



6thStreetPlayhouse

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6th Street Playhouse to Present *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge*
A naughty, zany take on a holiday classic!

SANTA ROSA, CA (November 15, 2017) 6th Street Playhouse to present *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge*, by Christopher Durang with music by Michael Friedman. It is directed by Jared Sakren, music directed by Tina Lloyd Meals and choreographed by Tony Gianchetta. The musical comedy will run December 8-23 in the Studio Theatre.

The Playhouse is thrilled to present this zany musical for those interested in seeing something different for the holidays. In this new version of *A Christmas Carol*, Scrooge's tale of redemption and transformation is turned completely on its head. Mrs. Bob Cratchit, a previously minor character in the famous Dickens tale, takes center stage this year!

No longer loving and long suffering, Mrs. Bob is in a rage: She's sick of the goody-goody crippled Tiny Tim, she hates her twenty other children, and she wants to get drunk and jump off London Bridge! To make matters worse, the Ghost of Christmas Past's magic is malfunctioning, and not only do she and Scrooge keep ending up in the present at the Cratchit's pathetic dwelling on Christmas Eve, but somehow the plots of *Oliver Twist*, *The Gift of the Magi*, and *It's a Wonderful Life* all get caught up in the snow flurry of holiday hilarity.

"Chris Durang is one of America's funniest playwrights, and this is one of his best," says Director Jared Sakren. "Suitable for the whole family, it's a great antidote to over-the-top holiday cheerfulness and hackneyed Christmas clichés. This one will leave you giggling and humming the tunes!"

On opening night, December 8th, there will be a complimentary reception following the performance where patrons can meet the cast and enjoy sparkling wine and nibbles.

Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge opens in the Studio Theatre December 8th and runs through December 23rd every Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00, with select performances on Thursday evenings. Tickets are \$18 - \$28.

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About 6th Street Playhouse

In 2004, a new partnership reunited the Santa Rosa Players and Actors Theatre under one board of directors. Together they renovated the 119-year-old Del Monte cannery into the 6th Street Playhouse, which houses a 185-seat main stage (the G.K. Hardt Theatre) and a 99-seat black box (the Studio Theatre).

6th Street Playhouse is a performing arts organization that produces live theatre and provides education programs of the highest quality that engage, delight, and inspire the diverse communities of the North Bay region. 6th Street Playhouse is the central hub of the Sonoma County arts scene. It is known throughout the region for its high level of artistry, professionalism, educational opportunities and the bravery of its approach to works both new and old.

Award-Winning

As the most award-winning theatre company in the North Bay Area, 6th Street Playhouse has been named "Best Theatre Troupe" by the North Bay Bohemian readership for the last six consecutive years, and "Best Local Theatre Company" by the Press Democrat "Best of Sonoma County" Awards for the last four out of five years. The Playhouse was named "Theatre of the Year" by Broadway World San Francisco 2012-2014.

In 2012 Playhouse Artistic Director, Craig A. Miller, was named one of Sonoma County's "Forty Under 40" by the North Bay Business Journal, honoring the County's forty most influential people in their field under the age of 40.

In the last five years, 6th Street Playhouse has received over fifty nominations for excellence in all areas of production from the leading Theatre Arts adjudication organizations in the Bay Area, including the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle (SFBATCC), Theatre Bay Area (TBA), and Sonoma One Theatre Awards (SOTA). Of those nominations, The Playhouse received six awards at the 2013 San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, including Best Ensemble for our production of *Red*, and Best Leading Male and Female Actors for *The Rocky Horror Show*.

In our 2013/14 Season, the musical production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* swept the SFBATCC Awards, taking home wins in all four of its nominated categories; winning a total six awards for the season, which was highlighted in *American Theatre Magazine*.

In 2015, the Playhouse took home three awards at the Theater Bay Area Awards for Best Direction, Best Ensemble, Best Actress, and Best Production for *Clybourne Park*.