

The Tabard Theatre Company

presents the Premiere of *Uptown Holiday Swing*,

A 2018 musical that celebrates the holidays, swing style!

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Who: The Tabard Theatre Company presents *Uptown Holiday Swing*, a new musical celebrating the songs and styles of the swing era.

What: An all new, exciting celebration of the sounds of Swing – chock full of retro glamour, holiday cheer and your favorite melodies! A dazzling cast of singers and dancers present both big band standards and holiday songs, backed by 3 different local big bands. Enjoy timeless favorites like *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *Winter Wonderland*, and *String of Pearls*, to name just a few. Free swing dance lessons before each performance.

When: Friday, Nov. 30 through Sunday, December 16, 2018 (See schedule below)

Where: Tabard Theatre (formerly Theatre on San Pedro Square), 29 N. San Pedro Street, San Jose, CA 95110 (Parking is validated for most performances at the San Pedro Garage directly across the street)

Why: Throwing it back to the big band stylings of the '30s and '40s, this musical brings the sounds of uptown New York to downtown San Jose for the holidays. With a cast of nine singers and dancers – and a different local big band each weekend – this show celebrates the holidays in big band style. But don't delay – we anticipate sellout crowds just like last season's holiday show. And not only will you get to see a great show, you get to join in the fun as well, with FREE swing dance lessons 20 minutes before each performance! Whether you choose to tap your feet at your seat, or get up to swing and sway, *Uptown Holiday Swing* promises to be a hot holiday ticket for audiences of all ages. *Period attire admired; not required. Style of today, a-okay!*

Box Office: 408.679.2330 or www.tabardtheatre.org/tickets

Tickets: \$38* - \$48

Cabaret Seating: \$48

Tiered Seating: \$38 (*Discounts available for seniors and full-time students)

Performance Schedule:

Friday, Nov. 30 @ 8:00pm (Opening Performance)

Saturday, Dec. 1 (1:30pm to 2:00pm. Free hands-on presentation for visually impaired patrons. Everyone is welcome.)

Saturday, Dec. 1 @ 3:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 1 @ 8:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 2 @ 2:00pm

Friday, Dec. 7 @ 8pm

Saturday, Dec. 8 @ 3:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 8 @ 8:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 9 @ 2:00pm

Friday, Dec. 14 @ 8pm

Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 3:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 8:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 16 @ 2:00pm (Closing Performance)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

THE ARTISTIC TEAM: Director: Irene Trapp. Music Director: Gus Kambeitz. Choreographer: Carol Hawley; from a concept by Cathy Spielberger Cassetta and Gus Kambeitz.

THE CAST: Ray D'Ambrosio, Kristin Hall, Steven Guire Knight, Grace Peng, Will Perez, Susan Tonkin, featuring Chloe Allen, Sam Borthwick, and Samantha Noeth Lewis.

THE BANDS: *Uptown Holiday Swing* features three amazing local big bands -- Nineteen Jazz Orchestra, Touch of Brass, and Sons of Jubal Band – on subsequent weekends. These musical masters will present Swing-era standards and holiday classics popularized by Benny Goodman, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Desi Arnaz, The Andrews Sisters and others of the era.

THE STORY: Set in 2018 and bringing the sounds of uptown New York to downtown San Jose for the holidays, this high energy, feel-good musical celebrates the Big Band stylings of the '30s & '40s swing standards and holiday classics. The cast of nine singers and dancers will perform such songs as *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *Winter Wonderland*, and *String of Pearls* to name just a few.

PRODUCTION DESIGNATED NON-PROFIT: For every production Tabard designates a local non-profit to receive a portion of its concession proceeds. The designated non-profit for *Uptown Holiday Swing* is St. Paul's Food Closet, an outreach program of St. Paul's Church in downtown San Jose, which provides food and clothing to those in

need in our community. Throughout the run of this production patrons are encouraged and invited to donate canned goods and clothing. Barrels for the donations will be in the lobby of Tabard Theatre.

Tabard Theatre (formerly Theatre on San Pedro Square) — *The Destination for Arts Discovery* — is located in the heart of historic San Pedro Square in downtown San Jose amid a bustling restaurant district. This intimate and unique venue brings a touch of Manhattan to the South Bay with its rustic yet edgy feel. Old brick walls, plush leather seats, antique wood plank floors, sweeping red velvet drapes and a 35-foot mahogany bar create a casual cabaret atmosphere. The full bar also offers a variety of food choices that may be enjoyed while watching the show.

Tabard's Mission

Tabard's mission is to provide live entertainment experiences that are enlightening, appropriate and affordable for audiences of all ages. We champion new works, innovative interpretations, and unique plays rarely staged. Tabard is an inclusive environment where the community can participate in every aspect of the plays, musicals, educational programs and music concerts we produce. With altruistic attention to the underserved, Tabard reaches out to communities such as the visually impaired and children in low-income areas, and donates a portion of each production's concessions proceeds to a designated local charity.

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