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For Immediate Release

**Center for Performing Arts presents Holiday Family Fun with Lightwire Theater's
A Very Electric Christmas and FREE Santa's STEAM Fair December 11**

The Center for Performing Arts is excited to announce the return engagement of Lightwire Theater with 'A VERY ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS'. Since bursting to national acclaim after appearing as semi-finalists on 'America's Got Talent' and winning the top honors on TRU TV's 'Fake Off', Lightwire Theater has gone on to enthrall audiences worldwide with their unique combination of skill and grace as told through the technological innovations of moving light characters. Family members of all ages will be captivated by the dazzling visuals and unique menagerie of characters that magically appear out of the darkness. Combining the arts of puppetry, theatre and dance with the music of timeless holiday hits, this magical and captivating tale of family, friendship and hope creates a truly one-of-a-kind, inspired and exhilarating holiday experience that will be a treasured memory for years to come.

Lightwire Theater's 'A VERY ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS' will perform two shows at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$20 for children 14 and under and \$25-\$35 for adults. Tickets are available at www.CenterTickets.net or through the box office at (708) 235-2222.

In addition to this exciting show, the Center will present Santa's STEAM Fair between shows from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fair is free of charge and open to the public. A tour of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park will commence at 3 p.m. Attendees will get the opportunity to meet Lightwire Theater artists, learn the technology behind the puppets,

meet and take photos with Santa, and enjoy delicious, festive treats! No show ticket necessary to participate.

The process of building Lightwire Theater's electroluminescent characters starts with the creators and the cast. They build everything from the ground up, utilizing recyclable materials including aluminum rods, election signs, skate board wheels, dryer ducting, plumbing supplies, PVC pipes, fishing poles, duct tape, zip ties and back packs to help define peaks and angles. These common household items help create durable and pliable sculptures that can withstand the movement of the dancers for multiple performances. Black fabric is added to the sculpture for dimension and then lined with electroluminescent wire known as "el wire". Unlike blacklights, "el wire" can be powered by batteries, requires no theatrical lighting and gives a 360-degree of glowing light. The result...anything your inner-child can dream of including 16-ft. tall birds, dinosaurs, ducks, soldiers, swords and more!

Center Executive Director Lana Rogachevskaya shares, "We are excited to welcome the holidays with arts and science-inspired events. Lightwire Theater and the STEAM fair will engage young community members and inspire curiosity while introducing them to the wonder of electroluminescent technology, science, arts, sculpture, robotics, and the arts."

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE AND TICKET INFORMATION

Lightwire Theater presents

A Very Electric Christmas

Saturday, December 11, 2021, 1PM and 5 PM

Governors State University, Center for Performing Arts

1 University Parkway

University Park, IL 60484

**Tickets \$20-\$35. For more Info visit CenterTickets.net or call (708) 235-2222.

KNOW BEFORE YOUR GO – COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Your health and safety are our priority.

Audience members 12 and older are required to show proof of vaccination or proof of negative COVID-19 test (within the 72-hour period prior to the performance) until further notice. Proof can be an electronic copy, photo copy, or official CDC vaccination record card with photo ID at time of entry into the venue with a valid ticket.

Face masks are required on campus, even if vaccinated. Reduced capacity (75%) and socially distanced seating may be in place based on Governors State University and State mandates. Hand sanitizer will be made readily available throughout the venue, and patrons are strongly encouraged to make use of them. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and do not attend an event.

For complete Covid-19 policies and procedures, visit:

https://www.govst.edu/About/Center_for_Performing_Arts/Plan_Your_Visit/COVID-19_Information/

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