

TAKE A RIDE ON THE 'POLAR EXPRESS'



Elves Allison Klinzing and Vienna Gregoire discuss the magic of the holiday season, watched by two rather naughty girls, portrayed by Jayce Cunningham and Aubrey Coulombe.

IN ILWACO, STUDENT CAST, YOUNG DANCERS PERFORM SEASONAL STORY

BY PATRICK WEBB

"The reindeer were excited. They pranced and paced, ringing the silver sleigh bells that hung from their harnesses. It was a magical sound, like nothing I'd ever heard." — Peter, character in "Polar Express."

Cheryl Cochran invites all to climb aboard the holiday season.

She recruited 25 actors and 40 dancers for a production of "The Polar Express," a modern story that takes a fresh look at the age-old message of Christmas.

The show opens 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and will be performed twice more at

the Hilltop Auditorium in Ilwaco, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. It runs for 1 hour and 45 minutes with one intermission.

Attendance is free, but theatergoers are asked to donate an unwrapped toy for a toy drive organized by the middle school

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