



News Release
Virginia Repertory Theatre

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Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents
The Santa Clues

Richmond, VA -- Virginia Repertory Theatre presents its holiday Children's show, **The Santa Clues** from Dec 8 - 31 in the Jessie Bogese Theatre at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education. Written by Pat Mullen, this show is most appreciated by children ages six to ten and their grownups.

The fast-paced, approximately one-hour show explores the origin of Santa Claus, which is being investigated by agents from the Bureau of Oddities. The agents explore origin stories that are based in historical legend, such as St. Nicholas and Odin of Norse mythology, without ruining any holiday secrets.

"Finding high-quality works of art that are entertaining for adults and children can be challenging," said Artistic Director of Education Todd D. Norris. "It's a slapstick approach, so kids and adults are getting a lot of education without knowing it."

This show was originally presented at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis where Norris worked prior to coming to Richmond. "The museum created it," says Norris. "It was the first show after the museum reopened from the pandemic." Norris suggested it for the Children's Season at Virginia Rep, and he also directs the show.

The Jessie Bogese Theatre is located at 4204 Hermitage Rd. in the Bellevue area, in the former Scottish Rite Temple which Virginia Rep bought in the fall of 2022.

Subscriptions are available for the entire Children's Season, including *The Santa Clues*, *Chasing George Washington: A White House Adventure*, *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed: The Rock Experience* and *Dragons Love Tacos*.

The cast includes:

Agent Fletcher	PJ Freebourn
Agent Drake	Joey Gravins
Nick/Santa/Odin	Mark Persinger

Direction & Design

Direction	Todd D. Norris
Scenic Design	Mercedes Schaum
Lighting Design	Steve Koehler
Projection Design	Jonathan Pratt
Costume Design	Sarah Grady
Stage Management	Hannah Hoffert

Ticket Information

Box Office: 804-282-2620 or www.virginiarep.org

Full Price Tickets: \$21, Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.

Run Time: 60 minutes

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About Virginia Repertory Theatre

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and is one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages three primary seasons – the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, the Barksdale Season at Hanover Tavern and the Children’s Season at Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education. Virginia Rep also tours children’s shows, both virtual and live, and provides educational programming to schools throughout Virginia and to major performing arts centers throughout 32 states.

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