



Virginia Academy of Dance
presents

The Christmas Angel

DECEMBER 9, 2025

7:00 PM

Perkinson Center for the Arts & Education
11810 Centre Street, Chester, VA 23831

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THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL

Music by
Mannheim Steamroller

Script by
Mark Valenti

Narrated by
Chip Davis
Olivia Newton-John

Choreographed and Directed by
SAVANNAH NEWMAN and JULIE GRAY

Performed by
The Students of Virginia Academy of Dance

Scenic Design
Savannah Newman
Cory Newman
Julie Gray
James Ange
Kimberly Ange

Hair and Makeup Design
Savannah Newman
Elizabeth Jessen

Costume Design
Savannah Newman
Julie Gray
Elizabeth Jessen
Kimberly Ange

Lighting and Sound
Perkinson Center lighting and sound crew

Videography
Richard Cooper and crew

Supervision
Elizabeth Jessen

Poster and Program Design
Elizabeth Jessen

CAST

The Young Mother Elizabeth Bishop
The Christmas Angel..... Ruth Bailey
Gargon..... Lily Cahoon
Head Minion Morgan McCoy
The Spirit of Christmas..... Brooke Mobley
Toy Soldier..... Tristen Rouze
Teddy Bear Abigail Boggs
Ballerina Doll.....Anna Blevins
ShepherdSierra Rouze
Toy Reindeer Emma Blevins

Village Children:

Alethea Dermer
Hannah Dermer
Savannah Edwards
Olivia Felker
Lydia Perkins

Minions:

Kinsleigh Gray
Brynn Lewallen
Riley Shultz

Villagers / Northern Lights:

Sadie Edwards
Catherine Mace
Zoe Dermer

SPECIAL INTERMISSION DANCE

“It’s a Marshmallow World” by Dean Martin

Choreographed by Savannah Newman
Taught by Karlie Burroughs

Performed by dancers from
Katharine Jessen’s Primary Class
and Savannah Newman’s Level 1 Class:

Lorhetta Lauter
Brinleigh Mason
Savannah Privott
Sawyer Shultz
Caroline Worley

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act I:

- “Introduction” (*Young Mother*)
- “Joy to the World” (*Young Mother, villagers, village children, Christmas Angel*)
- “(Stille Nacht) Silent Night” (*Young Mother, Toy Soldier Teddy Bear, Ballerina Doll, Shepherd, Reindeer, Christmas Angel*)
- “The Dream” (*Gargon, Minions, Christmas Angel, Toy Soldier, Teddy Bear, Ballerina Doll, Shepherd, Reindeer*)
- “Crystal” (*Head Minion, Young Mother, Gargon, Christmas Angel*)
- “Carol of the Bells” (*Gargon, Minions, Christmas Angel*)

INTERMISSION

“It’s a Marshmallow World” (*Primary and Level 1 Dancers*)

Act II:

- “Messengers of Christmas” (*Young Mother, Toy Soldier, Teddy Bear, Ballerina Doll, Shepherd, Reindeer, Minions*)
- “Greensleeves” (*Spirit of Christmas, Young Mother, Northern Lights, Toy Soldier, Teddy Bear, Ballerina Doll, Shepherd, Reindeer*)
- “Above the Northern Lights” (*Gargon, Christmas Angel, Spirit of Christmas, Head Minion, Northern Lights*)
- “Good King Wenceslas” (*Gargon, Christmas Angel, Young Mother, Toy Soldier, Teddy Bear, Ballerina Doll, Shepherd, Reindeer, Minions*)
- “Deck the Halls” (*Young Mother, Christmas Angel, Gargon, Spirit of Christmas, Head minion, Toy Soldier, Teddy Bear, Ballerina Doll, Shepherd, Reindeer*)
- “Angels We Have Heard on High” (*Company*)

SYNOPSIS

Act I:

It is Christmas Eve, and the Young Mother is preparing to make Christmas special for the village. The Christmas Angel looks on, bringing joy to all. That night, the Young Mother places toys under the tree for the village children. When midnight chimes, all the toys and the Christmas Angel come to life. However, when the Young Mother goes to bed, the evil Gargon and his minions, former Christmas angels who have lost their joy, steal the Christmas Angel. The Young Mother bravely decides to go save the Christmas Angel; meanwhile, the Gargon and his minions exult in victory in their lair.

Act II:

The Toy Soldier leads the toys through the terrifying Netherworld to save the Young Mother. They find her, but lose hope when terrorized by the minions. Suddenly, the Spirit of Christmas appears with her Northern Lights, giving them renewed hope to continue on their journey. With a beautiful display of her Northern Lights, she offers them her assistance. Meanwhile, the Christmas Angel struggles against the Gargon, ultimately escaping and rejoining her friends. With the help of the Spirit of Christmas, the Christmas Angel and her friends fight the Gargon and his minions in a final battle to save Christmas.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to our performers' families for sacrificing so much time to rehearsals!

We appreciate your cooperation and support more than you know:

The Ange Family	The Edwards Family	The McCoy Family
The Bailey Family	The Felker Family	The Mobley Family
The Bishop Family	The Gray Family	The Perkins Family
The Blevins Family	The Lauter Family	The Privott Family
The Boggs Family	The Lewallen Family	The Rouze Family
The Cahoon Family	The Mason Family	The Shultz Family
The Dermer Family	The Mace Family	The Worley Family

Thank you so much to the Perkinson Center lighting and sound crew for helping us make our show look and sound spectacular!

Thank you, Richard Cooper, for your beautiful videography skills.

We love having the keepsake, and appreciate your effort in making the videos special for us!

Thank you to the Perkinson Center for the Arts and Education for your partnership.

We are so grateful for your hospitality and your help!

Merry Christmas from the team at Virginia Academy of Dance!