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A
TUNA CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 8-16, 2023

BY ED HOWARD,
JOE SEARS,
AND JASTON WILLIAMS

DIRECTED BY SUE ELLEN GERRELLS

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Presents

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Place/Time

Various locations in Tuna, the 3rd smallest town
in Texas in preparation for Christmas

CREW

Director Sue Ellen Gerrells
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Set DesignerMike Gerrells
Set Construction Mike Gerrells, Ron Rabun
Set Painting/DecoratingMike Gerrells
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Poster Design/Printed ProgramDelaine Derry Green
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CAST

Robin Rushing Arles Sturvie, Jody Bumiller, Charlene Bumiller,
Aunt Pearl Burras, Ike Thompson, Farley Burkhalter,
Leonard Childers, Phoebe Burkhalter, Garland Poteet
David CokerThurston Wheelis, Bertha Bumiller, R.R. Snavely,
Sheriff Givens, Dixie Deberry, Inita Goodwin, Joe Bob Lipsey
Alan Ashman Didi Snavely, Petey Fisk, Stanley Bumiller,
Vera Carp, Helen Bedd

DIRECTOR’S NOTES

The *Tuna* plays, described as a “love letter to Texas written with a poisoned pen,” have always fascinated me. Maybe it’s my years spent living in Houston. Maybe it’s my love of satire. Maybe it’s my affinity for complicated staging challenges. So I couldn’t resist the opportunity to direct *A Tuna Christmas* with three very talented performers playing 21 lovable though flawed citizens of Tuna, Texas. Thank you to David Coker, Robin Rushing, and Alan Ashman for your patience and understanding during rehearsals; Mike Gerrells, Michelle Vercher, Lisa Ponder, and all the backstage helpers for your unseen efforts to bring this show to life. *A Tuna Christmas* will be very different from your usual holiday fare, but at heart, it’s like all holiday shows, full of laughter, warmth and hope for the future. Enjoy!