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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back to Connecticut Theatre Company! We are so grateful for your continued support and patronage. We are so happy to wrap up our 2025 season with this wonderful production of *Miracle On 34th Street*. It's sure to put you in the holiday spirit!

We're already looking forward to our 2026 season, where once again we'll offer a variety of shows to enjoy! There's something for everyone, so be sure to check out our website for details, as individual show tickets will go on sale soon! Flex passes are always available and are a great way to get a discount when coming to multiple performances! See our box office staff for more information.

It's my great hope that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to greeting you again in 2026!

Warm Regards,
David Nunner - President of Connecticut Theatre Company

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for our production of *Miracle on 34th Street*. Bringing this timeless story to the stage has been a true labor of love for everyone involved. In a world that sometimes seems to move too fast, a story like this serves as a gentle reminder to slow down and embrace the simple, magical moments of the holiday season. It's a play about the power of belief—not just in Santa Claus, but in each other. It's about the joy of imagination, the importance of integrity, and the idea that sometimes, the most logical answer isn't the one that's right in front of you.

This production is a testament to the incredible talent and dedication of our cast and crew, who have poured their hearts into creating this world for you. They have brought their own unique magic to every rehearsal and every performance. I am so proud of their hard work and the spirit they have shown throughout this process. As you watch the story unfold, we invite you to believe, to laugh, and to rediscover the Christmas spirit that lives in all of us. Thank you for supporting community theatre and for making this holiday season a little brighter with your presence.

Happy Holidays,
Duane Campbell - Director

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT 1

Scene 1: Central Park. The Friday after Thanksgiving.
Scene 2: Macy's Toy Department. The next morning.
Scene 3: Macy's Toy Department. The following Tuesday.
Scene 4: Macy's Toy Department. Early the next morning.
Scene 5: Living Room in Doris' Apartment. That evening.
Scene 6: Macy's Toy Department. One week later.
Scene 7: Employee Meeting Room. That evening.
Scene 8: Bellevue State Hospital. Men's ward.

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

ACT 2

Scene 1: Judge's Chambers. One week later.
Scene 2: Judge's Chambers.
Scene 3: Judge Harper's Courtroom.
Scene 4: Judge Harper's Courtroom. That evening.
Scene 5: Judge Harper's Courtroom. The following day.
Scene 6: Judge's Chambers.
Scene 7: Judge Harper's Courtroom / Doris' Apartment
Scene 8: Mail room at NYC post office.
Scene 9: Judge's Chambers.
Scene 10: Judge Harper's Courtroom.
Scene 11: A Suburban Street. The following day.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Kris Kringle.....FREDRICK GOFF
Doris Walker.....LILLY MCINTIRE
Fred Gayley.....MAX DITTMAR
Susan Walker.....SOPHIA MAE ABREU
Shellhammer.....RALENE GOFF
Dr. Pierce.....SUSAN BAILEY
Sawyer.....JEFFREY LIGGETT
Mr. Macy.....SALVATORE UCCELLO
Mara.....GINAMARIE GARABEDIAN
Mr. Bloomingdale/Judge Harper.....CHRISTOPHER ABREU
Halloran.....DAVID NUNNER
Finley.....ZENN LANGLEY
Young Mara.....JOSIAH ABREU

ENSEMBLE

KAIT ADAMS, NANCY FERENC, MOLLY FORREST, ERIN FRECHETTE,
RACHEL HARRINGTON, ALEXANDRIA KASTEN, TESSA MUNN, JULIAN SCHRANZ

CAST BIOS

CHRISTOPHER ABREU (MR. BLOOMINGDALE/JUDGE HARPER): This is Chris' first production as an adult. He has always had a love of live performances, though. When not rehearsing, he's hanging out with his dog, fishing, or donating his time in the community.

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JOSIAH ABREU (MASTER JAMES MARA): Josiah had a great time rehearsing for this play. He's 8 years old and this is his first play! He loves being in the Elf Theater portion of the show, it is fun. He hopes to be in more plays after this one.

