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## **OLNEY THEATRE ADDS TO ITS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE WITH *THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR***

90-Minute Holiday Revue created by Kevin McAllister is a celebration of diverse community traditions that converge over the winter

**Olney, MD – September 1, 2022** – Olney Theatre Center announced the addition of ***The Most Wonderful Time of the Year***, a special 90-minute variety show created just for Olney Theatre Center and scheduled to run **December 16 - December 31, 2022**. The four performer revue, created by **Kevin McAllister**, Olney’s Director of Curated Programs with help from **Christopher Youstra**, Associate Artistic Director for Music Theatre, will share memories, songs of the season and yuletide warmth, from holiday standards like “Let It Snow!” to music from favorite holiday movies. The production will run on the Olney campus alongside ***Disney’s Beauty and the Beast*** in the Mainstage (November 9, 2022 - January 1, 2023) and Paul Morella’s solo ***A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas*** in the Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab (November 25, 2022 - January 1, 2023).

Says **Jason Loewith**, Olney Theatre Center’s Artistic Director, “**For the final three weeks of December there isn’t a venue in the country with more holiday spirit than Olney Theatre Center** – or should I say ‘holiday spirits’? Because we’re embracing the diversity of celebrations that bring families together this time of year: from the many holidays we celebrate to the spirit of generosity and giving that gets amplified every December. And we want to bring our diverse community together for a celebration of it all”

Said program creator Kevin McAllister, “I truly believe that celebrating what makes communities unique is the perfect way to connect individuals from different backgrounds. *The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year* is going to be a joyful embrace of Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanzaa that sings out the authentic voice of each holiday’s tradition and specific celebration.”

Casting announcements are expected later this fall. Tickets for ***The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*** are currently available for Olney Theatre Center Members and go on sale for the general public on August xx, 2022. Tickets are \$30 - \$60 and can be purchased at [olneytheatre.org](http://olneytheatre.org) or 301-924-3400.

Headshot of Kevin McAllister available [here](#). Password: press

## **ABOUT OLNEY THEATRE CENTER**

### **Mission**

Olney Theatre Center for the Arts produces and curates theatrical performance for the diverse audiences in our community, and educates, learns from, supports and inspires a more inclusive generation of theater-makers.

### **Vision**

We strive to become an arts and culture powerhouse, redefining the American regional theater movement by cultivating and sharing the creativity of our community.

### **History**

Once a summer stock retreat in rural Maryland, Olney Theatre Center is now an award-winning, year-round regional theatre surrounded in a 15-mile radius by 1.6 million people representing three of the most ethnically diverse counties in America. Since our founding in 1938, some of the biggest names in theatre have appeared on our stages: from "Golden Era" stars like Helen Hayes and Tallulah Bankhead to contemporary artists like Sir Ian McKellen, Robin De Jesús, and many others. OTC welcomed Artistic Director Jason Loewith and Managing Director Debbie Ellinghaus in 2013 and 2014, respectively, who established a new artistic strategy to broaden programming with the goal of nurturing a diversity of voices and audiences. Olney Theatre Center now produces musicals and plays under the three rubrics of Classic, Contemporary and Family programming. Since 2013 Olney Theatre Center has twice won the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Musical Production, the Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding New Play and presented six world premieres. Complementing this work, OTC fulfills its mission as a teaching theater with educational programs like the Our Play program in local 5th grade classrooms, a summer camp and a year-round professional apprentice program. National Players, now in its 72nd Season, is the hallmark outreach program of OTC, a unique ensemble touring innovative theater to communities large and small across the United States.

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