



**News Release**  
**Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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**Virginia Repertory Theatre Presents**  
***It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play***  
**adapted by Joe Landry**

**Richmond, VA** – Virginia Repertory Theatre presents the fun holiday favorite, ***It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*** December 3, 2021 – January 2, 2022 at the November Theatre downtown in the Arts District. It was adapted by Joe Landry from the story 'The Greatest Gift' by Philip Van Doren Stern.

The entire town of Bedford Falls is brought to life, as the play tells the beloved story of irreplaceable George Bailey, in the form of a live 1940s radio broadcast.

The play is set on the stage and auditorium of Studio A at WBFR in Manhattan, New York on Christmas Eve 1946. Six actors play a few dozen characters in this hilarious re-enactment, complete with live Foley artists, who make all the sounds needed in the play – cars driving off in the distance, door bells ringing, ice cracking, footsteps, glass breaking and many, many more. Watching and listening to the Foley artists, who make all of the sounds that are important to the plot, adds to the realism as well as the humor of the play.

"It could not be a better time for Virginia Rep to present this American classic about the value of life and importance of community," said Managing Director Phil Whiteway. "We recommend the

play for the entire family, ages 5 and up. Very young children may have trouble sitting through a full-length play of 90 minutes with no intermission.”

The creative team and cast list is below.

### **Direction & Design**

Direction	Chelsea Burke
Scenic Design	Mercedes Schaum
Costume Design	Sue Griffin
Lighting Design	BJ Wilkinson
Dialect Coach	Karen Kopryanski
Sound Design	Jacob Mishler
Stage Management	Justin Janke

### **Cast**

Jake Laurents	Kurt Benjamin Smith
Sally Applewhite	Anna da Costa
Lena Sherwood	Maggie Bavalack
Harry Heywood	Joshua Mullins
Freddie Filmore	William Anderson
Oliver Johnston	Bo Wilson
Understudies	Nora Ogunleye, Alvan Bolling

### **Ticket Information**

**Box Office:** 804-282-2620

[www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

Tickets range from \$36 - \$56

Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.

### **Press**

The show runs 90 minutes with no intermission

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### **About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre is a regional professional theater headquartered in downtown Richmond, and one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages four seasons annually: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, Virginia Rep's Children's Season, the Hanover Tavern Season, and the Theatre Gym Season produced in partnership with Cadence Theatre Company. Virginia Rep also tours, both virtually and live, and provides educational programming to schools throughout Virginia and to major performing arts centers throughout 32 states.

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