

It's a Wonderful Life

THE RADIO PLAY

Adapted by Philip Grecian
Based on the film by Frank Capra
Directed by Steven Schipper

November 20 – December 15, 2018 | Previews November 20 & 21

John Hirsch Mainstage

"...manages to redouble the whimsy and nostalgic charm in a story already heaping with both."

– New Jersey Entertainment

WINNIPEG, November 12, 2018 – A fresh take on a cherished holiday favourite takes the stage this winter! The Mainstage is transformed into a live recording studio during the golden age of radio in *It's a Wonderful Life: The Radio Play*. Join our 'studio audience' for this wonderful story, complete with sound effects and old-time jingles.

After a lifetime of putting off his own plans to help others achieve their dreams, George Bailey becomes rooted in Bedford Falls. One Christmas evening, frustrated and on the brink of ruin, he contemplates the unthinkable. It's up to a good-natured angel named Clarence to show George how his small life has made a big impact.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: THE RADIO PLAY stars:

Eric Blais as Announcer/ Mr. Bailey/Chairman/Reineman/Welch/Osgoode/Mr. Partridge/Man,
Wade Bogert-O'Brien as George Bailey, **Toby Hughes** as Joe/ Marty/ Floor
Manager/Charlie/Reporter/Sheriff/Tommy/Man, **Kevin Klassen** as
Harry/Burt/Freddy/Carter/Nick/Young Harry/Ed/Peter/Man, **Jennifer Lyon** as Mrs. Bailey/Tilly/ Mrs.
Hatch/Janie/Helen/Potter's Secretary/Mrs. Thompson/Woman, **Amanda Lisman** as
Mary/Hortense/Woman, **Robb Paterson** as Clarence/Uncle Billy/Man, **Tracy Penner** as
Violet/Ruth/Zuzu/Mrs. Davis, **Ray Strachan** as The Boss/Ernie/Sam Wainwright/Mickey/Mr.
Gower/Martini/ Tom /Man, **Jon Ted Wynne** as Mr. Potter/Joseph/Man.

The creative team behind the production is led by Director **Steven Schipper**, Original Director **Robb Paterson**, Set & Costume Designer **Michael Gianfrancesco**, Lighting Designer **Hugh Conacher**, Composer **Danny Carroll**, Sound Designer & Foley Artist **John Gzowski**, Choreographer **Catherine Wreford**, Apprentice Director **Daphne Finlayson**, Stage Manager **Margaret Brook**, Assistant Stage Manager **Katherine Dermott** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Sarah McDowell**.

Tickets for **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: THE RADIO PLAY** start at \$27 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537, toll-free at 1 877 446 4500 or visit royalmtc.ca.

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B-roll will be sent to media on November 20. A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on November 20. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre.
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