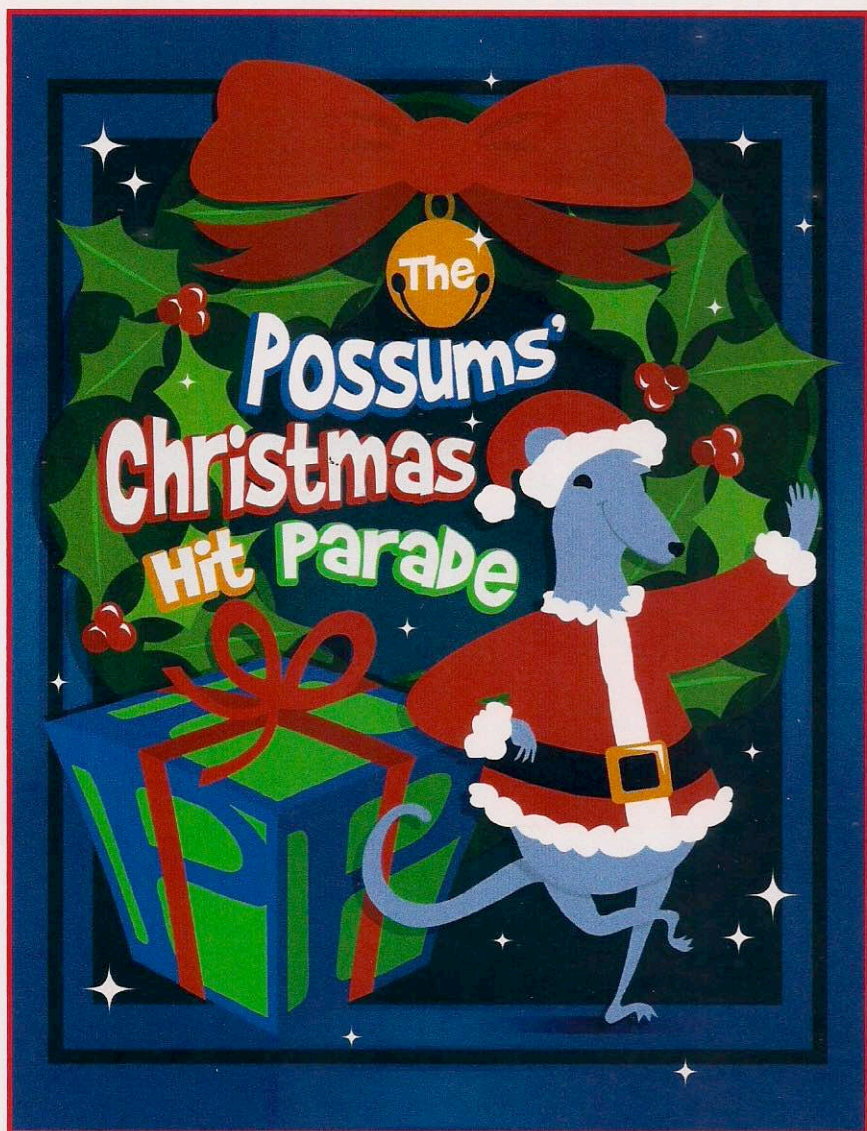


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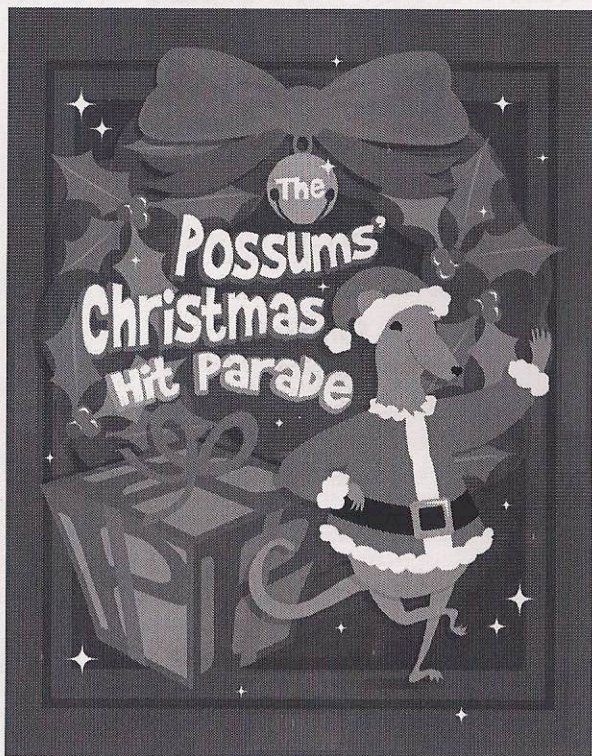


