

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!**

### ***Santa's Silver and Gold Grove* premieres at Steel Beam Children's Theatre's Fourth Annual *Sing Along with Santa*, November 19-December 18, 2011**

Steel Beam Theatre's (SBT) fourth annual ***Sing Along with Santa*** features the premiere of the interactive musical ***Santa's Silver and Gold Grove***, written and directed by Lori Holm of Batavia. The story is set at Santa's private Pine Grove estate where Mrs. Claus and the elves are planning a surprise party for Santa. Two reporters from New York City have been invited to cover the event, but the Snow Fairies are missing! Will they be able to keep the party a secret from Santa and will the Snow Fairies be found in time? A cast of whimsical characters impart the magic of the holiday season in this joyous presentation. Steel Beam Theatre's popular holiday extravaganza also features an audience sing-along of Christmas favorites, and a goody bag from Santa himself, who will hear wish lists and provide that perfect photo opportunity. ***Santa's Silver and Gold Grove***, SBT's fourth annual *Sing Along with Santa* runs Saturday, November 19-Sunday, December 18. Show times are Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00pm. There is free parking next to the Theatre, 111 W. Main St., St. Charles, IL, and a variety of restaurants nearby. Tickets are \$14 for adults, and \$10 for children 16 and under. For tickets, visit [www.steelbeamtheatre.com](http://www.steelbeamtheatre.com).

***Santa's Silver and Gold Grove***'s writer and director Lori Holm has been a Steel Beam Children's Theatre instructor since 2007. Ms. Holm is a Chicago-area actor who appeared in SBT's Main Stage production of *Corpse*. She is founding member of Troupe Strozzi and a member of the Janus Theatre Company. Ms. Holm's directing credits include *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Side Walk Tales*, which she also wrote. Her website is [www.loriholm.com](http://www.loriholm.com)

The ***Santa's Silver and Gold Grove***, Fourth Annual *Sing Along With Santa* cast includes: Olivia Bauer, Rashan Berjawi, Caddie Bushman, Kayla Gronowski, Helen Johnson, Will Johnson, Julia Rein and Jordan Witmer, all of Geneva; Rory Borger-Johnson, Nancy Kolton and Kyle Peplansky, all of Batavia; Dennis Brown, Abby

McCormic and Mackenzie O'Keefe, all of St. Charles; Haley Maul of Aurora; Celina DiCiaula of Bartlett; Fiona Dendler of South Elgin; and Emma Wall and Meredith Wall, Wheaton.

The Steel Beam Children's Theatre's motto is *It's What Happens Off-Stage that Counts* to emphasize Steel Beam's belief that participation in theatre is not simply about winning a starring role, and that life skills like communication, discipline, teamwork and respect are developed during the rehearsal and performance process. Steel Beam Theatre offers classes, summer camps, workshops and audition-based theatrical productions for children ages 6-16. Hundreds of area children have started their training in the theatrical arts in Steel Beam's intimate, non-threatening and nurturing environment, where the student/teacher ratio is always low and each child receives individualized attention. Many Steel Beam Theatre alumni have gone on to major in the arts at college, or appear in professional productions.

Steel Beam Theatre (SBT), 111 W. Main Street, St. Charles, IL, guides audiences and actors in shared experiences that help the participants more fully understand humanity. SBT's mission is to bring high quality theatrical entertainment, training and arts awareness to the Fox Valley community at an affordable price. Since 2001, Steel Beam Theatre productions have attracted thousands to St. Charles, and the Theatre is an anchor that adds diversity and draws visitors to the historic downtown area for any given production. Steel Beam Theatre – **Experience** Life! Visit us on Facebook, at [www.SteelBeamTheatre.com](http://www.SteelBeamTheatre.com), or call 630.587.8521.

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