



Virginia Academy of Dance
presents

The Christmas Angel

4:00 PM

DECEMBER
1, 2024

7:00 PM

The Beacon Theatre
401 N Main St., Hopewell, VA 23860

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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
Beacon Theatre lighting and sound crew

Videography
Richard Cooper and crew

Supervision
Elizabeth Jessen

Poster and Program Design
Elizabeth Jessen

CAST

The Young Mother Cayleigh Wolfe
The Christmas Angel..... Elizabeth Bishop
Gargon..... Tristen Rouze
Head Minion Julianna Jessen
The Spirit of Christmas..... Brooke Mobley
Toy Soldier Morgan McCoy
Teddy Bear Abigail Boggs
Ballerina Doll..... Lily Cahoon
Shepherd Ruth Bailey
Toy Reindeer Catherine Mace

Village Children:

Hannah Dermer
Kinsleigh Gray
Sadie Edwards
Zoe Dermer

Minions:

Brynn Lewallen
Emma Blevins
Gracelyn Newman

**Villagers /
Northern Lights:**

Anna Blevins
LaVera Alterman
Sierra Rouze

There will be one 15-minute intermission

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

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 Alterman Family
The Bailey Family
The Bishop Family
The Blevins Family
The Boggs Family
The Cahoon Family

The Dermer Family
The Edwards Family
The Eversole Family
The Gray Family
The Jessen Family
The Lewallen Family

The Mace Family
The McCoy Family
The Mobley Family
The Newman Family
The Rouze Family
The Wolfe Family

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We are so grateful for your hospitality and your help!

Thank you so much to the Beacon Theatre lighting and sound crew. You always know exactly what to do to make our shows 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 so much, Abigail Boggs and Hannah Dermer, for stepping into your roles so quickly and gracefully. We are so proud of you both!