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Experience the Magical Holiday Season at the Colonial Theater with the PLAYMILL THEATRE'S *WHITE CHRISTMAS*

Idaho Falls, ID- One of the most loved famous holiday musicals, *White Christmas* will return to the Idaho Falls stage at the Colonial for a second serving of holiday classical regalement. The Christmas at the Colonial series will offer three *White Christmas* shows during Thanksgiving weekend and two shows the first weekend of December. The sparkling stage adaptation is the incarnation of the 1954 classic film starring Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye and features all of the popular musical renditions with live actors and wonderful dance on the Colonial Theaters historical stage. *White Christmas* is sure to stir up feelings of holiday nostalgia that audiences have come to celebrate year after year. Produced and performed by the Playmill Theater from West Yellowstone, performances run Friday, November 25, 7:30 pm; Saturday, November 26, 7:30 pm; and Monday, November 28, 7:30 pm. With another installment of performances the first week of December on the 2nd and 3rd both at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$29/\$19 (for those under 30 years of age w/ ID) and are available by visiting www.idahofallsarts.org to purchase online or call 208-522-0471. The Idaho Falls Arts Council box office is open M-F 11-5 and Saturday 10-4 at 498 A Street in Historic Downtown Idaho Falls..

The Idaho Falls Arts Council is thrilled to partner with the reputable Playmill Theatre out of West Yellowstone, Montana, for the perfect way to kick off your holiday season. Roger and Heidi Merrill, owners and producers of The Playmill Theatre, have taken their productions to an entirely new level over the last several years, churning out professional performances and performers season after season. The Merrill's have been performing at the theatre since 1985 and purchased it in 2004. *White Christmas* is sure to brighten your holidays and features a cast of 20 actors, singers and dancers.

The story is classic merry musical tale of two famous song-and-dance men who find themselves in romantic mix-ups woven through timeless holiday songs. Set in a picturesque sno-topped Vermont inn they all find love under the mistletoe. Characters Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have recently left the army and team up to become a touring song-and-dance act. Setting the stage aglow Davis introduces Wallace to Betty and Judy, sisters who have a performing act of their own. The sisters travel to the Vermont inn to perform a Christmas show and of course Wallace and Davis follow. The first surprise occurs when they find out their former commander, General Waverly, is the owner of the lodge. The laughter and Broadway-size production numbers are presented as a brightly wrapped holiday gift as the characters weave a story of love and holiday good will.

David Walker, playing Bob Wallace has literally toured the world as a performer including The Broadway National Tours of *The Music Man*, *42nd Street*, *Aida*, and the International Tours of *Aida* and *The Neighborhood*. Alex Trost, who plays the role of Phil Davis, is a Washington State native and has spent much of his life performing and recently spent his first summer at the Playmill Theater. The leading ladies in *White Christmas* are played by Sarah Iverson Jackson, from Snake River, Idaho as Betty and California native Melanie Stone as Judy. Heidi Merrill will perform the role of Martha Watson. She has been in over 50 productions, but is best known for her wonderful Heidi's Fudge which is sold only through The Playmill. She hand stirs over 2,000 lbs. of the creamy confection every year! And yes, it will be sold in the Colonial Theater lobby during intermission as the Idaho Falls Arts Council. There is no better way to celebrate the holidays than enjoying the nostalgic fun you will find celebrating the *White Christmas* mood so many people have enjoyed for much of their lives. Join the wonderment at the Colonial this year for Christmas at the Colonial.

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December 17-Snake River All Stars Christmas' Past

December 20-Jon Schmidt & Steven Sharp Nelson

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