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## **Elf-tastic News! The Phoenix Theatre Company Presents the Much-Anticipated Return of "Elf The Musical"**

*(November 3, 2023 – PHOENIX)* Get ready to unwrap the holiday season's most magical gift - "Elf The Musical" is returning to The Phoenix Theatre Company and spreading more holiday cheer than ever before! Back by popular demand, this joyous production promises to once again bring the magic of Christmas to Phoenix. The show runs from Nov. 22 to Dec. 30, 2023.

"Elf The Musical" is based on the beloved 2003 movie "Elf," starring Will Ferrell. With music and lyrics by Tony Award nominees Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin, and book by Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin, this family-friendly show has become a holiday tradition for audiences of all ages.

The story follows Buddy the Elf, a human who was raised by elves at the North Pole, on a whimsical and hilarious journey to New York City in search of his true identity. Along the way, he brings holiday cheer to the bustling city and helps everyone he encounters discover the true meaning of Christmas.

"It's exciting to come back to the show 5 years later and see where we can improve and what can be designed differently to have more impact," said D. Scott Withers, director. "We have a lot of the former company coming back to the show but also a lot of new people, about half and half, it's exciting to come back to relive the magic with people who have already done the show and also to bring in new members of the family and see where this new adventure will take us."

With catchy songs, dazzling choreography, and a heartwarming story, "Elf The Musical" is a must-see event during the holiday season.

The cast for "Elf The Musical" at The Phoenix Theatre Company includes many recognizable faces as well as new talent, including Savannah Inez, Tawny Audi, Matravius Avent\*, Ellie Barrett-Harvey, Amie Bjorklund, Wesley Bradstreet, Dallyn Brunck, Dominic Cali, Lucas Coatney-Murrieta\*, Sade Crosby, Chris Eriksen, Gene Ganssle\*, Kevin Hack\*, Jenny Hintze\*, Christian Johannsen, Antonio King\*, Teddy Ladley,

Eddie Maldonado\*, Zacary Nelson, Kayden Oliver\*, Alexandro Partida, Sarah Rose, Debby Rosenthal\*, and D. Scott Withers\*. Ensemble swing cast includes Liam Boyd, Jackie Brecker, Armand Delgado, Karis Eliese, and Evan Sheets.

Tickets for “Elf The Musical” are on sale now and start at \$53. To purchase, call (602) 254-2151 or visit [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com).

### **Select Mask Required Performances**

To provide a production to those who would feel more comfortable in a fully masked environment, we have designated a select upcoming performance of “Elf The Musical” as “Mask Required,” on Dec. 16, 2023, at 2 p.m. During these performances, masks will be required for all patrons and staff in our lobbies and theatres unless actively eating/drinking. Food and drinks will be allowed in the theatre. We ask that the mask be placed back on between bites or sips. Proof of vaccination and temperature checks will not be required.

### **ASL/Audio Describe Night**

Audio Description and American Sign Language Interpretation are available for each production. ASL/Audio Describe Night for “Elf The Musical” is Dec. 13, 2023, at 7 p.m.

*\*Denotes members of Actors’ Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers.*

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### **ABOUT THE PHOENIX THEATRE COMPANY**

The Phoenix Theatre Company is not only the largest professional regional theatre company in the state, with nearly 500 performances each year on multiple stages, but it’s also the first arts organization in Arizona and a founding member of the Central Arts District. Committed to advancing the performing arts in the Valley, The Phoenix Theatre Company's mission is to create exceptional theatrical experiences that inspire hope and understanding. For more information about our upcoming shows, campus venue, located at 1825 N. Central Ave. in Phoenix, outreach programs, and more, visit [www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com).