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THE SANTALAND DIARIES

Returns this Holiday Season

Starring Claybourne Elder and Shanna Jones

Dec. 8 through Dec. 24, 2016 at Copaken Stage

Final Production after record-breaking four year run!

Kansas City, MO (Nov. 10, 2016) – Kansas City Repertory Theatre continues its 2016-17 season with the return of David Sedaris’ ***THE SANTALAND DIARIES***, directed by Kansas City Repertory Theatre Artistic Director **Eric Rosen**, and starring Broadway’s **Claybourne Elder** as Crumpet the Elf; beloved Rep favorite Shanna Jones returns with live music and songs. Leave the kids at home for this hilariously irreverent and holiday show. Much-loved by NPR fans and readers alike, it’s international best-selling comic memoirist David Sedaris’ side-splitting send-up of Christmas and his brief, misguided career as a Macy’s elf. Featuring an uproarious collection of twisted holiday tunes, ***THE SANTALAND DIARIES*** skewers everything we love (and secretly loathe) about the holidays. Experience the life of a subversive elf who works at Macy’s Santaland, where the only thing more plentiful than good cheer is a good case of the giggles.

“Now in its fourth and final year, I’m excited to again direct this wickedly gleeful play that has become a huge part of Kansas City’s holiday experience” Rosen said. “I’m especially excited to re-imagine the performances with a new take from Claybourne, one of New York and Kansas City’s favorite actors. Let’s just say it’s more than Clay’s height that will be new this year – and his long-time collaborator and KC Rep darling Shanna Jones will bring even more wicked delight in their musical skewering of holiday favorites. But more than that – *Santaland* is surprisingly moving and heartwarming, after Sedaris, Elder, and Jones make you laugh ‘til it hurts.”

THE SANTALAND DIARIES is presented through the generous support of H&R Block.

Performances begin Friday, December 8 and run through Saturday, December 24 at Copaken Stage. *Appropriate for ages 16+.* Tickets may be purchased at <http://kcrep.org/show/the-santaland-diaries> or by calling 816-235-2700. For group ticket sales, please call 816-235-6122.

Press Night: Opening night is Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 pm. Past-production high resolution photos can be found [here](#) . B-roll is available upon request.

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The Kansas City Repertory Theatre Season Continues

A Christmas Carol

Written by Charles Dickens
Adapted for the stage by: Barbara Field
Directed by Jerry Genochio
Spencer Theatre
November 18 - December 24, 2016

The SANTALAND DIARIES

Written by David Sedaris
Adapted for the stage by: Joe Mantello
Directed by Eric Rosen
Copaken Stage
December 8 - December 24, 2016

Side by Side by Sondheim

Lyrics and Music by Stephen Sondheim
Directed by Eric Rosen
Spencer Theatre
January 27 – February 19, 2017

Constellations

Kansas City premiere
Written by Nick Payne
Directed by Eric Rosen
Copaken Stage
March 3 – April 2, 2017

A Raisin in the Sun

Written by Lorraine Hansberry
Co-Directed by Chip Miller & Marissa Wolf
Spencer Theatre
March 24 – April 16, 2017

Origin KC New Works Festival – Rotating Repertory

What Would Crazy Horse Do?

Written by Larissa FastHorse
Director TBD

Man in Love

Written by Christina Anderson
Directed by Marissa Wolf

Both at the Copaken Stage
April 28 – May 28, 2017
Curated by Marissa Wolf, Director of New Works

Kansas City Repertory Theatre Kicks off Holiday Season with *A Christmas Carol*