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National Touring Production of *Holiday Songs: Music Around the World* to Perform Locally

Bright Star Touring Theatre, a national professional touring theatre company based in Asheville, NC, is visiting the area with their performance of ***Holiday Songs: Music Around the World***.

Holiday Songs is a 45-minute play that is best for audiences in Pre-K to 5th grade and for families. The play guides audiences through a variety of holiday traditions and songs from around the world. Audiences have an opportunity to learn about Kwanzaa, Christmas, Hanukkah, Las Posadas, St. Lucia Day and more. Each holiday discussed features at least one song and often, the audience is invited to sing along. Familiar songs such as “Deck the Halls” and “I Have a Little Dreidel” are included, along with traditional songs from The Chinese New Year, the Lohri Festival of India and many others. Young audiences also learn vocabulary from languages such as Swahili, Spanish and Swedish. A cast of colorful and friendly characters helps to host this production and guide audiences through winter holidays from around the globe. Bright Star’s Company Manger, Tina Ostergaard says the actors for this production have an exciting job. “It’s amazing,” says Ostergaard. “They have to pull off at least a dozen costume changes in addition to learning new music and languages. They have to have a huge amount of energy and dynamic personalities in order to pull off this show.”

Each year, Bright Star Touring Theatre serves nearly 1,500 audiences in schools, theaters, libraries, museums and more across the country. They offer a wide variety of curriculum-based programs ranging from *The Pirate of Bully Bay* to *Heroes of the Underground Railroad*. The company performs regularly at the National Theatre in Washington DC and has gained international attention, having visited Russia and Germany with their productions. Information about all their interactive shows, including production videos, photos, study guides and more is available online at www.brightstartheatre.com.

Bright Star Touring Theatre will appear at:

Venue: _____

Date and Time: _____

Venue Address: _____

Contact Person for Program: _____

Contact Information: _____