DECEMBER 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, & 11, 2011

Possum Hall, Georgetown, DE

Possum Point Players

presents



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MUSIC DIRECTION BY: LIZ MESSICK

CHOREOGRAPHY BY: DENI ROBINSON



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POSSUMS' CHRISTMAS HIT PARADE

CAST

Rehearsal/Show Pianist

Liz Messick

Guitar Accompaniment

Drew Colegrove

Narrators

Scott Cinnamon, Rita Clucas, James Davis, Louise Hartzell,
Pete Jones, Pat Lyons, John Zinzi

Soloists

Claudius Bowden, James Davis, Donna deKuyper, Chris Hager,
Carly Jo Hosbach, Devin Petka

Duets

Rosa Barnes & John Hulse, Matt King & Leigh Usilton

Dancers

Deni Robinson and Richard Juhnden, Leigh Usilton and Matt
King, Louise Hartzell and Pete Jones, Bud Clark and Rita Clucas,
James Davis and Alex Hale

Adult Chorus

Cat Baker, Rosa Barnes, Claudius Bowden, Jr.,
Cynthia Cinnamon, Bud Clark, Drew Colegrove, James Davis,
Donna deKuyper, Chris Hager, Alexandra Hale, Kelly Hale,
Trish Herholdt, Carly Jo Hosbach, John Hulse, Matt King,
Michael McHugh, Deni Robinson, Debbie Ryder, Marsha Shull,
Leigh Usilton, Linda Williams

Childrens Chorus

Regan Carey, Delaney Cinnamon, Kaila Clucas, Sophie Collins,
Sean Davis, Mya Donaway, Ally Ibach, Abbie Keane,
Devon Lynch, Devin Petka, Isabella Robinson, Olivia Workman

AUCTIONED TREE SPONSORS

AND CREATORS

Georgetown Presbyterian Church

203 N. Bedford St., Georgetown

Christmas Eve Services 7 pm & 11 pm

1. "A Kitchen Tree"

PPP's Dreamers United

2. "The Tree of Hope"

Scott and Donna deKuyper and The Blue Hotel

3. "Blue Christmas"

Deni Robinson and Isabella Robinson

4. "The Dancing Family Robinson"

Cynthia, Scott and Delaney Cinnamon

5. "No Boys Allowed"

6. "Homemade"

Cast and Crew of PPP's *I Hate Hamlet*

(Show Dates: January 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29, 2012)

7. "Pretty Tree"

Rob & Cat Baker, Jim & Louise Hartzell, John & Fior Zinzi

8. "Seafoam Paradise"

9. "Poinsettia Snow"

10. "A Christmas Package"

The Lyons Mane, Pat Lyons

11. "Red Elegance"

Red Barn Country Store, Dawn Lankford & Celina McHugh

12. "Winter Wonderland"

PPP Christmas Hit Parade Cast and Crew

13. "We Need A Little Christmas Tree"

BIDDING ON AUCTIONED TREES

Bidding will take place before each show, during intermission,
after the show and **online** from 7:30 pm Friday, December 2 until
midnight December 11.

Bidders are advised to periodically check the PPP website
(www.possumpointplayers.org) after bidding opens if they are
interested in knowing if their bid is currently the highest.

POSSUMS' CHRISTMAS HIT PARADE

SYNOPSIS

Today's program will be a presentation of the twenty favorite Christmas songs, as voted on by you, our PPP patrons, members and friends last December and January. The show is patterned loosely around the 1950's TV show *Your Hit Parade* which featured a countdown of the weeks' most popular songs. Our countdown will begin with the 20th most favorite Christmas song and ending with the PPP "Number One" Christmas song! There will also be a few "PPP Extras."

