



ELF: The Musical is Extended Again by Popular Demand!

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CAMBRIDGE – Son of a nutcracker! *ELF: The Musical* has been extended again by popular demand! Drayton Entertainment’s hit production of the modern holiday classic opened to rave reviews last Thursday at the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge. The production was initially intended to close on December 22, but with brisk advance sales, the run was extended through December 29 earlier this fall. Due to persistent popular demand, the “sparkle, jolly, twinkle, jingly” production will now entertain audiences through **Sunday, January 5**.

Seven performances of *ELF: The Musical* have been added to the schedule during the first week of January while students are still off on holidays. Tickets are on sale now for these new performances through Sunday, January 5 at the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge.

“We are thrilled that audiences are so excited to see the live stage version of *ELF: The Musical*,” says **Alex Mustakas**, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. “We know that families are always looking for special things to do with loved ones over the holiday break. By extending the run, more people will be able to create lasting memories and enjoy this fun-filled production.”

Additional holiday performances are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, January 2 at 2:00PM and 7:30PM

Friday, January 3 at 7:30PM

Saturday, January 4 at 2:00PM and 7:30PM

Sunday, January 5 at 11:30AM and 4:00PM

Based on the popular 2003 New Line Cinema film, *ELF: The Musical* follows the fish-out-of-water tale of Buddy, an infant discovered at Santa’s workshop, who is raised to adulthood by the elves. Unaware that he is actually human, his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities make him wonder if he is actually an elf.

With Santa’s blessing, Buddy travels to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his dear old dad is on the naughty list, and his half-brother doesn’t even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help everyone remember the true meaning of Christmas.

The production features **Tim Porter** as Buddy The Elf, **Neil Aitchison** as Santa Claus, **Katie Kerr** as Jovie, **Brad Rudy** as Walter Hobbs, **Robin Hutton** as Emily Hobbs, and **Thomas Winiker** as Michael Hobbs. **Annie Chen**, **Vanessa Cobham**, **Ryan Gifford**, **Ray Hogg**, **Gabrielle Jones**, **George Joyce**, **Anthony MacPherson**, **Luke Opdahl**, **Gregory Pember**, **Ainsley Allyssa Roy**, **Joel Taylor**, **Jennifer Thiessen** and **Margaret Thompson** round out the impeccable company.

This holiday spectacular is helmed by Director and Choreographer **Michael Lichtefeld**. He is joined by Music Director **Steve Thomas**, Set & Costume Designer **Ivan Brozic**, Lighting Designer **Kevin Fraser**, Stage Manager **Beth Bruck**, Assistant Stage Manager **Jasmyne Leisemer** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Charlotte Peters**.

ELF: The Musical features songs by award-winning composing team Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin (*The Prom*, *The Wedding Singer*), with a book by Tony Award® winners Thomas Meehan (*Annie*, *The Producers*, *Hairspray*) and Bob Martin (*The Prom*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*).

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Regular performance tickets are \$48 for adults, \$29 for youth under 20 years of age. Tickets for select Discount Dates and groups of 20 or more are \$39. HST is applicable to all ticket prices.

With many dates already sold out, the additional performances of *ELF: The Musical* are guaranteed to sell very quickly! Tickets make a terrific Christmas gift and can be purchased in person at the theatre, online at www.draytonentertainment.com, or by calling the Box Office at **(519) 621-8000** or toll free at **1-855-drayton (372-9866)**.

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