

Noble Fool presents holiday 'Plaid Tidings'

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Pheasant Run Resort is mad about plaid this holiday season, and you'll be seeing it all over the main stage for the rest of this year.

Noble Fool Theatricals production of "Plaid Tidings" hits the stage at 5 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and will run until Sunday, Dec. 27, with a few weekday matinee performances sprinkled in.

All shows will be performed on the main stage at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, 4051 E. Main St.

Tickets are \$29 for weekday performances and \$39 for Saturdays and Sundays. Dinner packages are available.

"Plaid Tidings" is the holiday inspired sequel to "Forever Plaid," a successful musical that ran for five years in New York and has been put on all over the country, including Chicago.

The story takes place in the 1950s and centers on four male singers who met their untimely death in "Forever Plaid" while they were en route to the Ed Sullivan Show. In the sequel, the gang gets the chance to come back for one night of holiday musical mayhem.

"Plaid Tidings" will feature music from the '50s and will also be filled with popular holiday classics. "Plaid Tidings"

one-of-a-kind plot was its main appeal to the entertainment department at Pheasant Run when it came to choosing a holiday show," said John Gawlik, artistic director for Noble Fool Theatricals.

"When you look at everything that's available (for the holidays) there's the big classics, but this is a unique show that has a story behind it.

"It's a really great fun time to see this story. It is fun for the whole family and the music is just great. (Plaid Tidings) works really well on our stage and is a great fit for us."

Gawlik says that "Plaid Tidings" mild humor and 1950s flair makes it a production that people of all ages will enjoy.

The entire show will consist of four-part harmonies sung by the cast, something that was a challenge for director and choreographer Bob Kiser, since there is no additional chorus. However, the harmonies create a unique sound.

that Kiser is excited for audiences to hear. "The show looks so good and the sound is so good," Kiser said of the production, which is just about two hours long.

While the music is a central feature of the show, Kiser hopes to show his audience a greater message in "Plaid Tidings."

"I hope people remember that, when it's all said and done, it really is all about working together," Kiser said.

"It's then that the show becomes amazing, because together we can kind of do anything, and I think that's what it's all about."

For tickets, call the Pheasant Run Box Office at (630) 584-6342 or visit tickemaster.com.

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From left, Geneva native David Meadows, along with Robert Deason, Sean Effinger-Dean and Brad Simanksi, get ready to dazzle audiences in Noble Fool Theatricals' "Plaid Tidings."

