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See Six Classic Holiday Stories Turned Naughty (and Not So Nice) In Stage 773's ONE ACT FESTIVAL: YULETIDE GENOCIDE

CHICAGO, IL – Stage 773 asks the question, “Can Santa really get arrested for that?!” Six theatre companies from across the Chicagoland area will change up the holiday classics to create **ONE ACT FESTIVAL: YULETIDE GENOCIDE** taking place December 1 through December 16. See them all at **Stage 773**, 1225 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago for a twisted and enchanted evening of entertainment.

“This December feature will bring a fresh, riotous spin on the holiday stories we’ve come to know,” said Stage 773 Creative Director Brian Posen. “The night will be a fun, playful poke at tradition.”

Kicking off the one-act series, Hobo Junction Productions presents **LITTLE DRUMMER BOY (AND OTHER CHRISTMAS STORIES DOUG REALLY DOESN'T WANT TO TELL)**, which begins on a warm and cozy Christmas Eve as family gathers for a final bedtime story, all the while the children's one true Christmas wish is to see their step-father suffer a nervous breakdown. Doug will do anything to keep his marriage with the love of his life intact, ANYTHING! The second tale hijacks a classic, *Little Women*, with Indie Boots Theatre presenting **THE MARCH SISTERS CAROL**. This Christmas, before Beth dies and Jo marries the boring bloke, Louisa May "I have fallen in love in my life with so many pretty girls and never once the least bit with any man" Alcott may approve of the novel ending, which embraces the Indie Boots mission

to create and celebrate art featuring underrepresented perspectives on the stories worth telling, while focusing on the funny way the world works.

The New American Folk Theatre presents a twist on the beloved staple of the Christmas season, IT'S A HOLIDAY, CHARLIE BRAUN. Instead of hanging the lonely ornament though, Charlie is caught in an epic battle between the Left's ideas of inclusiveness and the Right's fight to save Christmas. The Reutan Collective will reimagine scenes from LOVE ACTUALLY. By combining popular culture and cheeky comedy, they draw to the forefront social issues without the bore of the nightly news.

OH GAWD, presented by Right Brain Project, is an absurd family dramady of the aftermath of "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer." Topping off the evening, Stage 773 presents The GIFT OF THE MAGI, with Jim and Della who are poor in riches, but rich in love. Like most couples starting out, they exchange gifts, but the true surprise is what happens when the wrapping hits the floor. You'll be sure to have those nostalgic feelings of holidays gone wrong.

STAGE 773 ONE ACT FESTIVAL: YULETIDE GENOCIDE will take place in the Box Theater every Thursday and Friday December 1- December 16. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door for all shows, and may be purchased at www.Stage773.com or by calling 773.327.5252.

About Stage 773

Stage 773 is a vibrant anchor of the Belmont Theatre District and home to Chicago's finest off-Loop talent. As a performance and tenant venue, our four stages provide entertainment for everyone: comedy, theatre, dance, musicals and more. We are a not-for-profit, connecting and catalyzing the theater community, while showcasing established artists and incubating up-and-coming talent.

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