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City Theatre presents:

THE SKIVVIES

in

SLEIGH MY NAME

December 15 & 16, 2017

City Theatre Main Stage

"The Skivvies have managed to carve out a niche that we never knew needed to exist: It's part Weird Al-parody and part sexy burlesque... an unusual explosion of satire and sultry." – *Out Magazine*

"The Skivvies are best thing to happen to NYC nightlife in years...a shot of pure joy to the heart... A MUST-see! Repeatedly!!!" - *Perez Hilton*

Pittsburgh, PA (November 28, 2017) – City Theatre is unwrapping something special this holiday season with our favorite New York indie-rock duo **The Skivvies** in the premiere of ***Sleigh My Name***. **Broadway performers Nick Cearley and Lauren Molina return to City Theatre** for two nights of mashed-up musical fun with some of Pittsburgh's favorite theatre stars. **The lineup includes special guests Paige Davis, Daina Michelle Griffith, Michael McGurk, Stephen Santa,** and more, performing stripped-down arrangements of holiday classics and eccentric originals with an array of zany instruments on the **City Theatre Main Stage, December 15 & 16 at 8:00 p.m.** Tickets are on sale now for this outrageous City Event.

Kicking off each evening is babyGRAND, one of Pittsburgh City Paper's "Best Comedy Troupes" in 2017. babyGRAND--aka local improvisers and actors Connor McCanlus and Missy Moreno--perform a condensed classic film (think: *It's a Wonderful Life*) in ten minutes with an original score invented on-the-spot using audience suggestions.

Special Guests Paige Davis (TLC's *Trading Spaces* and CLO's *Miss Abigail's Guide to Dating, Mating, and Marriage*), **Joe DeLien, Daina Michelle Griffith** (*The Last Match, A Broadway Holiday*), **Michael McGurk, Jason Shavers** (*Wild With Happy*), and **Stephen Santa** will perform on both evenings along with **Hope Anthony, Ryan Patrick Kearney, Kevin William Paul,**

Jerreme Rodriguez, Lisa Velten Smith (*Hand to God*), and **Becki Toth**. See below for cast lists by evening.

Ugly Sweater Contest: Patrons shouldn't sport their skivvies to the theater but are encouraged to wear their tackiest holiday flair! babyGRAND's Missy Moreno is Pittsburgh's self-described queen of ugly sweaters and is looking to meet her match. Special prizes will be given at intermission.

About The Skivvies: **The Skivvies** perform stripped-down arrangements of eccentric originals and eclectic covers. Not only is the music stripped down – electric cello, ukulele, glockenspiel, melodica – but The Skivvies literally strip down to their underwear to perform. Nominated for "Show of The Year" for the 2015 MAC Award, *The Wall Street Journal* calls them "smart, sophisticated...ingenious," *People Magazine* named The Skivvies "The Most Playful Performers" in *The Most Talked-about Bodies of 2014* issue, and *Sports Illustrated* named them "Favorite New Band." *The New York Times* calls them "a hot musical comedy duo specializing in unexpected arrangements, incongruous mashups, and of course, highly toned displays of skin."

Molina (Broadway's *Rock of Ages*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Mary Zimmerman's Candide* - Helen Hayes Award, *Marry Me A Little*) and Cearley (Broadway First National Tour *All Shook Up*, *Pageant*, and on the OUT 100 list as one of the "most compelling actors of 2014") met in 2003 performing in Theatreworks USA's national tour of the *Just So Stories*. Quickly becoming best friends and musical collaborators, they began performing together in the city, with clothes on. The Skivvies were born in 2012, when they became YouTube sensations with their unique covers of artists like Robyn, Carole King and Rihanna. The videos led to live shows, and now this "musically thrilling", indie-rock, comedy-pop duo continues to perform to sold-out audiences in New York and beyond.

About babyGRAND: Pittsburgh natives Missy Moreno and Connor McCanlus are an award-winning musical comedy duo of outrageous proportions, babyGRAND. Recently voted one of the "Best Local Comedy Troupes" in the Pittsburgh City Paper 2017 Readers' Poll, they also received a nomination for Best Local Stage Production 2017 for *What Ever Happened to babyGRAND?*, their original musical parody of *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?* babyGRAND has performed and taught workshops in national comedy festivals including the inaugural Chicago Musical Improv Festival, Chicago Improv Festival, Duo Fest, 2nd Best Comedy Fest, and their hometown Pittsburgh Comedy Festival. The duo can be found monthly in The babyGRAND Show, third Fridays at Arcade Comedy Theater. babygrandcomedy.com

This City Event is sponsored by Cheeks Boutique and TRIM Pittsburgh, who are donating the apparel for Ms. Molina and Mr. Cearley.

The Skivvies: SLEIGH MY NAME

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

December 15-16, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.
City Theatre Main Stage

Performing Friday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m.:

Paige Davis
Joe DeLien
Daina Michelle Griffith
Michael McGurk
Stephen Santa
Ryan Patrick Kearney
Jason Shavers
Becki Toth

Performing Saturday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m.:

Hope Anthony
Paige Davis
Joe DeLien
Daina Michelle Griffith
Michael McGurk
Kevin William Paul
Stephen Santa
Jason Shavers
Lisa Velten Smith
Jerreme Rodriguez

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION:

412.431.CITY (2489) or CityTheatreCompany.org
Tickets start at \$40.

DISCOUNTS:

Under 30: Rush pricing applies. Get \$20 tickets at the door, beginning two hours before curtain with valid ID. Subject to availability.

Groups of ten or more: Contact Joel Ambrose at 412.431.4400 x286.

WHERE:

1300 Bingham Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 (South Side)
Port Authority bus routes: 48, 51, 54, 81, 83

PARKING:

Patron parking is available in the lot across from the City Theatre entrances for \$8, subject to availability.

South Side Nite Rider: On Friday and Saturday evenings only, patrons may park for free at the Second Avenue Parking Plaza and use a shuttle with drop off at nearby Bedford Square. Details: ssniterider.com.

ABOUT CITY THEATRE:

City Theatre is Pittsburgh's home for bold new plays. Located in the historic South Side, the

company produces a season of regional and world premieres, including the upcoming *Citizens Market* by Cori Thomas and *Nomad Motel* by Carla Ching. City Theatre's mission is to provide an artistic home for the development and production of contemporary plays of substance and ideas that engage and challenge a diverse audience.

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