

Kelsey Players to stage 'Night Before Christmas'

The Kelsey Players will present a musical adaptation of Clement Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas," which will open at 7:30 tonight at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre.

Moore's poem about Santa's Christmas Eve visit comes to life in a show directed by Tom Bessellieu, with musical direction by Pat Masterson, and choreography by Nicole Farina Machin. At the end of each show, the entire family is invited to meet Santa and the rest of the gang.

The cast includes Steve Anzuini of East Windsor as Clement Moore; Hannah Sobolevitch of Yardley, Pa., as Margaret Moore; Susan Hoffman of Robbinsville as Eliza Moore; Marissa Marciano of Plainsboro as Charity Moore and John Costello of Hamilton Square as Mr. Kringle.

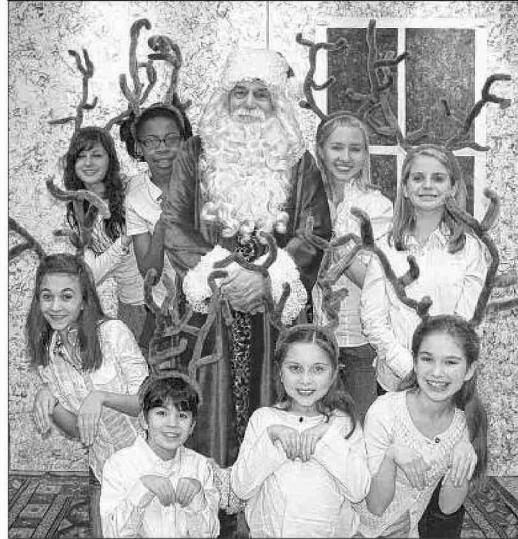
The ensemble includes Maryrose Brendel and Madeline Wasson of Cranbury; Nicholas Kianka of Hamilton Square; Olivia Michalak, William Burke, Courtney Haines, Hayden Clark and John Burke of Lawrenceville; Kiernan Matts, Alexa Lupinacci and Dottie Farina of Hamilton; Alexys Pulsinelli and Dakota Torres of Bordentown; Uvay Trivedi and Isaiah Nitka of Columbus; Jana Graham of Jackson; Yakenya Moise of Ewing; Margaret DeLucia and Julia Vardakis of Robbinsville; Claire Norden of Newtown, Pa.; Simon Hamilton of Princeton; and Jenna Venturi of Plainsboro.

The celebration of the season begins with caroling before the show in the theater lobby. Patrons are invited to bring an unwrapped new toy for the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots drive. A collection box is located in the lobby.

Tickets are \$10; \$8 for senior citizens and children.

Additional performances are scheduled for 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. tomorrow and 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Kelsey Theatre is located on the college's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road. For more information, call (609) 570-3333.



John Costello, who portrays Mr. Kringle in "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre, is flanked by his eight trusty reindeer: from left, back row, Alexa Lupinacci, Jana Graham, Courtney Haines and Margaret DeLucia; front row, Julia Vardakis, Simon Hamilton, Alexys Pulsinelli and Claire Norden.

