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SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE Forever Plaid – Plaid Tidings at The SDMT Stage

The legendary Plaids come back to Earth to spread yuletide joy with the greatest holiday hits of the ages. To end San Diego Musical Theatre's 2022 season the Plaids will be performing November 25 – December 24, 2022 on The SDMT Stage.

Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings is a show that offers the best of Forever Plaid, tied up in a nifty package with a big Christmas bow on top! Filled with Christmas standards that have all been "Plaid-erized," our boys are back to do their Christmas Special.

At first, Francis, Jinx, Smudge and Sparky aren't sure why they've returned to Earth for another posthumous performance, but a phone call from the heavenly Rosemary Clooney lets them know that they're needed to put a little harmony into a discordant world. Sprinkled among the Christmas offerings are audience favorites, like their riotous three-minute-and-eleven-second version of The Ed Sullivan Show – this time, featuring the Rockettes, the Chipmunks, Vienna Boys Choir and more!

Director, David Humphrey, has quite the legacy with *Forever Plaid* and *Plaid Tidings*. David has performed in both Plaid productions across the country and in Canada and has had the opportunity to perform all four roles in both Plaid productions. David has directed both productions multiple times and has worked with the original Plaid cast and the show's creator Stuart Ross on several occasions. David says, "Plaid Tidings is a great show for the entire family! If you love to laugh, if you love close harmonies of the 50's and 60's, if you love the holidays, or if you want to just forget about the stresses of everyday life, this is the show for you! The Plaids will take you on a journey of laughter, love, nostalgia and the holiday season!"

SDMT's Resident Musical Director, Richard Dueñez Morrison is happy to be bringing *Plaid Tidings* to San Diego audiences this holiday season. "Working harmonies with these 4 wonderful voices is a music directors dream. *Plaid Tidings* gives us new and surprising arrangements of our favorite holiday songs, but in that mid-20th century four-part men's vocal harmony sound that's so thrilling. Think Perry Como meets Straight No Chaser.

This truly "heaven-sent" holiday treat will lift audiences' spirits and fill them with nostalgia for a bygone era of classic music sung in perfect harmony. With only four actors and a combo needed, *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings* is the perfect holiday show for all ages.

Forever Plaid - Plaid Tidings FACT SHEET

What: Forever Plaid - Plaid Tidings

Book: Stuart Ross

Music and Lyrics: Various Artists

Director: David Humphrey

Music Director: Richard Dueñez Morrison

When: November 25 – December 24, 2022

Press Opening: Saturday, November 26 – 8:00 pm

Closing: Saturday, December 24 – 2:00 pm

Performance Schedule:

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Thursdays at 7:00 pm Fridays at 8:00 pm Saturdays at 4:00 pm Sundays at 2:00 pm

Where: The SDMT Stage - 4650 Mercury Street, San Diego, CA 92111

Forever Plaid - Plaid Tidings Headshots & Bios:

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Frankie: Drew Bradford
Sparky: Xavier J. Bush
Jinx: Jonathan Sangster*
Smudge: Matt Ignacio
Swing 1: Dan Mason
Swing 2: Eli Wood

Creative Team: Headshots & Bios

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Director: David Humphrey

Music Director: Richard Dueñez Morrison

Lighting Design – Erik Austin

Sound Design - Brandon Boomizad

Costume Co-Ordinator – Bridgit Barahura

Property Co-Ordinator - Heather Longfellow

Stage Manager – Shirley Johnston

Ticket Information:

Tickets range from \$40-\$75. Tickets for Forever Plaid – Plaid Tidings are on sale now.

Box Office Information:

Phone: 858-560-5740 Online: <u>www.sdmt.org</u>

In Person: Tickets can be purchased at SDMT's Administrative Office located at 4650 Mercury Street, San

Diego, CA 92111. Also, one hour prior to performance at the SDMT Stage.

Website: www.sdmt.org

ABOUT SDMT - Founded in 2006, San Diego Musical Theatre Mission Statement:

Musical theatre is the only truly American art form, other than Jazz. San Diego Musical Theatre, as the only local, year-round musical theatre organization in San Diego, is driven by a passion for musical theatre, a passion to celebrate this art form with others and a passion to pass this American tradition on to the next generation, by producing musicals that ignite the human spirit.