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## **This December, City Springs Theatre Company Presents the Exciting Regional Premiere of Disney's *Frozen: The Musical***

*Production to offer a Christmas Eve matinee and post-holiday performances*

**ATLANTA, GA** (November 2024) – As temperatures dip this December, a magical winter wonderland will explode on stage as Atlanta's-own City Springs Theatre Company (CSTC) presents the regional premiere of Disney's *Frozen: The Musical*. The production is the second entry in The 2024 – 2025 PNC Bank Season and is presented by Atlanta Orthodontic Specialists.

Based on the 2013 Academy Award-winning animated film, *Frozen: The Musical* tells the story of two princesses and sisters, Elsa and Anna, whose bond is tested when Elsa's magical powers trap their kingdom in an eternal winter. With the help of a rugged ice harvester, Kristoff, his loyal reindeer Sven, and the lovable snowman Olaf, Anna embarks on a quest to bring her sister back and save Arendelle. The musical features a host of brand new songs from the film's award-winning composers **Kristen Anderson-Lopez** (*Coco*) and **Robert Lopez** (*Coco*, *The Book of Mormon*, *Avenue Q*), including the film's most-recognizable tunes, "Do You Want To Build A Snowman," "For The First Time In Forever," "Love Is An Open Door," and the chart-topping, International mega-hit "Let It Go."

"We are incredibly excited to be the first and only regional company in the Southeast licensed to present Disney's *Frozen: The Musical* to audiences," said **Natalie DeLancey**, executive director of City Springs Theatre Company. "With a remarkable cast of Atlanta-area performers, and a generous helping of eye-popping theatrical magic, this uplifting winter musical adventure for the whole family is certain to warm even the coldest of hearts."

The stage adaptation is based on the 2013 Disney feature film *Frozen*, written by **Jennifer Lee**, and directed by **Chris Buck** and Lee. The musical's book is written by Lee, with music and lyrics by Anderson-Lopez and EGOT-winner Lopez. The City

Springs Theatre Company production will be directed by **Robert W. Schneider**, a New York City-based producer, director, and artistic director.

Performances of The City Springs Theatre Company production of Disney's *Frozen: The Musical* will take place in the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center's Byers Theatre, December 13 through 29, and will include a Christmas Eve matinee at 1pm. Individual tickets are now available for purchase, as are tickets to the upcoming 2025 shows, *Ragtime* and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*. For more information contact City Springs Theatre Company at 404-477-4365 during regular business hours, or online at [cityspringstheatre.com](http://cityspringstheatre.com).

Starring as Elsa and Anna are **Sarah Stipe** and **Leigh Ellen Jones**. Stipe is making her City Springs Theatre Company (CSTC) debut and is an Atlanta-based singer and actress who has appeared in numerous film and television projects. Jones is a regular performer for City Springs Theatre Company, having previously appeared as Cinderella in *Into The Woods* and Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof*. **Michael Stiggers Jr.**, a veteran of Broadway's *The Lion King* and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, will play the iceman Kristoff, with **Ben Ohnemus** (CSTC's *Fiddler on the Roof*) as his sidekick, the reindeer Sven. Atlanta's-own **Brian Wittenberg** (CSTC's *Fiddler on the Roof*) returns to the stage to play the lovable snowman Olaf. **Nick Walker Jones** (CSTC's *Jersey Boys*, *Legally Blonde*, *Spamalot*) will appear as Prince Hans, and **Claudio Pestana** (CSTC's *The Music Man*) will play Weselton. The role of Young Elsa will be played alternately by **Hoku Griffin** and **Cleo Jane Saliers**. The role of Young Anna will be played alternately by **Haley Byrd** and **Hensley Peters**. Also appearing are **Paul Gary** (CSTC's *White Christmas*) as Pabbie, **Matthew Ruhlman** (CSTC debut) as Oaken, **Mila Bolash** (CSTC's *The Music Man*) as Bulda, **Megan K. Hill** (CSTC's *Legally Blonde*) as Queen Iduna, and **Alec Beard** (CSTC's *Jersey Boys*, *The Music Man*) as King Agnarr. The ensemble will feature, **Danny Iktomi Bevins**, **Ruby Calamia**, **Steven Etienne**, **Grace Hogan**, **Imani Joseph**, **Lillie Langston**, **Collin Milford**, **Ryley Perry**, **Zac Pritts**, and **Zachary Shanks**.

The City Springs Theatre Company production of Disney's *Frozen: The Musical* will be directed by Robert W. Schneider, a NYC-based director and producer who is the Artistic Director of the award-winning J2 Spotlight Musical Theater Company. Schneider has directed over 200 plays, musicals, readings, and workshops, and has collaborated with such theatrical institutions as Second Stage, Lincoln Center, Walnut Street Theater, and Manhattan Theatre Club (MTC).

**Production Team:**

Director: Robert W. Schneider

Choreographer: Caitlin Belcik

Music Director: Jesse Warkentin

Scenic Designer: Jacob Olson

Lighting Designer: Dalton Hamilton

Costume Designer: Ryan Moller

Puppets by Scott Molampy, Geppetto Studios, Inc.

Sound Designer: Anthony Narciso  
Wig Designer: Bobbie Zlotnik  
Production Stage Manager: Shay Holihan

**Performance Schedule:**

Friday, December 13 @ 8:00pm  
Saturday, December 14 @ 2:00pm & 8:00pm  
Sunday, December 15 @ 2:00pm  
Tuesday, December 17 @ 7:30pm  
Wednesday, December 18 @ 7:30pm  
Friday, December 20 @ 8:00pm  
Saturday, December 21 @ 2:00pm & 8:00pm  
Sunday, December 22 @ 2:00pm  
Monday, December 23 @ 7:30pm  
Tuesday, December 24 @ 1:00pm  
Thursday, December 26 @ 2:00pm  
Thursday, December 26 @ 7:30pm  
Friday, December 27 @ 8:00pm  
Saturday, December 28 @ 2:00pm & 8:00pm  
Sunday, December 29 @ 2:00pm

Individual tickets to see The City Springs Theatre Company production of Disney's *Frozen: The Musical* range from \$55 - \$155, with discounts for seniors, students, groups, and active and retired military personnel. Call 404-477-4365 or visit [www.CitySpringsTheatre.com](http://www.CitySpringsTheatre.com) for more information. Gift cards and discounts for groups of 10 or more are available by calling the Box Office at 404-477-4365. CSTC's Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Live performances of The City Springs Theatre Company production are at the Byers Theatre in Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs.

**About City Springs Theatre Company**

City Springs Theatre Company (CSTC) is dedicated to entertaining, educating, and enriching lives by creating world-class entertainment experiences and innovative arts education programs that drive cultural and economic vitality. Through musical theatre productions that utilize the talents of local and national artists, CSTC provides Broadway-quality entertainment to the diverse Atlanta populace, helping to establish Sandy Springs, Georgia, as a growing cultural center. City Springs Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, led by Executive Director Natalie DeLancey, and Tony Award®-winner and Atlanta native Shuler Hensley as artistic director. To date, CSTC has served over 175,000 patrons and 135,000 students through its mainstage musicals and educational programs. For tickets and more information call 404-477-4365 or visit [www.CitySpringsTheatre.com](http://www.CitySpringsTheatre.com).

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