

THE TOWN THEATRE

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AMERICA'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING COMMUNITY THEATRE

NOVEMBER, 2014

Town Theatre's 96th Season Presented by~



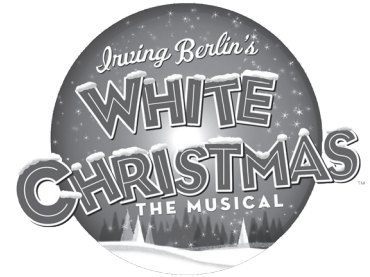
The State

'Tis the season, and all the more reason to be jolly – this fantastic stage adaptation of the beloved classic film *White Christmas* is returning by popular demand to the stage of Town Theatre.

Our production tells the story of two show biz buddies who mount a show in a picturesque Vermont inn with the hope of saving the business for their former military commander. And they find their perfect mates in the process! Wallace and Davis (the show biz buddies) are portrayed by Scott Vaughan (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*) and Frank L. Thompson (*The Music Man*). The Haynes Sisters (their perfect mates) are played by Abigail Smith Ludwig (*White Christmas*) and Celeste Morris Mills (*Tarzan*). Bill DeWitt (*The Foreigner*) takes on the role of Henry Waverly – the retired Army General turned Vermont inn owner who finds himself in a difficult financial situation. Aiding the General is Martha Watson, played by Kathy Hartzog (*Always...Patsy Cline*) who serves as the inn keeper and self-appointed busy body. Ella Resigno (*Les Miserables*) and Caroline Quinn (*Peter Pan*) double as Susan Waverly, the General's granddaughter, and Bob Blencowe (*Stand By Your Man*) takes a turn as the inn's "hired help," Ezekiel.

This season's production has a few familiar faces from its debut at Town in 2006 but also welcomes many performers – some who have been on Town's stage and others who are making their theatre debut! In addition to some new faces, we have added a few new twists including a children's ensemble that will welcome you to the theater with some good old fashioned Christmas carols. We'll also pay special tribute to the late Walker Gaddy who originated the role of Ezekiel in our 2006 production.

You don't want to miss this production featuring some of the most brilliant songs to come from the pen of Irving Berlin including "Blue Skies," "Sisters," "I Love a Piano," "Count Your Blessings" and "How Deep is the Ocean." And, of course, there is the show's title song, "White Christmas." It is never too early to start planning for the holidays – be sure that this show is on top of your Christmas list!



Book by David Ives and Paul Blake

Director/Choreographer – SHANNON WILLIS SCRUGGS
Musical Director – SHARON ALTMAN MCELVEEN

Costumer – LORI STEPP
Scenic & Lighting Designer – DANNY HARRINGTON

SPONSORED BY *Lexington Medical Center*

"No Muss, No Fuss" Holiday Celebration for two or more!

The historic Villa Tronco Restaurant is once again partnering for you to celebrate the season prior to coming to see *White Christmas*. Pick the performance you would like to attend, call the theatre to reserve your tickets and make reservations for dinner prior to the show. Your meal will consist of a complimentary glass of Zardetto Prosecco; a house salad with homemade bread; your choice of Villa Tronco chicken, eggplant parmigiana, lasagna or shrimp fettuccini followed by a dessert choice which includes Carmella's famous cheesecake. The cost of this evening is \$30 for members and \$50 for non-members (this also includes your ticket to the show). All taxes and gratuity are included. You must make your reservations through Town Theatre. Do not hesitate to call if you need additional information. Come to celebrate with Town and Villa Tronco! Call Sandra at 799-2510 to make your reservations.

BOX OFFICE INFO FOR *White Christmas*

NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 7, 2014

1012 Sumter Street • Columbia, SC 29201

PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON PAGE 3
FOR SHOW DATES & TIMES

BOX OFFICE: 799-2510

ADULTS \$25

SENIOR OVER 65/ACTIVE MILITARY/COLLEGE \$20

YOUTH (17 AND UNDER) \$15

NOTE: There currently are no Wednesday performances scheduled. Please check the calendar carefully as the schedule for the week of Thanksgiving is different from the normal weekly schedule. See the calendar on page 3 for more information.

