

PRESS RELEASE

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Hoping to Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas?

If so, you're in luck! On Friday, November 25, MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS – complete with the perennially popular *“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”* - opens at Clear Space Theatre in Rehoboth Beach! This 1990 Tony-nominated musical (Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Original Score and Best Choreography) by Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane and Hugh Wheeler offers a family-friendly evening of heartwarming song and storytelling.

Says Marian Sunnergren, who plays Esther Smith, “This show is a timeless classic, all about the love of family. Although it’s set in 1903, the film version premiered in 1944, at the height of World War II. That brought a special poignancy to lyrics like, “Someday soon, we all will be together...” But still today it’s easy to connect to the nostalgia we feel – especially around the holiday season - for people and places we’re missing. I grew up singing songs from this show with my sisters, my mom and my grandma – it just brings back so many great memories!”

Bryce Lingo, speaking on behalf of the show’s sponsor, echos Sunnergren’s enthusiasm: “Jack Lingo, REALTOR, is pleased to sponsor this wonderful show at Clear Space Theatre Company, supporting cultural arts within the community for all of us and our visitors to enjoy. This is the perfect opportunity to uphold our commitment of making communities stronger, and our mission to #GiveWhereYouLive.”

Join us at Clear Space to celebrate with the Smiths at son Lon’s (Alex Ferree) going away party, as he prepares to leave for his first year at Princeton! Wish Esther and Rose (Kelsey Murphy) well as they negotiate the complexities of young romance with their respective suitors, John Truitt (Steven Dow, *“The Boy Next Door”*) and Warren Sheffield (Danny Keenan)! Ride along to the fairgrounds (*“The Trolley Song”*) to survey preparations underway for the 1904 World’s Fair! And share the Smiths’ dismay when Mr. Smith (Dan Carney) announces that a job promotion will soon have them moving from their beloved St. Louis to New York City. Only Mrs. Smith (Tara Wisely) is able to summon any enthusiasm for that development!

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS runs weekends from Friday, November 25 through Sunday, December 11, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:00 pm (Friday, November 25 at 7:30 following the tree lighting) and Sunday performances at 3:00 pm. Tickets for all shows are \$15 - \$32, and may be purchased on-line at www.clearspacetheatre.org, or by calling the box office at 302-227-2270.