Modern Theatre. She received her B.F.A. in Musical Theater from Loretto Heights College. In 2021, she was awarded the Mayor's Award in Excellence in the Arts in Coeur d'Alene.

ALEXIS MEEKER is delighted to be back for her second *A Big Band Christmas*. Alexis has previously performed as Maria in *West Side Story* and Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof* at CSTACK, as well as Marian in *The Bridges of Madison County* and Miss Lynch in *Grease* at SVST. She has studied voice with Patti Mortier for 11 years. Alexis thanks her husband and four children for their encouragement and support.

GATIEH NACARIO was last seen on the SVST stage in *Sister Act* as Curtis. He was also seen as Patrick Star in Aspire's *SpongeBob SquarePants the Musical*. Outside of the theatre, Gatieh is an accomplished visual artist who was nominated in the Imagination category of the 2022 Spokane Arts Awards.

ANDREA OLSEN is honored to have been part of Spokane Valley Summer Theatre from its inception. An integral member of the SVST team both on and off-stage, Andrea has served as music director, vocal coach, choreographer, and performer. Notable past SVST roles include the Witch in *Into the Woods*, Patsy Cline in *Always*, Patsy Cline, Donna in *Mamma Mia!*, Lily in *The Secret Garden*, Francesca in *The Bridges of Madison County*, and Alice Murphy in *Bright Star*. Other local roles include Sarah Brown in *Guys & Dolls*, Cathy in *The Last Five Years*, Johanna in *Sweeney Todd*, Florence in *CHESS*, Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance*, Betty in *White Christmas*, Jane in *Jane Eyre*, and Fantine in *Les Misérables*.

DREW OLSEN is excited to perform on the SVST stage alongside his wife Andrea once again! Previous SVST credits include: *A Big Band Christmas*, *Bright Star*, *Little House on the Prairie*, and *Always*, Patsy Cline. Off the stage, Drew is an elementary music teacher in the Mead School District and the Music Director at Salem Lutheran Church. Drew enjoys tinkering, caring for his backyard chickens and honeybees, and cooking or baking something marvelous for friends and family. His favorite role is dad to kids George, Mila, and Axl.

DARNELLE PRESTON has been involved with SVST since its first season and most recently has performed in *Bright Star* (Mamma Murphy), *The Bridges of Madison County* (Marge), and *Sister Act* (Mother Superior). Theatre credits include Madame Thenardier (*Les Misérables*), Mrs. Lovett (*Sweeney Todd*), Sister Berthe (*The Sound of Music*), Jack's Mother (*Into the Woods*), Mrs. Fairfax (*Jane Eyre*), Mrs. Medlock (*The Secret Garden*), and Ruth (*Pirates of Penzance*). She is currently a member of the voice faculty at Gonzaga University.

CAST BIOS

MARNIE RORHOLM is excited to be returning as Mrs. Claus. She has previously been seen on the SVST stage as Sister Mary Lazarus in *Sister Act* and Tanya in *Mamma Mia!*. She has been a long-time supporter of the performing arts, including being a SAG-eligible actress, represented by Ryan Artists Inc. in Portland, Oregon.

MICHAEL RORHOLM is thrilled to return as the legendary Santa Claus! He recently made his main stage debut in Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville*. He is a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves and a Business Operations Manager at Gonzaga University. Thanks to his family for their support!

LONDON TOTH is excited to return to the SVST stage! Recently, Landon starred in SVST productions as Billy Cane in *Bright Star* and Jack Kelly in Disney's *Newsies*. Past roles include Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and Richie Cunningham in *Happy Days*. Off the stage, Landon works as a mental health counselor and enjoys spending time with his wonderful wife and adorable corgi.

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YVONNE A.K. JOHNSON (Executive Artistic Director) is the founder and leader of the award-winning Spokane Valley Summer Theatre and the future Idaho Central Spokane Valley Performing Arts Center producing musical theatre and an educationally focused Conservatory program for students grades 2-12. Her talent and professional management base extends to artists performing on Broadway, the West End, and regionally across the country. Johnson holds several advanced theatre degrees including a B.A. from Carthage College in Speech, Communications and Theatre, an M.A. in Contemporary Theatre Practice from the University of Essex in Colchester, England and an M.F.A. in Directing from Minnesota State University. Over the past 30 years, she has produced and directed over 250 productions for various schools, universities, community and professional theatres throughout the U.S. and United Kingdom. Johnson has continually been an advocate for Theatre in Education throughout her career, previously founding two Academy programs for youth grades K–12 at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin and establishing the Spokane Civic Theatre Academy in Spokane, WA in addition to SVST/ICSVPAC's Conservatory. Johnson has received numerous accolades and recognitions for directing and producing throughout her tenure. Most recently, she received a 2022 Women in Business Leadership Award, 2021 Difference Maker, the 2021 Governor's Arts & Luminary Award for SVST, and the 2022 Governor's Arts and Heritage Award for an Individual Artist. She has led several capital campaigns throughout her career with the culmination being the beacon of light and hope for our region, Idaho Central Spokane Valley Performing Arts Center. Shine on Team SVST/ICSVPAC!