SOPHIA MAE ABREU (SUSAN WALKER): Sophia finds acting so fun! She has been Squirt in "Finding Nemo" and a part of the entourage in "Aladdin". This is her first community theater play. She connected with the character of Susan and enjoyed the rehearsal process.

KAIT ADAMS (ENSEMBLE): Kait is thrilled to be working with such a fun group! Some of her favorite past shows that she's been a part of are "Children of Eden", "Pippin", and "Young Frankenstein". She hopes you enjoy the show!

SUSAN BAILEY (DR. PIERCE): Susan is glad to be making her 4th appearance on the Connecticut Theatre Company stage in "Miracle on 34th Street". You may have seen her previously in "Steel Magnolias", "Cabaret" and "Calendar Girls". She hopes you enjoy this charming Christmas story and that it will put you in a warm, holiday mood. Recently retired, Susan enjoys the freedom to indulge her theatre passions as both a participant and a patron with her very supportive husband Michael.

MAX DITTMAR (FRED GAYLEY): Max Dittmar is excited to act in his 5th show at CTC as Fred Gayley in "Miracle on 34th Street". When he's not at rehearsal, Max enjoys crocheting and crafting with his partner, Zenn, and their two cats. He hopes you all enjoy the performance, and that it helps you get into the Christmas spirit!

NANCY FERENC (RICH LADY, SHARON'S MOTHER, NEWSCASTER): Nancy is no stranger to this New Britain stage. Her first show here was in 1992 when she played Fanny Bryce's dresser in "Funny Girl." She discovered the change over to Connecticut Theatre Company and its wonderful creative directors and production staff in 2021 appearing in the ensemble of "Holiday Inn". Next she was Mrs. Mops in "A Christmas Carol" and then ensemble in the very challenging musical, "Nine." Nancy would like to thank her family and friends for continuing to support her passion for performing. The movie, "Miracle On 34th St.", was first introduced to her by her late dad as a young child. She would like to dedicate this production to him. He always believed.

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MOLLY FORREST (ENSEMBLE): Hailing from Wethersfield, Molly has enjoyed previous roles as "Snow White" and a Townsperson in "Rapunzel". Molly, when not acting, loves to compete in Irish Step Dancing, along with taking dance classes in tap, ballet and jazz. She loves to swim, play with her friends, and be with family!

GINAMARIE GARABEDIAN (MARA): Ginamarie is thrilled to be back on stage in her 5th CTC show! Despite her character, she is a very nice person who loves Christmas and definitely believes in the magic of Santa Claus. She is dedicating her performance in loving memory of her dear friend, Julie, who would be cheering the loudest from the front row.

FREDRICK GOFF (KRIS KRINGLE): Fredrick is delighted to return to CTC in a role that "fits me so perfectly". You may remember him as Adolpho in "Drowsy Chaperone" or Fezziwig in "A Christmas Carol". But this role brings him full circle from the season he was a mall Santa in college. Most recently, Fredrick was seen in "Sweeney Todd" (LTM) and Kaspar in the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" (MLS). However, he always enjoys the comfort and welcoming spirit of the cast and staff at CTC, like a 2nd home. Fredrick also is thrilled to share the stage with his wonderful, talented, and supportive wife, Ralene, without whom he couldn't do these shows. Merry Christmas to all and blessings from above in the New Year.

RALENE GOFF (SHELLHAMMER): This is Ralene's fifth production with CTC and is thrilled to be in this classic show. She is super excited to be sharing the stage with her husband, Fred. Some favorite past roles include Hold me Touch me in "The Producers", Mrs. Tottendale in "Drowsy Chaperone", Ziggy in "Young Frankenstein", First Man in "Kiss me Kate", The Wicked Stepmother in "Cinderella", Mrs. Gloop in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", Mrs. Augustus Granville in "Charleston", and Mrs. Claus. Ralene is a music educator in Middletown. When not in the classroom or on the stage, she enjoys writing children's books, and spending time with her family.

