

Encore Theatrical Arts Project
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**Encore Theatrical Arts Project celebrates their 20th anniversary with the spectacular premiere of
*Christmas in New York***

Fairfax, VA – December 11-20, 2015, family members of all ages will flock to the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center in Annandale, VA to see *Christmas in New York*, a heartwarming original holiday musical with magnificent choreography and toe tapping tunes by Encore Theatrical Arts Project. For twenty years, the remarkably talented Encore Theatrical Arts Project continues to be the local performance company to watch each holiday season. “They never disappoint!” -Holly Morris, Fox 5

Christmas in New York tells the story of Eddie, a boy bursting with ideas who attends a strange new boarding school with eccentric classmates and a sensational new teacher who promises fame and glory... but for whom? Eddie finds himself in a world of wonder filled with amazing inventions and adventures from the North Pole to the International Toy Convention in New York City. Lavish costumes and set design will have your family fully engrossed in this engaging tale.

“We are honored to be the show of choice for so many local families and their guests each December... This year, being our 20th Anniversary, I look back fondly at all the talent that has graced this stage and how grateful we are to the community for their patronage... Around 50,000 Girl Scouts have attended our musicals and it touches me to see what were once children in the audience are now adults bringing their own children to see our shows.” - Raynor van der Merwe, Artistic Director of Encore Theatrical Arts Project.

Christmas in New York will be at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center NVCC, Annandale on December 11 at 8pm; December 12 at 12pm, 4pm & 8pm; December 13 at 12pm & 4pm; December 18 at 8pm; December 19 at 12pm & Special Gala performance at 5pm; December 20 at 12pm & 4pm. Tickets \$19 - \$23; and Special Gala performance December 19 5pm-10pm with cocktails, hors d' oeuvres, and live music. For tickets visit www.encore-tap.org or call 703-222-5511.

Additional Information regarding Encore Theatrical Arts Project

Encore Theatrical Arts Project (ETAP) is a section 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded in 1996 by Raynor van der Merwe. Along with its performing arts school, Encore Performers, ETAP provides Musical Theatre education, entertainment, and outreach programs to both local and international communities. Their training and performance opportunities inspire students ages 8-18 towards greater community involvement and personal discipline and dedication. ETAP aims to reach beyond its borders and promote cultural exchange through the arts. Having toured to China, Spain, and Greece, ETAP is proud to add South Africa to their passports this spring. Alumni credits include Radio City Rockettes, White Christmas, Mary Poppins, Cabaret, On the Town, Crazy for You, Cinderella, 42nd Street, cruise lines and theme parks and many more regional and national productions. Over the past 20 years, ETAP has staged and produced over 100 original shows and has collaborated with other not-for-profit organizations to raise funds for several local community enrichment programs.

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