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Curtain up on the best – and most unique – holiday gifts in Town!

Let us be your one-stop shopping center for all your gift-giving needs!



A Town Theatre membership for the remaining five shows of our 96th season is the perfect choice – it is the gift that keeps on giving!

A Patron Membership for \$180

10 tickets for the remaining five shows that may be used interchangeably

The right to reserve tickets three Fridays before the production opens

Your name in the playbill

A \$20 tax deductible contribution

OR

An Adult Membership for \$80 (\$16 per show)

A Senior Membership for \$75 (\$15 per show)

A Youth Membership for \$65 (\$13 per show)

One ticket to each of the remaining four shows

The right to reserve your ticket before general public sales begin



And/or tickets for a Columbia “first”...

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: COLUMBIA

Sunday, December 21

3:00 pm

\$10.00 general admission

The Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol* comes to life for one performance only at Town! Join us for *A Christmas Carol: Columbia*, a new “radio play” adaptation created by Frank Thompson and James Kirk. Presented in the style of an old-time radio drama, *A Christmas Carol: Columbia* is sure to be a welcome addition to your holiday season! The cast features many of your Town Theatre favorites, including Sophie Castell, Bill DeWitt, Will Moreau, Shannon Willis Scruggs, Rob Sprinkle and Frank Thompson, as well as co-creator James Kirk in his debut on the Town stage! Period holiday tunes will be provided by Suzie Gibbons, Chris Kruzner, Emily Northrop and Andy Nyland, with accompaniment by Sharon McElveen Altman. Join us before the show for cookies and punch and the fellowship of the season!

Call the Theatre at 799-2510 and let us help you eliminate some of the hustle and bustle of this holiday season.



...and for those who prefer to treat friends and loved-ones during the holiday season, we have...

Tickets for *Disney's Sleeping Beauty Kids*

December 12 and 13 at 7:00 pm –

December 13 and 14 at 3:00 pm

Disney's *Sleeping Beauty Kids* will magic its way into your heart this holiday season. There will be music and dancing as well as magic spells and evil curses. Maleficent crashes little Aurora's Christening party and places a curse on the baby simply because she was not invited. Aurora is whisked away to the woods where she lives for 16 years. *Once Upon a Dream* she meets a handsome stranger and he ends up being the prince who will break the spell with true love's kiss. Come see Town Theatre's Youth bring *A Little Magic Now* to the stage with the young beauty who pricks her finger on a spindle and falls asleep due to a curse. There will be fun bumbling fairies, happy woodland creatures, and fantastical goons.

General Admission tickets are \$10 each.

The matinee performances benefit The Autism Academy and the SC Bar Foundation Children's Fund.



Town Theatre Ornament

\$12 or \$15 with stand



And for those who would rather BE on stage...

Audition!

The “curtain's up” on the auditions for *Some Like it Hot/ Sugar the Musical*, November 16 and 17 at 7:30 pm. The show will be directed by Jamie Carr Harrington with musical direction by Christopher McCrosky and choreography by Tracy Steele.

Please bring 16 bars of music to sing in the style of the show. You may bring a CD or piano accompaniment. No a cappella please. All roles are open. Auditions are for actors ages 16 and above. Tap dancing skills are a plus, but not required.

Based upon the fabulously funny Marilyn Monroe comedy *Some Like it Hot*, Sugar Kane (Marilyn) is a lounge singer of the all girl group Sweet Sue and her Society Syncopatens. They are in need of bass and saxophone players. Enter Joe and Jerry: a pair of out-of-work musicians who would be perfect for the band...except that they are all boy. When they witness a gangland massacre in Chicago, Joe and Jerry decide that now's the time to learn to walk in heels and get in touch with their feminine side. This show is full of fun music and dancing and includes an ensemble. The show will be on Town's stage from March 6 – 21, 2015.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEMBERS

WHEN TO RESERVE TICKETS

Priority Members—Friday, October 24 (patrons, sustainers, and above)
 Members—Wednesday, November 5
 Non-Members—Monday, November 10

WAYS TO RESERVE TICKETS

- E-MAIL your request with “tickets” in the subject line to tickets@towntheatre.com
- FAX request to 799-6463 using the form below
- MAIL request using the form below
- CALL the Box Office 799-2510
- AT the Box Office

The Box Office is open weekdays, noon - 5:30 p.m.
(extended to curtain on show dates).

