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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.

### **Social and Digital Media**

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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*