‘Broadway’ comes to Sac State for the holidays

Spend part of your holiday on New York City’s Great White Way with Sacramento State’s A Broadway Christmas.

This musical revue features holiday revelers, wooden soldiers, a full chorus, tap dancing, all of your favorite holiday songs and even Sac State’s own version of the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes.

Performances are at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8; 8 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10; and 2 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11.

“Vocal director Chris Schlagel and I have pulled out every piece of Christmas music we could find,” says the show’s director, Professor Ed Brazo.

Songs include “Sleigh Ride,” “Count Your Blessings,” “Silent Night” and “Happy Holidays.”

There will be humorous vignettes as well as poignant sections, says student actress and singer Julia Soto.

The program kicks off with a medley that interweaves eight Christmas songs. Soto is featured in two four-part harmony numbers – “Carol of the Bells” and “Mr. Santa,” a variation of the old standard “Mr. Sandman.”

Brazo has reached out to other areas of the campus for A Broadway Christmas. Voice Professor Michael Sokol is making the short walk from the University’s Music Department to the theater to portray Santa Claus. Even the Athletics Department has gotten involved. The Hornet Dance Team, the young ladies who perform during breaks at Sac State sporting events, will high-kick their way across the stage as the famous Rockettes.

“It’s been a great collaboration,” says Soto.

“Most people can’t get to Broadway for a New York Christmas holiday, so we decided to re-create the experience right here at Sacramento State,” says Brazo.

Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. performances are $10 general admission and $7 for children under 12. All other performances are $15 general admission, $12 for seniors.
and students, and $10 for children. Tickets are available at the University Ticket Office, (916) 278-4323 or www.tickets.com.

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