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Orland Park Theatre Troupe Presents “FrUiTCaKeS” *Holiday Show Offers Holiday Warmth and Christmas Cheer*

ORLAND PARK, IL – The 2008 holiday season brings “Fruitcakes” to the Orland Park area; however, it won’t be the heavy fruit and nut cakes that arrive each year. This year’s “FrUiTCaKes” is the holiday show presented by the Orland Park Theatre Troupe, produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing of Woodstock, Illinois.

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema serves as the executive producer for the village’s theatrical productions.

“This is a nice, heart warming story that is perfect for the Christmas season,” Buikema said. “We’re very happy to have a number of Orland Park residents in the show as well as those from surrounding towns,” she added.

Frann Carnivele-Sidlow, Orland Park’s resident producer/director, is directing the show with Ashley Miletich serving as assistant director.

“This show is described as having a batch of fruitcakes, three dozen Christmas trees, 10,000 outdoor Christmas lights, a chicken pox epidemic, two southern spinsters, an estranged old man, a lost cat named Tutti Frutti and a Christmas hog named Bister,” Carnivele-Sidlow said. “It’s a moving story of alienation, understanding and reconciliation,” she added.

Orland Park residents appearing in the show include Rasa Avizienis, Ellie Callis, Sarah Callis, Jimmy Flynn, Mike Furmanek, Kyle Kraus, Mitchell Kraus, Samuel Kraus, Vic Kuligoski, Joshua Lahey, Samantha Lahey, Olivia Lynch, Michael Murphy, Bob Szczepanski and Tyler Muller. Those from Oak Forest include Nathaniel Hoerger and Janet Wittenmyer. New Lenox residents appearing in the show are Katie O’Sullivan, Kelly O’Sullivan and Kevin O’Sullivan. The cast also includes Yvonne Ambrose (Frankfort) and Valerie Karr (Tinley Park).

Performances are Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. Held at the Orland Park Civic Center, admission for the shows are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children to age 12. Reserve seat tickets may be purchased at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.