

For Immediate Release

Joan Crawford is coming to Omaha for the final performance of *Christmas With The Crawfords*

Yes, she's back! Joan Crawford has sharpened her axe and strapped on her high heels. Now, she's ready to host this year's production of *Christmas With The Crawfords* for it's fifth and final run at The Shelterbelt Theatre. **SNAP!** Productions and The Shelterbelt have brought this Christmas classic to Omaha audiences for four sell out runs and this year will not be an exception.

Joan Crawford will again be brought to life by the sassy and vivacious Ron Osborn. Along with Ron, Todd Brooks, Michael Taylor-Stewart, Mark Cramer and Michal Simpson are all returning to the show for their fifth Yuletide Season at the Crawfords.

If you've haven't seen or you never miss this holiday romp, you will always have an outrageous time. There isn't a better show to see at the holidays then *Christmas With The Crawfords*. On the exclusive VIP list are Hollywood elites like Liberace, Hedda Hopper, Shirley Temple, Gloria Swanson, Ethel Merman, Bette Davis, The Andrew Sisters, Hattie McDaniel, Carmen Miranda and Judy Garland. It will definitely put the missile in your mistletoe. It will put the fruit in your fruitcake. It will.... well, just consider yourself invited to the hottest party this Christmas.

Buy your tickets now for Richard Winchester's send up to the Golden Age of Hollywood. *Christmas With The Crawfords* will run from November 28 – December 21, 2008 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The Sunday, December 21st show will start at 2:00 pm. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations must be made on-line at the **SNAP!** Productions website: www.snapproductions.com. Tickets are \$20.00, general admission.

Wire hangers? Forget about them. It's Christmas! Be merry and gay! Besides, you have a special invitation to spend ***Christmas With The Crawfords***.

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Synopsis: The premise of "**Christmas with the Crawfords**" is that gossip columnist Hedda Hopper is going to interview Joan Crawford and her family for a 1944 Christmas Eve radio broadcast and during that evening any number of Hollywood stars will appear, mistaking Crawford's home for that of next door neighbor Gary Cooper, where Coop is throwing a Christmas party.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

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Production Dates: November 28 - December 21, 2008

Venue: 3225 California Street, Omaha, NE 68131

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Photos: Download from web site: www.snapproductions.com

Cast Members include:

<u>Actor</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Actor</u>	<u>Role</u>
Joan Crawford.....	Ron Osborn	Christina Crawford.....	Jason Delong
Christopher Crawford.....	Craig Bond	Bette Davis.....	Liz Heim/Brian Callaghan
Liberace.....	Todd Brooks	Shirley Temple.....	Jeff Nelson
Hedda Hopper.....	Michael Taylor-Stewart	Patti Andrews.....	Scott Fowler
Maxene Andrews.....	Michal Simpson	Laverne Andrews.....	Mark Cramer
Judy Garland.....	D. Laureen Pickle	Carmen Miranda.....	Michal Simpson
Ethel Merman.....	Randy Vest	Gloria Swanson.....	Dave Howard
Hattie MacDaniel.....	Robert Williams		

Production Staff:

Director:.....	Michal Simpson	Lighting Design.....	Daena Schweiger
Music Director:.....	Todd Brooks	Sound Design.....	Dave Podendorf
Box Office.....	Shelterbelt Staff	Light and Sound Technician ..	Dave Podendorf
Costume Design:...	Nancy Ross & Ron Osborn	Reservations.....	Liz Heim
Props Design:.....	Rhonda Hall	Stage Manager.....	Bryan Callaghan
Set Design:.....	Michal Simpson		

Missions: **SNAP!** Productions is a nonprofit theatre organization with the mission to provide Educational and Humanistic Support of AIDS-Related Programs and to Promote Understanding and Acceptance of All Members of the Community Through Artistic Expression.

Shelterbelt Theater's Mission Statement: The mission of the Shelterbelt Theatre is to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which to focus the development of original work and to provide for the practical education of writers, performing artists, creative and technical staff, and the general public in the art and science of moving an idea from the mind to the stage.