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Lamb's Players Theatre and the Hotel del Coronado Take a Trip Back In Time to 1909 With *An American Christmas*

Coronado, CA (September 15, 2009) – Once a year, one of the nation's historic and most visually distinctive hotels gets even more magical during the holidays. And for the past fifteen years, the Hotel del Coronado has teamed with San Diego's Lamb's Players Theatre to present one of the most unique yuletide events in the nation, AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS, a remarkable three-hour performance that takes place in the hotel's beautiful Grand Ballroom. This year's production will take place nightly from December 13 – 27 (no performance December 25).

As you step inside the gorgeous Ballroom of the Hotel Del, you are transported back to 1909 for a Christmas celebration like none you've ever experienced. Your hosts are the Marshall family - a large, extended family living in the year 1909, who love to entertain new and old friends in the grand American style at their favorite destination, the Hotel del Coronado. Played by a full cast of versatile performers who never miss a beat, the Marshall family welcome their guests and fill the evening with music, dance, song, and laughter, as all enjoy a delicious five-course Christmas meal in a sumptuous setting you'll never forget. Guests will discover why visitors come from all over the nation to attend, and why many return year after year, having found that AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS has come to fill an irreplaceable, magical place in their own family's holiday tradition.

Westways Magazine called AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS "a lavish holiday feast with a historical twist! The atmosphere is authentic and undeniably merry. Guests leave with all their Yuletide yearnings satisfied." *San Diego Magazine* said the evening is "a perfect melding of food, ambience, and showmanship." David Lansing of *Sunset* Magazine called the production "exceptionally entertaining - it far exceeded my wildest expectations." And no less a master of mood and atmosphere than writer Ray Bradbury said of the whole experience: "I love the Hotel Del Coronado at Christmastime. It's like you're back 100 years, which is where you should be at Christmas."

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Tickets to AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS are \$115 – \$160 for adults and \$80 – \$125 for children ages 5 – 12. The all-inclusive ticket also includes champagne toast, tax, and gratuity. The doors to the Grand Ballroom open each night at 6:30 p.m. There is no performance on Christmas Day. Seating is at round tables of eight, with some 10-person tables available for groups of 10. The attire is festive, with jackets suggested for men.

For tickets, call the Lamb's Players Box Office at (619) 437-0600 or visit the Lamb's Players Theatre website at www.lambplayers.org.

The Hotel del Coronado and Beyond

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Upon entering the Hotel del Coronado's lobby, it's hard to miss the beautiful 30-foot Christmas tree, decorated as no other Christmas tree you've ever seen. The balustrades on the balcony above are festooned with rich garlands. In Palm Court across from the friendly reservation clerks, the fireplace's mantle is creatively decorated with ornaments of the season. From the Crown Room's 18-foot tree to the abundant wreaths in the front windows, from the artful window decorations in the hotel's retail establishments to the 50,000 glittering Christmas lights outlining the hotel's distinctive Victorian exterior, the Hotel del Coronado is a feast for the eyes at Christmas.

And the Christmas spirit doesn't stop at the hotel's front door. Coronado becomes a "Christmas Village" like no other during the holidays, with brightly lit trees on Orange Avenue's beautifully landscaped median, gorgeous shop decorations, a skyline outlined in dazzling lights, and the 75-foot Coronado "Star Pine" Christmas tree. Lamb's Players Theatre is proud to be a cherished part of this very special community's celebration.

Extend Your Stay - Stay at the Del and Save

For 2009, the Hotel del Coronado is offering a specially discounted "American Christmas" room package, starting as low as \$433.* (Taxes and \$25 daily resort charge not included.) Includes accommodations, 2 adult tickets to *An American Christmas* (additional discounted tickets may be purchased at an additional cost), free ice skating for two adults and two children (including skate rentals) and free self-parking. Call 800-HOTELDEL for details and ask for the FAMILY HOLIDAY PACKAGE.

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*Starting rate shown is per room, per night, based on double occupancy. Offer subject to availability, some restrictions apply. May not be combined with other offers. Not valid for groups. Vouchers will be provided at check-in for complimentary items and must be presented at time of purchase. One voucher per item, per reservation.

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Lamb's Players Theatre is one of San Diego's leading professional theatres. The company produces in two of the region's premier locations: San Diego's vibrant downtown Gaslamp Quarter, and the beautiful island community of Coronado. In the Gaslamp Quarter, Lamb's Players produces longer-running productions at the **Horton Grand Theatre**, a beautifully intimate 250-seat proscenium theatre located steps away from dozens of restaurants and nightspots, the San Diego Convention Center, and Petco Park. In Coronado, the theatre presents a full subscription season in its beautiful 350-seat theatre, just a short drive over the Bay Bridge from downtown San Diego. The company's Coronado theatre is within walking distance of numerous shops and restaurants, the Coronado beach, and the historic Hotel del Coronado.

San Diego's third largest theatre company, Lamb's Players Theatre is one of only a handful of artist-directed Ensemble theatres in the nation. The theatre is committed to the tradition of "repertory" theatre, maintaining both a long-term ensemble of resident actors and a body of work to which they frequently return. In addition to producing classics and lesser-known gems of the theatre, Lamb's Players is committed to the development of new work. The theatre also has a special interest in exploring spiritual issues for a diverse mainstream audience.

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