

It's a Wonderful Life: A LIVE RADIO PLAY

Coleman Auditorium
Gualala Arts Center
Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m.



The Gualala Arts Reader's Theater and Art Center Theater will present two performances of the radio play version of the Holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life" on Saturday evening, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, December 18 at 2:00 p.m..

Inspired by the classic 1946 Frank Capra film, "It's a Wonderful Life," "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" will be directed by Katie Atherton and performed as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience.

The actors, who are members of The Reader's Theater, will perform the many characters in the radio play as well as produce the sound effects. A "pre-show" designed to warm the audience for the live radio play will include musical commercials sung by a variety of singers plugging local businesses.

The cast for the radio show includes: Jan Carter, Dennis Carter, Joel Crockett, Mary Sue Ittner, Morgan Lambert, Jim Littlejohn, Mary Retzer, Karen Serraton, Jane Simmonds, David Skibbins, Karen Tracy, Tina Vasavada and Bob Welch. Sabina Walla will produce the live sound effects on stage while Pete Spinelli

will add the pre-recorded ones from the booth. Don Krieger will perform the classic radio show organ accompaniment live on stage.

The Reader's Theater, which was started more than 20 years ago by Judith Reimuller, has been sponsored by Gualala Arts for most of those years. The group meets monthly and reads the play selection chosen by the director of the month. Members enjoy exposure to a wide variety of play literature and the pleasure of exploring different roles, using their voices and facial expressions to bring the characters to life.

"It's a Wonderful Life" was based on the short story "The Greatest Gift" written by Philip Van Doren Stern. It is a classic story of love and redemption, a tale that can be seen and heard time and time again without losing its emotional resonance. Those familiar with the movie or those brand new to this material will all be gifted with a snappy radio version of the tale. No matter how cold it is outside, this Christmas offering is guaranteed to warm your heart!

Tickets are \$10
advance, \$5 more
on the day of the
performance.
Youth 7 to 17 free.

