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"A Holiday Staple" – Boston Globe

"Magical time...the performances are spot on." - HuffPost

## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER<sup>TM</sup>: THE MUSICAL AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE FROM DECEMBER 2-4

## Tickets on Sale Now

THE NORTH POLE – October 17 – Sleigh what? The critically acclaimed live stage show Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical returns this fall to entertain families at theatres across North America. The national tour featuring the "most famous reindeer of all" and his friends from the longest running and highest rated holiday television special will soar into Cleveland at Playhouse Square from December 2-4. Following seven successful years of touring and more than 600 performances, Rudolph and the holly jolly cast of characters including Hermey the Elf, Yukon Cornelius, and Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster -- along with the audience -- will help Santa save Christmas. For more information about the tour visit www.rudolphthemusical.com.

Tickets are available now online at playhousesquare.org or by phone at 216-241-6000.

In 1964, the beloved stop-motion animated television classic, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, made its network television debut and has been delighting audiences across the country for almost 60 years. "**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical** is a tree-mendous way to experience this family tradition and stays true to the iconic television special," says producing partner Jonathan Flom. The national tour is a family favorite -- "Rudolph has taken the country by snowstorm" (*Hartford Courant*) and "A magical time... and an utterly charming, top-notch production" (*Orlando Sentinel*).

Projections, costumes, and characters are faithfully brought to the stage against a backdrop of nostalgic set designs. The 12-foot-plus-tall Abominable Snow Monster is jaw-dropping. The high-energy cast brings high energy to classic songs and dialogue, while irresistible and loveable puppets highlight the charming roughness from the television show's stop-motion effects.

Flom says, "The familiar story elements from the television special are addressed with a talented cast and puppeteers who help recreate the magic on stage." Since the special itself is a classic musical, the stage show does not feel at all like an adaptation and audiences are surprised and delighted when they see performances of songs such as "Fame and Fortune" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" that are heard but not performed in the TV special.

The story tells the tale of a young Rudolph who, because of the appearance of his bright, shining nose, is excluded from the Reindeer Games. He flees Christmastown and meets up with new friends Hermey the Elf and Yukon Cornelius. After finding The Island of Misfit Toys, Rudolph journeys home, where a snowstorm of epic proportions is threatening Christmas. Can Rudolph rescue his family and friends and help Santa save the holiday?

Rudolph's partnership with PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center continues this year. The show offers a free toolkit to educators that leverages the powerful messages from the Rudolph story to help us all celebrate our differences (<a href="www.pacer.org/teamrudolph">www.pacer.org/teamrudolph</a>).

For additional information, visit <a href="www.rudolphthemusical.com">www.rudolphthemusical.com</a> and follow the latest updates on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a> (#rudolphthemusical).

Connect with Playhouse Square online at <u>playhousesquare.org</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>TikTok</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and Twitter.

The touring productions of **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical** are produced by Right Angle Entertainment, S2BN Entertainment and Premiere Producers LLC.

**Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical** will play December 2 – 4 at the Connor Palace at Playhouse Square. Show times are Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Tickets for all performances are available at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000. Group orders of 15 or more may be placed by calling 216-640-8600. **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical** is a Huntington Bank Featured Performance at Playhouse Square.

## **About Right Angle Entertainment (Producer)**

Producer Right Angle Entertainment (RAE) specializes in the production, marketing, management, and distribution of live theatrical and concert events. RAE's proud roster includes FRIENDS! The Musical Parody North American Tour, Cat & Nat #MomTruths Tour, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Family Feud: Celebrity Edition Tour, The Price is Right LIVE! and Elvis and Me: An Evening with Priscilla Presley among others.

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