TICKET POLICIES

- All cash tickets must be paid for when reservations are made.
- Cash tickets may be paid for over the phone with MasterCard or Visa.
- You may pick your tickets up early or have them held in the box office until performance night.
(Membership cards are kept in the box office and are signed when tickets are picked up.)
- Late-comers will be seated at the rear of the auditorium until intermission if space is available.

- Tickets not picked up at all are considered “used” and replacement tickets cannot be issued.
- Tickets may be exchanged for another performance of the same show ONLY if 24-hour notice is given and seating is available.
- If you must cancel on the day of a show, you may request to be placed on stand-by for another performance of the same show. If tickets become available, you will be contacted by phone on the day you have requested.

Thank you for following our policies and for your understanding as we strive to be equally fair to all of our audience.

White Christmas

November 14 – December 7, 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	NOVEMBER				14	15
16 (3 PM)				20	21	22
23 (3 PM)					28	
30 (3 PM)		DECEMBER		4	5	6
7 (3 PM)						

Sunday matinees (November 16, 23, 30, December 7) are at 3:00 PM. All other performances at 8:00 PM.

MAIL REQUEST FORM or FAX TO 799-6463

Name _____ No. of Seats _____

Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____

Day & Date _____ 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

Section/Row/Seat# _____

Special Needs/Requests _____

- Stamped self-addressed envelope must be included.
 Payment enclosed

Mail to: TOWN THEATRE RESERVATIONS
 1012 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Tickets: Adult \$25
 Senior/College/Military \$20
 Youth (17 and under) \$15



THEATRE SEATING CHART

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96th Season Membership Application

White Christmas (November - December) - the one you've been "dreaming of" Always... *Patsy Cline* (January) - Town's most requested musical
Driving Miss Daisy (January-February) - beloved heartwarming story
Sugar (Some Like it Hot) (March) - musical comedy new to Town's stage
Spamalot (May) - Columbia community theatre debut

MEMBER BENEFITS & SAVINGS:

Substantial savings over cash ticket prices
 (non-members pay \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for youth)
 The *Intermission* newsletter • Email and/or fax privileges to reserve tickets

PRIORITY BENEFITS (PRODUCERS THROUGH PATRONS):

- Priority ticket reservations may be made **THREE WEEKS** (three Fridays) before the opening night
- The total number of tickets may be used interchangeably for all shows
- Special recognition in all season playbills
- Tax deduction (\$300 Producer, \$100 Corporate Benefactor, \$80 Benefactor, \$40 Sustainer, \$20 Patron)

- PRODUCER:** 16 tickets per play (80 for the entire season) \$1,500
- CORPORATE BENEFACTOR:** 10 tickets per play (50 for the entire season)\$850
- BENEFACTOR:** 8 tickets per play (40 for season) \$18 per ticket.....\$720
- SUSTAINER:** 4 tickets per play (20 for season) \$18 per ticket.....\$360
- PATRON:** 2 tickets per play (10 for season) \$18 per ticket.....\$180

ADULT, SENIOR/COLLEGE/MILITARY AND YOUTH BENEFITS:

Ticket reservations may be made EIGHT days before the show opens

- ADULT:** 1 ticket for 5 plays (\$16 per ticket)\$80
- SENIOR 65+/ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY/FULL-TIME COLLEGE:**
 1 ticket for 5 plays (\$15 per ticket)\$75
- YOUTH 17 & UNDER:** 1 ticket for 5 plays (\$13 per ticket)\$65

Name _____
(Print preferred name for mailing or payroll purposes)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone : (Daytime) _____ (Cell) _____

Email *(please print)* _____ New Member? _____

Use this for the credit card info or enclose a check payable to Town Theatre

MasterCard or Visa #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Security Code (3 digits on back of card) _____ Signature: _____

** You do NOT have to select your five shows in advance - we will keep up with that for you through the membership card which you sign and leave in the box office each time you come*

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 for ticket reservations.