

## ***IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE* WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY RETURNS TO THE SAINT PAUL HOTEL FOR 2008 HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Saint Paul, Minn. (November 2008)** – *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* returns to The Saint Paul Hotel for the 2008 holiday season from December 18 – 22, 2008 this year. The Saint Paul Hotel invites audiences to enjoy playwright Joe Landry's acclaimed take on the classic 1946 Frank Capra film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, accompanied by a multi-course tea menu for afternoon performances and a dinner menu for evening performances.

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

Thursday, December 18: tea show at 2 p.m.

Friday, December 19: tea show at 2 p.m. and dinner show at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 21: tea show at 2 p.m. and dinner show at 7 p.m.

Monday, December 22: tea show at 2 p.m. and dinner show at 7 p.m.

To enjoy a live performance of *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* and the accompanying tea, the cost is \$55.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. For the performance and dinner, the cost is \$70 per person (parking is not included in the price). Special packages are available for groups of 20 or more. **Reservations for *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* can be made by calling (651) 228-3860.**

The Saint Paul Hotel is offering a special deluxe guestroom rate of \$129 (plus tax and gratuity) for people attending *It's a Wonderful Life*.

*It's a Wonderful Life* tells the story of George Baily, a good man thrust into self-doubt by financial setbacks, who 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, and Landry's radio play adaptation has received equally-admiring reviews in many cities across the country.

Jim Cunningham, co-founder and Artistic Director of The Actors Theater of Minnesota, will produce and act in The Saint Paul Hotel's presentation of *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. Having secured the Twin Cities rights for the show from playwright Joe Landry, Cunningham has cast the production with well-known Twin Cities' actors, including Adena Brumer, Phil Callen, Kevin Dutcher, Jennifer Edwards-Hughes, Christopher Whiting and Ross Young.

Saint Paul Hotel Executive Chef Lance Kapps will create a festive, sumptuous menu for this year's multi-course Christmas Tea. The special tea menu that Executive Chef Lance Kapps has created begins with Creamy Lobster Salad en Bouche, Sundried Tomato-Cheddar Mousse in Phyllo Cup and a Mini Cider Shooter with Cinnamon Whipped Cream Spoon. The second course will be a Toffee-Chocolate Chip Scone with Cinnamon Butter. Chicken-Spinach Petite Pastry with Sweet Potato Puree and Riesling

Reduction will be served as the third course, followed by a Chocolate Turtle Tartlet, a Mint-Kissed Meringue and Riskrem with Lingonberry Sauce.

Mixed Baby Greens with Silvered Candied Almonds, Roasted Red Peppers and Blue Cheese Crumbles with a Champagne Vinaigrette served on the side begins the special multi-course dinner menu which Executive Chef Lance Kapps has created for this event. The main entrée will be a Seared Chicken Breast Stuffed with Boursin and served with a Roasted Shallot Risotto Cake, Merlot Butter Sauce and an Asparagus Bundle. There is a vegetarian option available upon request. The dinner concludes with dessert – The Saint Paul Hotel Holiday Trio (Riskrem with Lingonberry Sauce, Mint-Kissed Meringue and a Chocolate Turtle Tartlet).

An hour prior to the tea or dinner, *Wonderful Life* guests can also enjoy holiday entertainment outside the ballroom, as well as a cash bar.

Built in 1910, 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, 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](http://www.saintpaulhotel.com).

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