SPECIAL THANKS

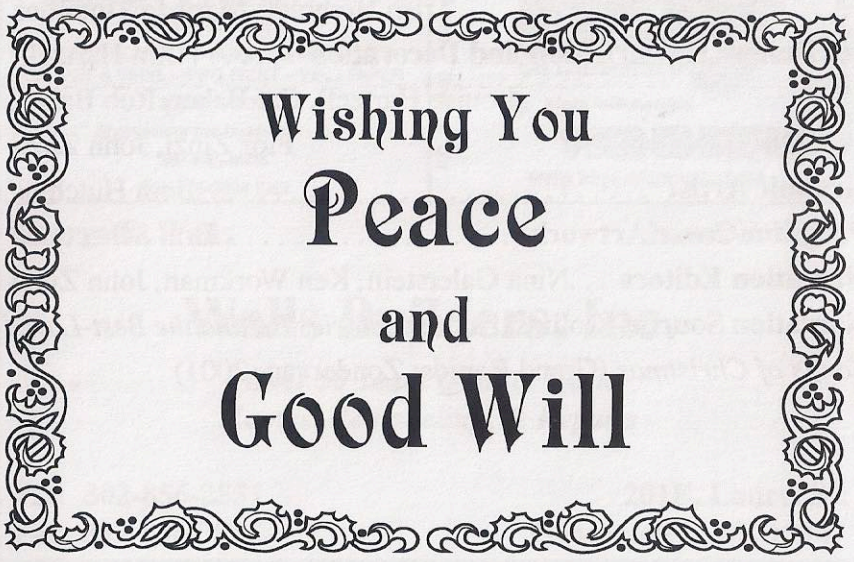
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Peace
and
Good Will

POSSUMS' CHRISTMAS HIT PARADE

DIRECTORIAL STAFF

Stage Director	Jim Hartzell
Assistant Stage Director	John Zinzi
Music Director	Liz Messick
Choral Directors	Liz Messick, Beth Howlett
Vocal Musical Assistants	Beth Howlett, Leigh Usilton
Choreographer	Deni Robinson
Stage Manager	Mike Williams
Assistant Stage Manager	Audrey Carey
Props	Donna Flomp
Lights	Jim DeBastiani
Lighting design	Jim DeBastiani, Jim Hartzell
Sound	Michael Phillips
Makeup	Michael Phillips
Costumes	Louise Hartzell
Costumes Crew	Fior Zinzi, Marsha Shull, Trish Herholdt, Mary Jo Timmons
Set Design, Construction and Decoration	Jim Hartzell, Louise Hartzell, Cat Baker, Rob Baker, Fior Zinzi, John Zinzi
Graphic Artist	Beth Hutchins
Program Cover Artwork	Erin Schectman
Narration Editors ..	Nina Galerstein, Ken Workman, John Zinzi
Narration Source - Collins, Andrew, <i>Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas</i> (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001)	

WHO'S WHO IN CAST & CREW

(in alphabetical order)

Cat Baker – Cat has been an active member of Possum Point Players since 2001 and loves her Possum home and family. When not on stage she is working behind the scenes as stage manager, cooking for our dinner theatre, or serving in some other capacity. Cat is pleased to welcome you to this joyous holiday production and wishes each of you a safe and blessed Christmas season.

Rosa Barnes – believes becoming a part of the Possum family has been a wondrous adventure. Whether costuming for A Christmas Carol, acting in Guys and Dolls and Doubt or helping with the ticket window, it's a great time with comraderie. Rosa is self-employed as a clinical social worker at Barnes & Associates in Millsboro, Delaware. She enjoys sewing, crafts, musica and is an avid reader.

Claudius Bowden – last seen on the Possum stage in *Ragtime*, as the voice of the plant in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and Big Jake in *Guys and Dolls*. He is active with Big Brothers and Sisters and a mentor for Sussex Central Middle School. Claudius owns a DJ service and is Vice President of PPP.

Regan Carey – attends East Millsboro Elementary School and has been involved in theatre since four years of age. This is Regan's second appearance on the Possum stage. Her hobbies include singing and writing her own shows.

Cynthia Drews Cinnamon – is making her theatre debut on the Possum stage with this production, auditioning only after losing a bet with her daughter Delaney. She has worked in Human Resources for nearly 20 years and is a voracious reader. While Cindy will never again bet against her daughter, she is truly thrilled to be part of the cast and share the stage with her family.

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Delaney Cinnamon – is in the 6th grade attending Beacon Middle School. She performed with Clear Space in *Our Town*. Delaney has been singing and acting since 5 years of age. She loves to bake.

Scott Cinnamon – got his start in "show biz" by being station manager at his college radio station for which he has recently been inducted into the stations' Hall of Fame. He loves soccer, collecting penguins and watching his daughter Delaney perform.

