



## **J CITY Theater set to open 'A Tuna Christmas' Dec. 9**

Friday, December 04, 2009

J CITY Theater will open "A Tuna Christmas" by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard on Wednesday, at The Underground Theater at St. Michaels' Church at Hamilton Park in downtown Jersey City.

Performances run Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. Audiences are encouraged to reserve tickets due to limited seating and a limited run. The show is scheduled to close on Dec. 19.

"A Tuna Christmas" is a marathon Christmas comedy of southern madness. The Christmas yard display contest is heating up in the small town of Tuna, Texas as neighbor fights neighbor for the most outrageous display of lights, Santas, Baby Jesus' and Rudolphs.

This year however, there is a Christmas Phantom on the loose, spreading vandalism and havoc. With quick-change zaniness and one-liners, two talented actors introduce us to 22 of the wildest citizens in Tuna.

J CITY Theater first produced "A Tuna Christmas" in 2006 and it has now become a Jersey City holiday tradition. "This show is really our gift back to Jersey City," said Executive Producer Clay Cockrell. "We have a great time doing it and our audiences love coming each year. They've become so familiar with these wild characters that they are sometimes saying the lines before we do."

Sandy Cockrell, artistic director, said that the show is always a great change of pace for the company.

Fresh off this fall's successful production of "Passion," J CITY Theater is taking advantage of finally having a permanent home in Downtown Jersey City. Kellis Carroll, a founding member, said the company is grateful to Rev. Vic Kennedy and St. Michaels for allowing them to create the arts space.

J CITY Theater ([www.jcity.org](http://www.jcity.org)) is a not-for-profit professional theater company based in Jersey City, New Jersey. It is a founding company of the Hudson County Theatre Alliance ([www.hudsonall.org](http://www.hudsonall.org)) and has been producing locally since 2006. Recent productions include Archibald MacLeish's "J.B.," Douglas Carter Beane's "As Bees In Honey Drown," and last spring's "The God Committee."

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