RACHEL HARRINGTON (ENSEMBLE): Rachel is thrilled to be in her first show with CTC, "Miracle on 34th Street". When she's not on stage, she is at her job, diagnosing and repairing cars as a service technician. In her free time, she partakes in Renaissance Faires and ComicCons, cosplaying as characters such as Harley Quinn. She's also an avid collector of all DC Comics paraphernalia. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with her wonderful family, for whom she is grateful for all their love and support.

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ALEXANDRIA KASTEN (ENSEMBLE): This is Alexandria's first production with Connecticut Theater Company, she previously worked with another theater company and appeared in "Annie" and "Footloose". When Alex is not rehearsing she enjoys swimming and drawing.

ZENN LANGLEY (FINLEY): Zenn Hunter Langley likes to crochet, play video games, and is a cat dad to a wonderful orange boy named Mr. Noodles who is now three years old. This will be Zenn's fourth show at Connecticut Theatre Company and it has been a blast! When he's not here, he is at home partaking in some of these hobbies or he is at work. A fun fact about Zenn is that he has always been in chorus growing up and always wanted to do theater. Having the opportunity to do it now, even though he's no longer in school, is really fun and he's happy to say that CTC is the place he gets to do that! It is never too late to do theater!!!

JEFFREY LIGGETT (SAWYER): Jeffrey Liggett is very excited to be stepping onto the Connecticut Theatre Company stage for the first time. His past productions include "How the Other Have Loves" (Frank), "Romeo & Juliet" (Friar Laurence), "Noises Off" (Selsdon), and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (Dr. Scott). He lives in Chester, Connecticut and is forever grateful to his wife Allison for indulging his mid-life acting crisis. Lastly and most importantly, thank you Bo Bo.

LILLY MCINTIRE (DORIS WALKER): This is Lilly's first performance with Connecticut Theatre Company. This is also her first theater production since participating in her high school, Madison Ridgeland Academy's, production of "Beauty and the Beast" where she is credited for the role of Mrs. Potts. When she is not on stage, she is going on adventures with her husband, Jack, as well as nannying and playing with her two kittens. She wants to thank Jack for always encouraging her to pursue her interests and passions.

TESSA MUNN (ENSEMBLE): Tessa is 14 years old and is a freshman in high school. This is her first ever play and her first experience with Connecticut Theatre Company! She's learned a lot and hopes to do more in the future. In her free time, she likes to spend time with her mom and animals.

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DAVID NUNNER (HALLORAN): David is excited to be back on stage with CTC in this production of "Miracle On 34th Street." This marks David's 9th show on stage with CTC. Some favorite past roles include Igor in "Young Frankenstein", Lord Farquaad in "Shrek the Musical", and Bernadette in "Priscilla Queen of the Desert." David is the President of the Board of Directors at CTC and also enjoys directing shows. When not on stage David spends his time as Market Manager at Ascend Bank and in brief moments of spare time he loves to spend time with his French Bulldog Chanel and his three favorite kittens; Mabel, Louis and Georgie.

JULIAN SCHRANZ (ENSEMBLE): Julian is delighted to make his debut at Connecticut Theatre Company. His favorite prior acting role was in "'Peter and the Starcatcher'" as Prentiss at Arkansas State University. At Arkansas State, Julian also collaborated as a playwright for an original full-length play, "'Stuck on the Train to Nowhere,'" which had its first run in the Spring of 2025. Julian would like to express his thanks to CTC for the opportunity to continue exploring theatre. He would also like to thank his former theatre professors DayDay Robinson and Brianna Lucas Larson for their mentorship as well as his parents Ingo & Edyta Schranz for their endless support.

