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A TUNA CHRISTMAS

November 20–December 13, 2009

Comedy by *Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams*

(Eustis, FL)... *A Tuna Christmas* opens Friday, November 20, 2009 and runs four weekends closing December 13, 2009 at the historic State Theatre in downtown Eustis. Tickets are on sale now for this uproarious comedy featuring two actors playing all 22 characters in Texas' third smallest town- Tuna.

A Tuna Christmas is the hilarious holiday sequel to the hit comedy, *Greater Tuna*, written by the same team: Ed Howard, Joe Sears, and Jaston Williams. Once again, two actors, along with some split-second costume changes, portray all 22 citizens of Texas' third smallest town, where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies. The play begins at 24 hours before Christmas and all comic confusion is about to break loose as the delightfully eccentric characters cope with seasonal traumas that come with decking the proverbial Town Halls.

Artistic Director **David Clevinger**, who also directed and designed the show, assembled a stellar cast and production team including: **William Dumas** as Lighting Designer, and **Patrick Adams and Kate Olsen** as Costume Designers. *A Tuna Christmas* stars **Ken Rush** and **William McCoy**.

Ken Rush was last seen on the BSP stage as the lead in the 2007, *Man of La Mancha*. Other BSP credits include: *On Borrowed Time* (Gramps), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Pseudolus), *The Taffetas* (Guest Director). Under his direction as Drama Teacher at West Orange High School, the students/school have earned numerous state and regional theatre awards.

William McCoy will be making his BSP debut with *A Tuna Christmas*. No stranger to the theatre scene, he has performed in Florida since 2003. Mr. McCoy received training from the Performing Arts Conservatory of Carmel and performed in California as well. Aside from his theatre and teaching commitments, Mr. McCoy works as an entertainer at Universal Studios Orlando.

A Tuna Christmas runs November 20-December 13, 2009. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Sunday matinee performances begin at 2:30 p.m. Also, there is one Wednesday performance on December 2 at 8:00p.m., and two Saturday matinee performances on November 28 and December 12 at 2:30 p.m. Patrons attending the opening night production on November 20 are invited to a champagne reception following the performance.

Tickets are \$19.00 except on Wednesday or Thursday when they are \$16.00. Call the Box Office at 352.357.7777 or visit www.baystreetplayers.org to purchase tickets online. Group discounts, season tickets and gift certificates are available. The Box Office is located at the historic State Theatre, 109 N. Bay Street, Eustis and it is open from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A Tuna Christmas is generously sponsored in part by **Waterman Village** as well as the **City of Eustis** and **United Arts of Central Florida**.

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