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It's A Christmas Miracle! Bag&Baggage Announces An Extra Performance of *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues*

Due to overwhelming demand, the Hillsboro Theatre Company Adds A Saturday December 20th Matinee Performance at 2:00pm

Hillsboro, OR – Due to overwhelming demand, Bag&Baggage Productions, Hillsboro's only professional theatre company, announces an extra performance of their adults-only Christmas comedy, *The Eight: Reindeer Monologues*, at 2:00pm on Saturday December 20, 2008. More than 1500 tickets have already been sold for the 4 announced performances, so the company, in association with the show's host venue, The Venetian Theatre, has decided to add an extra show.

"We have simply been amazed by the response from our audiences," said Scott Palmer, the Artistic Director of Bag&Baggage. "We had a feeling this show would do well, but we had no idea it would be so popular that we would need to add an extra show."

The Eight: Reindeer Monologues is an irreverent, adult-themed comedy that has become a standard alternative to more traditional holiday fare the world over. Originally written in 1994 by actor and comedian Jeff Goode, the show gives each of Santa's long-suffering flying reindeer sidekicks a chance to tell what it is really like working for the jolly old elf.

"Imagine if the guys from South Park had done the claymation Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and you would have a pretty good idea of what this show is like," said Maggie Chapin, a Bag&Baggage company member who also stars in the production as the feminist anti-Santa protestor, Blitzen. "Pretty much everyone in the Santa stories has a bull's-eye on them, including Mrs. Claus, the elves, and even poor Rudolph," Chapin said.

The Venetian Theatre, which plays host to Bag&Baggage as the resident in-house performing arts group, is prepared for very large audiences throughout the performance run. A special menu, additional staff and holiday themed cocktails are all planned for the more than 1800 audience members who are expected to attend the performances.

For tickets, visit www.venetiantheatre.com and click on the "Tickets on Sale now" link. Tickets are \$18 general admission and \$15 for seniors. This is an over 21 only performance and does include adult language and themes.

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Listings:

The Eight: Reindeer Monologues

December 18, 19, and 20 at 7:30pm and December 20 and 21 at 2:00pm

The Venetian Theatre, 253 E Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123

Tickets online at www.venetiantheatre.com or by phone (503) 693-3953

\$18 General Admission, \$15 seniors. No admission to under 21 years of age.