SALVATORE UCCELLO (MR. MACY): Sal, a resident of Middletown, is excited to be working again with the good folks of Connecticut Theater Company. He was last seen here as Beverly Carlton in "The Man Who Came to Dinner". He's worked with many Connecticut theater groups over the years and some of his other favorite roles have been - Ali Hakim in "Oklahoma", Victor Velasco in "Barefoot in the Park", Peter in "Company" and Colonel Pickering in "My Fair Lady". He'd like to thank his husband Michael for all his support, patience and encouragement over the last 36 years.



PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR.....DUANE CAMPBELL
CHOREOGRAPHER.....ERIN FRECHETTE
STAGE MANAGER.....BRET OLSON
PROPS MASTERS.....DUANE CAMPBELL, ERIN FRECHETTE
MAX DITTMAR, & ZENN LANGLEY
SET DESIGNER.....DUANE CAMPBELL
LIGHTING DESIGNER.....DUANE CAMPBELL

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DUANE CAMPBELL (DIRECTOR): Duane has been Executive Director of CTC since the organization's founding in 2013. He's happy to be back in the director's chair for this heartwarming production of "Miracle On 34th Street." Some favorite previous directing credits include: "Escape to Margaritaville", "Nine", "Priscilla Queen of the Desert", and "Young Frankenstein" (Co-Directed with Susan Smith). By day, Duane is the Director of Professional Services for Healthcare.com. In any spare time, he enjoys traveling, watching reality television with his wonderful wife Erin, or hanging out with his Goldendoodle Otto. Thanks to the cast and crew and many volunteers that help to make our community special. Happy Holidays!

ERIN FRECHETTE (CHOREOGRAPHER): Erin is excited to return to CTC for her 15th production. She is one of the Resident Choreographers for CTC. This is her 8th production as a solo choreographer for CTC. Previously, her choreography was seen in "Escape to Margaritaville", "The Wedding Singer", "A Christmas Carol (2024)", "The Drowsy Chaperone ", "Zanna Don't", "Holiday Inn" and "9 to 5". She co-choreographed "The Full Monty" and "My Fair Lady". She also danced across the stage in "White Christmas", "Thoroughly Modern Millie", "Memphis", "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" and "A Christmas Carol". Erin's choreography also appeared in productions for Granby Arts Project and Monson Arts Council. She has danced professionally at the Majestic Theater and with the "Cher Extravaganza". She performed and choreographed for the OM Show. She appeared in Simsbury Theater Guild's production of "Honeymoon in Vegas". She trained and competed nationally with the Hackworth School of Performing Arts. Erin thanks her husband, Wally, for his love and support. She also thanks all of her parents for always being "the wind beneath her wings".

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BRET OLSON (STAGE MANAGER): Bret Olson is joining CTC once more as the stage manager. He stage managed "The Producers" earlier this season at CTC and was also the stage manager of "Almost Heaven" at Castle Craig Players, as well as the assistant stage manager for "Dracula" and "Spring Awakening" at CCP. Past acting roles at CCP include a member of the Ensemble in "Clue", Stu in "California Suite", Cinderella's Father in "Into the Woods", and Judge Heath in "The Night of January 16th". He'd like to thank Duane for inviting him back to CTC and the rest of the cast and crew for their hard work and dedication. "Ich will einen Besuch von meinem Grossmutter!"

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Connecticut Theatre Company would like to thank the many volunteers and team members that have worked to help make this production possible, including:

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DID YOU KNOW?

In Act One Scene Three of *Miracle On 34th Street*, Santa reads to the children a book published by veteran CTC actress Ralene K Goff – *Sofia's Magical Musical Adventures: The Nutcracker*. This reimagined Nutcracker introduces young readers to the joy of music and the timeless beauty of Tchaikovsky's famous ballet. Get your own copy in the lobby or purchase it online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Check out Ralene's other books such as "What If, Fergus?", "Aria's Lucky Day", "Mamello", and "The Ghost of Giant Laurel" as well!



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