holiday drama
Order your seasonal cheer now, before your favorite holiday show sells out

By Dorothy Andries

The frost is not yet on the pumpkin, but the slippery slope toward the holiday season, with its rich variety of entertainment options, begins in October. To make sure you don't miss your favorite holiday show, here are the major performances, both familiar and new.

NORTHLIGHT THEATRE'S
"A CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS"
Previews November 11-19, regular run through December 19 | North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie | 847-673-6300 | northlight.org

Paula Vogel’s musical, set in Washington, D.C. on Christmas Eve 1864, tells the story of a fugitive slave and her young daughter who have become separated in the nation’s capital. As the mother searches for her child, Mary Todd Lincoln searches for the perfect Christmas tree for the White House. Authentic period music will accompany this feel-good family show, directed by Henry Godinez. This will be the largest theatrical production on Northlight’s stage in many years.

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Dorothy likes to make resolutions in the fall rather than January, because autumn heralds a fresh start, plus the weather is still lovely. On the other hand, autumn begins the slippery slope to Christmas, and who is ready for that?

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THE JOFFREY BALLET'S
"THE NUTCRACKER"
December 10-26 | The Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Pkwy., Chicago | 800-982-2787 | ticketmaster.com

Robert Joffrey's signature production of "The Nutcracker" premiered in 1987 and became an instant favorite in the Chicago area when the company moved here in 1995. The ballet is now presented at the Auditorium Theatre with a rotating cast featuring the entire Joffrey company plus 120 young people who audition each year. The magic of the production comes not only from Tchaikovsky's sparkling score, but from the way Joffrey blends classic European ballet with American energy and spectacle.

GOODMAN THEATRE'S
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
November 19—December 31 | 170 N. Dearborn St., Chicago | 312-443-3800 | goodmantheatre.org

The perennial story of miser Ebenezer Scrooge, his clerk Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, the ghosts of Jacob Marley and Christmases Past, Present and Yet to Come has been Goodman's Christmas card to Chicago since 1977, bringing with it the timeless message of good will to all. More than one million people have seen the Goodman production, which has to date featured seven Scrooges, 27 Tiny Tims and nearly 20,000 "Bah, Humbugs."

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