

No man is a failure who sees 'It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play'

ASTORIA — KALA presents the Riverbend Players in the holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

The show is adapted from the 1940s Frank Capra film by playwright Joe Landry and has become a popular seasonal theater staple across the country.

Tickets are \$15 and available in advance at libertyastoria.showware.com.

The show tells the story of idealistic George Bailey as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

The performance features a custom sound

effects board and Foley artist enlivening a hand-built wind machine, thunder drum, slide whistle and full-size door. Period costumes and radio studio props inspire the feel of a vintage radio show.

KALA, 1017 Marine Drive, offers cabaret seating, with cocktails available. Only people 16 and older may attend. Seating is limited.

Call for ticket availability at the door the day of the show: 503-338-4878. Will call tickets are held at the door at performance time.

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Jimmy Stewart (top left) and the Riverbend Players.



Performer
Al LePage.

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'A Christmas Carol' as a one-man, 26-character show

ASTORIA — Performer Al LePage presents Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" as a one-man, 26-character show at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, in the historic Flavel House Museum, 441 Eighth St.

LePage brings this timeless holiday story to life as a dramatic reading performance based on Dickens' own historic script from his 1867-68 American tour. LePage uses only voice, facial expressions and gestures to create all the characters

from Scrooge to Tiny Tim, from Marley's Ghost to Mrs. Cratchit.

There will be howls and growls, bangs and bongs, a dance with a song, lively laughter and heartfelt tears.

Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$5 for Historical Society members. Due to limited seating, reservations are suggested. Mature children 10 and older will best appreciate these dramatic reading performances, originally scripted by Dickens for adult audiences.

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