

“Wonderful Life Radio Play” returns to The Saint Paul Hotel for 6th holiday season

Three-course lunch or dinner, created by Executive Chef Lance Kapps, is served during shows

Saint Paul, Minn. (August 2011) –The Saint Paul Hotel has announced the 2011 schedule for its popular holiday performance, *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. The lunch and dinner performances, now in their 6th year at The Saint Paul Hotel, invite audiences to enjoy playwright Joe Landry's acclaimed take on the classic 1946 Frank Capra film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, accompanied by a three-course luncheon menu for afternoon performances and a three-course dinner menu for evening shows.

The *Wonderful Life* holiday luncheons and dinners will be offered on:

- Monday, December 12 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 13 – 2:00 p.m. – SOLD OUT
- Wednesday, December 14 – 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 16 - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 17 - 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 18 - 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 20 - 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 21 - 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 22 - 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 23 - 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

One hour prior to the beginning of each show, there is a social time with a cash bar.

To enjoy a live performance and the accompanying multi-course meal, the cost is \$55 per person for the luncheon shows or \$75 per person for the dinner performances, including tax and gratuity. Parking is not included in the price. **Tickets for *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* are now on sale and can be purchased by calling (651) 228-3860 or by visiting**

It's a Wonderful Life tells the story of George Bailey, a good man thrust into self-doubt by financial setbacks. He learns that his self-worth comes from his big heart, not his shrunken finances, with help from his friends, his loving family, and a guardian angel named Clarence. The American Film Institute (AFI) selected *It's a Wonderful Life* as its “Most Inspiring Movie of All Time” in a 2006 “100 Years—100 Cheers” retrospective.

The original cast - all well-known local actors - is still performing together. The cast includes: Philip Callen as George Bailey, Adena Brumer as Mary Hatch Bailey, Jim Cunningham as Harry Bailey, Jennifer Edwards as Violet, and Ross Young as Clarence/Mr. Potter. Chris Whiting will perform the live sound effects and Kevin Dutcher will serve as the musical director and provide piano accompaniment. In addition to their

primary roles, Jim Cunningham, Jennifer Edwards, and Ross Young will also perform voices for multiple additional cast roles.

Saint Paul Hotel Executive Chef Lance Kapps has created festive, three-course menus for the *It's A Wonderful Life* luncheons and dinners. The luncheon will begin with BLT Napoleon with Smoked Mozzarella, Pork Rillettes Crostini and Shaved Black Forest Ham with Cranberry Mayonnaise Pinwheel. The second course will be an Artichoke-Sun Dried Tomato Chicken Roulade followed by Cocoa-Marshmallow Crème Brule with Holiday Cookie.

Dinner guests will begin with Hearts of Romaine with Apricots, Blue Cheese, Cracked Pepper and Balsamic Vinaigrette, followed by an Almond-Crusted chicken Scaloppini with Apple-Cranberry Chutney, served with Creamed Wild Rice Pilaf and Green Beans. The dinner will topped off with a Cocoa-Marshmallow Crème Brule with Holiday Cookie.

Built in 1910 and currently celebrating its 100th year, The Saint Paul Hotel is the Twin Cities' most established and elegant hotel. The Saint Paul Hotel, a member of the Historic Hotels of America and the Preferred Hotels and Resort Group, is located at 350 Market Street on Rice Park in downtown Saint Paul, Minnesota. For additional information, please call 651-292-9292 or 1-800-292-9292, or visit www.saintpaulhotel.com. The Saint Paul Hotel is managed by Morrissey Hospitality Companies (www.morrisseyhospitality.com).

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New color photos are available.