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### **Young Auditorium Presents a Christmas Classic...With a Twist!!** ***It's A Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre* – December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Whitewater, Wis – Nothing captures the spirit of the holiday season quite like the inspirational story of George Bailey and Bedford Falls. Join us at Young Auditorium as we travel back in time to the golden age of radio for a creative theatrical presentation of the ultimate Christmas story with... *It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre* - Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

It's Christmas Eve in 1945, and a nasty blizzard has put WVL Radio's annual *It's a Wonderful Life* radio broadcast in jeopardy. But the show must go on...and to help keep the struggling station afloat, a small but intrepid band of employees manage to create the dozens of movie characters and scenes using just their voices...and some everyday household objects for sound effects! Set in the golden age of radio, this clever stage adaption breathes new life into classic holiday film.

*The production's take on the personal journey of George Bailey honors what you love about the story while encouraging your imagination to take a starring role. Every movie fan in the audience got the complete sense of the film they've grown up watching. – On Milwaukee*

Nominated for five Academy Awards, Frank Capra's beloved film is an undisputed holiday treasure, ranked #11 in the American Film Institute's list of the 100 best American films ever made — and also their #1 most inspirational American film of all time.

Ticket prices range from \$26.25 to \$42.50, with a special youth price of \$19.00. Don't forget...the price you see is the price you pay with Young Auditorium's all-in pricing. No hidden charges or extras fees! *It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre* is sponsored by Fairhaven Senior Services.

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Looking for a fantastic meal the night of the show? Young Auditorium has made it easy by offering a pre-show dining experience right at the theatre. The chefs at A'viands Catering Services have come up with delicious themed menu specifically for this performance.

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Meals are served buffet style with water and coffee. A cash bar is available and seating for the dinner begins at 5:30pm, providing ample time to enjoy the dining experience and conversation prior to curtain. Meals are hosted in the Kachel Center, which is adjacent to the auditorium, in tables of eight.

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For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.youngauditorium.com](http://www.youngauditorium.com), stop in to the Greenhill Center of the Arts Box Office (located in the Greenhill Center of the Arts atrium on the UW-Whitewater campus), or call (262) 472-2222.

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## **Young Auditorium Takes Creative Approach to Help With Important Theatre Upgrades**

Whitewater, Wis – Help protect and preserve one of the area’s premier performing arts venues when Young Auditorium presents, ‘*When Young Gets Older*’, an online silent auction fundraiser designed to support necessary upgrades to the 1300-seat theatre and the additional event spaces within.

***When Young Gets Older: Raising Funds for the Future of Young Auditorium***  
**Online Silent Auction | December 10-18, 2019**  
<https://www.32auctions.com/youngauditorium>

With an impressive list of items to bid on, this online only silent auction launches on Tuesday, December 10th at 9:00am. At that time, anyone with access to the exclusive auction link can view the auction items and make bids accordingly. The auction will remain open through Young Auditorium’s featured holiday presentation, ‘*It’s a Wonderful Life: Live from WVL Radio Theatre*’, on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. All auction items will be on display in the Young Auditorium lobby the night of the show, and the auction will conclude during a post-show reception, for anyone looking to make any last minute bids!

‘*When Young Gets Older*’ auction items range from a week-long stay in Door County and weekend passes for Country Thunder, to signed Green Bay Packer and Chicago Bear merchandise, wine tasting events, and more! The unique items and experiences are great options as we enter the gift-giving holiday season, and your purchases will provide for the future success of Young Auditorium. While Young Auditorium receives a small percentage of funding from the university for general operations, the remaining revenue must be raised from public and private sources. The financial contribution received via members, sponsors, and donors is extremely important.

***“As a world-class performing arts venue, and host space for birthday parties, weddings, corporate events and conferences, Young Auditorium is in need of important upgrades to meet the technological needs of our users. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Young Auditorium Advisory Board members for leading the fundraising efforts, and to local businesses for their contributions to the silent auction.”***

*Shannon Dozoryst –Young Auditorium Director*

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Please visit the silent auction website at <https://www.32auctions.com/youngauditorium> to explore our current items, and don't forget to start placing bids once the auction opens on December 10<sup>th</sup>! For additional information, or to purchase tickets to Young Auditorium's presentation of *It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVU Radio Theatre*, please visit [www.youngauditorium.com](http://www.youngauditorium.com).