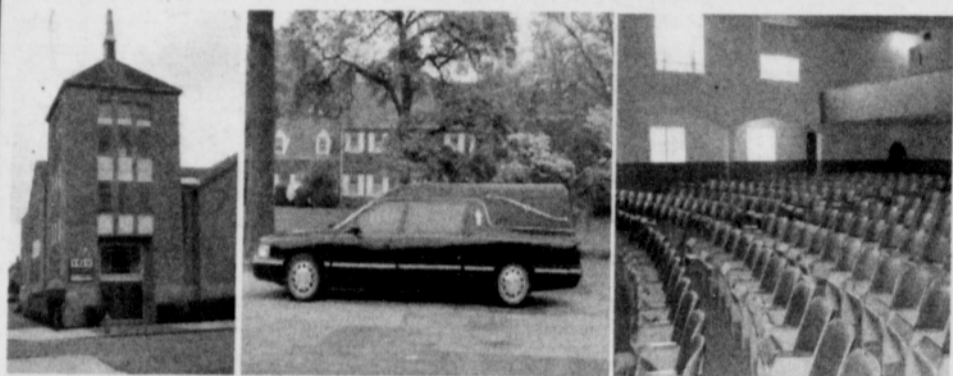


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Darius Pierce returns as Crumpet the Elf in Portland Center Stage's annual holiday hit *The Santaland Diaries*.

Crumpet the Elf Returns

Odd encounters during the holiday crunch

David Sedaris' *The Santaland Diaries* is back for its fifth season in Portland Center Stage's Ellyn

Bye Studio with Portland favorite Darius Pierce returning as Crumpet the Elf. Pierce was a hit when he made his debut in the role last year, performing to sold-out houses.

Based on the true chronicles of writer and commentator David Sedaris' experience working as a Christmas elf in a Macy's department store in New York City, this cult "anti-holiday" classic riffs on a

few of Sedaris' truly odd encounters with his fellow man during the height of the holiday crunch.

The Santaland Diaries opens Friday, Nov. 29, and runs through Dec. 29. Regular tickets start at \$45. Discounts available for students and those under 25.

Recommended for ages 16 and above because of mature content, language and sexuality. For tickets and more information, visit pcs.org.

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