Bud Clark – has appeared in previous Christmas shows as well as *1776*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *On Golden Pond* and *The Rainmaker*. He wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2012.

Kaila Clucas – was last seen on the Possum stage in *A Christmas Carol* and has regularly appeared in her church productions. Kaila spends most of her time singing and playing piano at various venues.

Rita Clucas – is a homeschool mom of four kids. Rita enjoys acting whenever time allows and is thrilled to be able to be a part of a PPP Production with her daughter Kaila.

Drew Colegrove – has performed in every school play since the 1st grade where he attended Southern Delaware School of the Arts thru now, Sussex Central High School. He plays guitar. He plans to study music theatre and hopes to turn it into his career.

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Sophie Collins – is a 5th grader attending Mispillion Elementary School in Milford. She last helped with PPP's summer show *Brush Up Your Broadway* as a backstage helper. She is having fun "on stage" singing with her friends.

James Davis – was last seen on the Possum stage in *Ragtime*. He directed the PJs *Robin Hood* show and has been in numerous shows at Sussex Central High School and Possum Juniors as well as a counselor for our Summer Theatre Academy.

Sean Davis – is in the 6th grade attending Holy Cross. He enjoys playing trumpet and piano.

Donna deKuyper – has performed in many Possum shows, most recently, *Echoes of War*, since retiring from the professional stage 20+ years ago. She is a past Exec. Director of the Delaware Music School. She created and taught Theatre For Life/NEA. Currently Donna is a certified ADD coach for ages 8 thru college. She and her husband, Scott own the Blue Hotel in Lewes and have 2 daughters.

Mya Donaway – a 5th grader attending East Millsboro Elementary School, she has attended PPP Summer Theatre Academies, and appeared in *A Christmas Story and Everything's Coming Up Broadway*. Mya enjoys singing, dancing and playing softball.

Chris Hager – last appeared as Harry Houdini in *Ragtime*. He has also worked with Salisbury Community Players where he performed in *Snoopy* and *Jekyll and Hyde*.

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Alexandra Hale -- was recently seen on the Possum stage in *Ragtime*. She is a model and actress as well as holds the title of Miss Junior Teen Delmarva, 2011. She has also performed in Sussex Tech's production of *Hairspray*.

Kelly Hale – was last seen on the Possum stage in *Ragtime*. She is honored to be in this celebration of her favorite holiday. Kelly is a vocalist on the Praise and Worship Team at Laurel Wesleyan Church.

Louise Hartzell – is a founding member of PPP. She has worked in all aspects of theatre including acting, backstage, costumes, directing makeup, set design, and even some lighting. Costumes are her love, most recently costuming, *Ragtime*.

Trish Herholdt – most recently played Emma Goldman in *Ragtime*. She has been in many community theatre productions. Trish is very excited to be able to join her granddaughter, Sophie, in her first PPP show.

Carly Jo Hosbach – last seen on the Possum stage in *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* and NFS, *As You Like It*. Originally from Pittsburgh, she lives and works in Milford as a speech pathologist. She sends a BIG thanks to Jim, Liz and John.

Beth Howlett – is a founding member of PPP and so proud of our community theatre! Her first role was at Millsboro's Big Thursday where she played "Madame Possuma" and gave tarot card readings in a tent. Since then she has been acting, singing, directing, makeup, tickets, ushering.

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John H. Hulse – has appeared in *Urinetown*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Pirate of Penzance*, and *A Christmas Carol*, just to name a few. John is currently the Publicity Chairman for PPP. He wishes everyone a Joyful Holiday and Happy, Healthy 2012!

Ally Ibach – was last seen on the Possum stage in *Ragtime*, the PPP Theatre Academy's production of *A Tale of A Mermaid* and NFS's *As You Like It* as a forester, narrator and goddess. She loves singing, acting and art.

Peter Jones – has been seen on the Possum stage in *King and I*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*; *Jekyll & Hyde*; *The Flipside of Christmas* and at Milton Theatre in *Gypsy*. Peter lives and works in Georgetown and is the father of three fantastic adult children.

Richard Juhren– Possums welcomes Richard to our stage. We hope to see more of him in future productions.

Abbie Keane – is in the 8th grade attending Southern Delaware School of the Arts. Her hobbies include playing guitar, singing, writing, reading, and swimming.

