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Cabrillo Stage Brings Back Audience Favorite With *Plaid Tidings* As Christmas Production

December 16 - 30 at the Cabrillo Crocker Theater

Aptos, CA—Cabrillo Stage, the professional musical theatre company, completes their 30th anniversary season with the holiday musical comedy, ***Plaid Tidings***, which performs in the Crocker Theater, December 16 through 30.

An Audience favorite, *Plaid Tidings* is the Christmas version of Stage's 2008 smash hit *Forever Plaid*, which will combine two members of the original cast, Max Bennett-Parker and Tad Kistner, with new cast members Matt Dunn and Sean Gorski.

The storyline of *Forever Plaid* centers around four hilarious young male singers from the late 1950s who were killed in a car crash on the way to their first big concert, and then miraculously revived for the chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never was. In the Christmas version, *Plaid Tidings*, The heavenly quartet return with their tight swingin' harmonic renditions of musical hits from the '50s and '60s. This nostalgic holiday extravaganza is the very best of *Forever Plaid* wrapped up in a nifty package with a big bow on top! Stuffed with "Plaid-erized" Christmas standards like "Mr. Santa," "Let It Snow" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," the boys are back to perform their Christmas Special. At first they aren't sure why they've returned, but a phone call from the heavenly Rosemary Clooney lets them know that they're needed to put a little harmony into a discordant world.

Plaid Tidings director Andrew Ceglio, who also directed the original production, shares his take on the show: "*Forever Plaid* is more than just a musical revue, it is a story with many themes including compassion, courage, love and friendship. What I love about the show is the journey the characters go through as they progress through the storyline. The 'Plaids' were not a famous boy-band when they were alive, but they continued to perform out of a deep love for what they did. The characters, with all their human flaws, follow their dreams and realize that life is what you make it."

Singing in the closest of harmony and executing their charmingly outlandish dance moves, the "Plaids" will keep audiences rolling in the aisles when they're not humming along to some of the great pop hits and Christmas songs of the 1950s and 60s. Cabrillo Stage will be showing *Plaid Tidings* at 7:30 PM evenings, as well as 2:00 PM. matinees. For complete schedule please go to www.cabrillostage.com.

What: Cabrillo Stage presents ***Plaid Tidings***

When: December 16 - 30

Evenings at 7:30 PM, Matinees at 2:00 PM.

NOTE: No performance on Sunday, Dec. 25

Where: Cabrillo Crocker Theater, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos

Price: \$16 - \$34, plus service fees. Online sales now available. Box office opens 11/29.

Tickets: 479-6154 or www.cabrillostage.com.

About Cabrillo Stage

Cabrillo Stage is a non-profit, non-union professional summer stock musical theatre company dedicated to presenting full-scale Broadway musicals to the greater Monterey Bay Area. Producing a diversity of musical theatre works with the goal of educating as well as giving its audiences quality family entertainment, Cabrillo Stage is recognized as one of the three major annual performing arts events in Santa Cruz County. Each summer since 1981, Cabrillo Stage has provided thousands of Santa Cruz county residents and visitors with unforgettable, critically acclaimed productions, noted for innovative sets, beautiful costumes, an outstanding pit orchestra and talented, professional performers. Cabrillo Stage is committed to providing a nurturing, supportive, artistic environment that allows all of its artisans, professional and non-professional, the opportunity to create musicals with high quality production values. Producing Artistic Director, Jon Nordgren.