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Office of Cultural Affairs  
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Bath House  
CULTURAL CENTER

## ***One Thirty Productions Opens Third Season***

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

### **Sanders Family Christmas**

**December 2-19, 2009**

Dallas— One Thirty Productions, Dallas' only matinee series, in cooperation with the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs and the Bath House Cultural Center, opens its third season with the Holiday treat, ***Sanders Family Christmas***, on December 2nd at the Bath House Cultural Center.

*Sanders Family Christmas* is the sequel to the popular *Smoke on the Mountain*, written by **Alan Bailey** and **Connie Ray**. It's Christmas 1941 and the Sanders family returns to the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church to sing and witness and get the congregation in the Holiday spirit before the boys ship off to war, including one of the Sanders boys. The show is filled with more than two dozen Christmas carols and hilarious yuletide stories, along with some bluegrass Christmas favorites.

The production is directed by award winning director, Cheryl Denson, and features some of Dallas' best performers. Rounding out the cast are Sonny Franks as Burl Sanders, head of the Sanders Family, and Willie Welch as Uncle Stanley, both of whom are known by audiences across the country as singers and musicians. Pam Pendleton joins the One Thirty cast to reprise the role of Vera, which she has played in all three of the Sander's Family plays in theaters around the country. Mary Ann Galloway plays June Sanders and Elizabeth Gentsh and Cayman Mitchell play the musical twins Denise and Dennis. Stan Graner returns to One Thirty Productions to play Rev. Oglethorpe after having appeared in *Opal's Husband* and, the more recent, *Under a Texaco Canopy*. Audiences will enjoy watching the cast switch musical instruments as they accompany themselves singing blue grass, contemporary, and traditional Holiday music.

*Sanders Family Christmas* is guaranteed to start the Holiday season in just the right way.

All performances are at 1:30, Wednesday through Saturday at the Bath House Cultural Center, 521 E. Lawther. Performances run from December 2 through December 19th. Individual ticket prices range from \$12-\$14. For reservations and additional information, call 214-532-1709. Group rates are available at 214-256-1665.

**Press Photographs:**

Please contact Marty Van Kleeck at (214) 670-8722 to request print-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG press photographs.

**The Bath House Cultural Center** is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The center is dedicated to fostering the growth, development and quality of multi-cultural arts within the City of Dallas. The center emphasizes innovating visual and performing arts as well as other multi-discipline events throughout the year. Funding for the Bath House Cultural Center is provided by the City of Dallas, with additional support from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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**LOCATION AND HOURS:**

The Bath House Cultural Center is located on the eastern shore of White Rock Lake at the end of Northcliff Dr. off of Buckner Blvd. at **521 E. Lawther, Dallas, TX 75218**. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. The center is open until 10:00 PM on nights with theatre performances. For general information about cultural programs at the Bath House Cultural Center, please call (214) 670-8749 or visit the center's website at <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/>

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