Matt King – was last seen as Mother's Younger Brother in *Ragtime*. Matthew has performed in various dramas with Cape Henlopen High School's theatre in 2001 through 2003.

Devon Lynch – is in the 7th grade at Southern Delaware School of the Arts. He was the Cat in *Seussical*, *The Musical*, along with Tiny Tim in *A Christmas Carol* and Passepartout in *Around the World in 80 Days*, just to name a few. Currently Devon is the Acting Mentor for Possum Juniors.

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Pat Lyons – is a member of Ad Hoc and last appeared on the Possum stage in *An Inspector Calls*. She assistant directed *Glass Menagerie*. She was very involved with the Milton Theatre. She is mother to 8, grandmother to 10 and great-grandmother to 5.

Michael McHugh – is a freshman attending the University of Delaware Associate in Arts program. He has performed in many PPP productions as well as Sussex Tech's *Hairspray*, *The Musical*. Mike loves his job scooping ice cream at Hopkins Dairy Farm Creamery.

Devin Petka – is in the 8th grade attending Mariner Middle School. She has been seen in *Echoes of War*, *Robin Hood*, *Our Town*, *Seussical*, *The Musical*, *The Miracle Worker*, *Babes in Toyland*, *Elves & The Shoemaker*, *The Homecoming*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Scrooge*.

Isabella Robinson – was last seen on the Possum stage in *The Christmas Carol*, *James and The Giant Peach*, and *The Last Christmas Carol*. She enjoys dance, singing, softball and piano. This is her first show with her mom, Deni.

Debbie Ryder – was most recently seen on the Possum stage in *Ragtime*. She participates in Spoken Word. Debbie is a CNA and loves percussion with a passion.

Marsha Shull – has been seen on the Possum stage in *Ragtime*, *Urinetown*, *Move Over Mrs. Markham*, and *Love Affair*. As costume chairperson for PPP she has costumed many shows. Marsha is a Nurse Practitioner and lives in Frankford with her many cats.

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Leigh Usilton – was most recently seen on the Possum stage in *Ragtime*, *Brush Up Your Broadway*, *Urinetown*, *Spelling Bee* and *Pirates of Penzance*. Other shows she has performed in include *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *Cabaret*. Leigh teaches voice at Salisbury University.

Linda Williams – worked backstage for PPP Spelling Bee. Linda is a volunteer with AmeriCorps at Sussex County for Habitat, sings in her church choir, is raising a Labrador puppy for Guiding Eyes for the Blind and is a board member of Tap Faith, a group for assisting homeless people. Linda loves chocolate.

Olivia Workman – is in 5th grade at East Millsboro Elementary School. She was last seen on the Possum stage in *A Christmas Story*, *Everything's Coming Up Broadway* and PPP Theatre Academy performances.

WHO'S WHO IN DIRECTORIAL CREW

Jim Hartzell – J.P. Morgan – has been in theater since his 6th grade operetta. Directorially, Jim's musicals most recently include *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Urinetown*; *Jekyll and Hyde*; *The Pirates of Penzance*; and *The King and I*; and a number of Christmas shows and cabarets and non-musicals. He has been on stage for more than 45 other PPP productions. Jim and his wife, Louise, are two of the founding members and current trustees of PPP, are both retired, and live in Georgetown.

Liz Messick – started at Possums as the mom of young actors. When we found out she could play the piano, she found herself involved in a very different way. She has played several shows as a rehearsal pianist, pit musician, and music director including *Urinetown*, *You're A Good Man Charlie Broad*, and *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

Deni Robinson – has been a professional ballroom competitor, instructor, coach, and choreographer for 20 years. She is an accomplished United States American Ballroom and Latin dancer with many awards including East Coast Top to Female Teacher. She is the owner of Ballroom Blitz. She is thrilled to be working on stage with her daughter Isabella. Ms. Deni resides in Lewes with her husband and 4 children.

John Zinzi – you may remember him from his turn as the frustrated vice-principal in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a philandering Brit in *Move Over Mrs. Markham* or most recently as the immigrant Tateh in *Ragtime*. This marks John's first assignment on a PPP production team. He is quite proud of the cast and crew of this show and is especially grateful to director Jim Hartzell for giving him the opportunity to learn by doing. A former school administrator, John and his wife, Fior, retired to Delaware in 2008 to be near their children and grandchildren in the Milford are. They are most lucky to have found such a welcoming theater home and so many wonderful friends at Possum Point Players.