DR. MARNIE RORHOLM (Managing Director) is a Gonzaga University MBA PhD (Leadership Studies) and obtained her undergraduate business degree at Santa Clara University. She is the inaugural winner of the Eva Lassman Memorial Grant for Holocaust Research and serves on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Hate Studies. Dr. Rorholm is a published author and 2020 Greenleaf Scholar, researching the intersection of servant-leadership and her dissertation topic, interruptive symbology. Dr. Rorholm has worked in higher education and in municipal government, where she served in Business and Developer Services and as the Director of the Mayor's Office for the City of Spokane. She has been a long-time supporter of the performing arts, including being a SAG-eligible actress, represented by Ryan Artists Inc. in Portland, Oregon. She is a military spouse and mother to two adult sons (also performers!). She is thrilled to be connecting the government and local businesses to the professional arts community, to create a vibrant live-theatre scene that contributes significantly to tourism and the local economy.

MELODY CHANG (Communications & Marketing Director) is a dedicated arts administrator and advocate who has earned nationwide praise and acclaim for innovation and leadership within organizations under the Broadway League and Opera America. In addition to her integral work in the arts in Inland Northwest, she currently serves on the national stage as the Executive Director of the Asian Opera Alliance. She has volunteered extensively as a board member for the Spokane Symphony, Communities in Schools of Spokane County, and Spokane Arts. She is regularly invited to speak at top arts universities and Fortune 500 companies and is also in demand as a consultant for many of the most prestigious American opera companies. In 2021, she created the Chang Heaton Scholarship for Music Excellence to award five first-generation BIPOC college students studying music or theatre with unrestricted funds for items. She regularly performs with the Spokane Symphony, Inland Northwest Opera, and Spokane Valley Summer Theatre and was recognized as a top ANHPI Mover & Shaker (2022) and received a 2021 Women in Business Leadership Award for her work in the arts. She is honored to be on the ICSVPAC/SVST team and looks forward to leaving a legacy through the new performing arts center.

COLLIN J. PITTMANN (Production Manager) is currently pursuing an MFA in Theatre Directing at the UK's #1 Drama School - East15 (London). In 2023, he received the Washington Governor's Arts & Heritage 'Young Leader Award.' Pittmann is a 2021 graduate of Texas Christian University, where he double majored in theatre and broadcast journalism. While at TCU, he arranged and directed an award-winning revue production titled *Wonder Women: Celebrating Women's Roles on Broadway*. He was recognized by the university as an 'Emerging Leader' in 2023. His recent SVST credits include Director of Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville*, Co-Director of SVST *Rising Stars*, and Production Stage Manager for *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Sister Act*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Into The Woods*. He's thrilled to continue his work with SVST and looks forward to a lifelong career in theatre and education. @collin.pittmann

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GEORGIA OXFORD (Capital Campaign Director) is a Spokane Valley resident who's passionate about getting to know people and helping make connections within the community. She most recently worked for the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce as the Director of Membership and Events. Georgia has also worked as the Operations Manager for a chain of independent pharmacies and the State of Delaware. She is a Navy Veteran who served and deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom where she earned a Navy Achievement Medal. Georgia has traveled the world and understands the importance of building a strong community with opportunities and resources. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, being outdoors, hiking, camping, fishing, and gardening. Georgia looks forward to bringing ICSVPAC to Spokane Valley. She believes this project will have an economic impact on the community and the businesses across the region. ICSVPAC will leave a legacy for future generations to come.

KATIE GUARISCO (Business Administration Officer) is a lifelong resident of Spokane Valley and a graduate of Eastern Washington University. Katie brings a wide variety of experience from different industries to SVST and ICSVPAC. She has worked for successful advertising agencies as project manager and media buyer for local and national clients. Katie has owned two award-winning business with her husband, one in the restaurant industry and the other in the advertising industry where she was both office manager and bookkeeper. She is excited to be a part of the SVST/ICSVPAC team and the exciting opportunities it brings to our region!

ANDREA OLSEN (Music Director) is honored to have been part of Spokane Valley Summer Theatre from its inception. An integral member of the SVST team both on and off-stage, Andrea has served as music director, vocal coach, choreographer, and performer. Notable past SVST roles include the Witch in *Into the Woods*, Patsy Cline in *Always*, *Patsy Cline*, Donna in *Mamma Mia!*, Lily in *The Secret Garden*, Francesca in *The Bridges of Madison County*, and Alice Murphy in *Bright Star*. Other local roles include Sarah Brown in *Guys & Dolls*, Cathy in *The Last Five Years*, Johanna in *Sweeney Todd*, Florence in *CHESS*, Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance*, Maria in *West Side Story*, Betty in *White Christmas*, Jane in *Jane Eyre*, and Fantine in *Les Misérables*.

DAVID BREWSTER (Conductor) is delighted to return for *A Big Band Christmas*. Past favorite SVST shows have been *Sister Act*, *Into the Woods*, and *A Big Band Christmas*. Recent appearances have included the Ireland with Michael – LIVE national tour, Sempre Chamber Music Series, and the Harry Potter Film Concert Series. He is also the collaborative pianist for Chorale Coeur d'Alene and teaches piano at the Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene. David enjoys cooking, cycling, and skiing with his wife Liberty and kids Fiona and Rowan.

DAVID BAKER (Set Designer & Technical Director) is a theater designer and technical director with over 30 years of professional experience. David received his degree in Drama at the University of Washington and his Master's in Fine Arts in Theater Production at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He has worked in the Spokane theater industry for many years with credits in scenic & lighting design and technical direction.

LINAY ROBISON (Costume Supervisor) is pleased to be returning for her sixth season with Spokane Valley Summer Theatre. After a career in banking, Linay first joined SVST to sew costumes for *Always*, *Patsy Cline* and *The Secret Garden*. She has enjoyed the challenge of creating costumes for each show and working with the talented actors and creative team at SVST.

LOGAN TIEDT (Lighting & Projection Designer) is proud to be a part of the exceptional SVST team. Recent design credits include *A Christmas Story* and *Peter and the Starcatcher* (University HS); *Bright Star*, *Newsies*, and *Sister Act* (SVST); and *Beauty and the Beast* (Cheney HS).

DANIEL URZIKA (Senior Audio Engineer) is a lifelong musician, singer and techie. His recent credits include *Bright Star*, *Grease*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Newsies*, and *Sister Act*. Daniel is thrilled to have found a home in SVST, and cannot wait to keep sharing the gift that is live theatre with our community.

SUSANNA BAYLON (Media Coordinator) is an Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist with experience in anchoring, reporting and producing in markets including Spokane and Tampa. Susanna has also worked as an adjunct professor, event planner, and is a contributor to the local radio program 'Voice for the City.' Her family has been with SVST since its start, thanks to her daughter Noelle Fries.

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HEATHER BROWN (Ponderosa Choir Director) is the music teacher at Ponderosa Elementary as well as the director of theatre at University High School. In her spare time, she is a board member and music director at Lake City Playhouse. The Pinetones and Heather are so grateful to SVST for the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful concert. Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the show!

AMANDA GUARISCO (Stage Manager) is a graduate of Eastern Washington University, where she earned a double major in Secondary English Education and Theatre. Amanda has been extremely involved with SVST since 2016. She has been previously seen in *Bring It On*, *The Sound of Music*, *Mamma Mia!*, and *Sister Act*.

MOLLY ELIZABETH (Assistant Stage Manager) has worked professionally in Spokane for many years as a stage manager, director, and an actor. She recently stage managed SVST's productions of *Grease* and Disney's *Newsies*, and has performed with SVST in *The Sound of Music*, *Mamma Mia!*, and *Little House on the Prairie*.

BRAEDEN ROWLAND (Projection Operator) is excited to be able to be part of *A Big Band Christmas*. He is a student at University High School where he has done everything from acting to set building. In the future, he hopes to grow in his technical theater knowledge.

ELSIE HESS (Spot Operator) is a senior at University High School and they are very excited to be working with SVST again. Her plans for the future are to pursue a career in theatre, possibly in lighting.

NYLA HESS (Spot Operator) is a student at University High School and a frequent U-Drama participant. She is very grateful for the opportunity to be working with SVST again and hopes you enjoy the show!

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