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## **Lifeline Theatre Presents New Podcast, On the Air, featuring “The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus” throughout December**

CHICAGO – In October, Lifeline Theatre, with partner Sound Concept Media, debuted their new podcast **On the Air**. Featuring a new series each month so far, **On the Air** premiered with **Tales of Poe**, a 4-episode series in October featuring tales and poems by Edgar Allan Poe. In November they premiered **Sample of Solo**, a 4-episode series featuring fan-favorite personal stories from their famed annual storytelling festival, Fillet of Solo. Now, in December, they feature a 4-part adaptation of L. Frank Baum’s **“The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus”**, adapted and directed by Lifeline ensemble member **Christopher Hainsworth**. When the life of mortal Claus is nearing its end, the immortals who raised him gather from all over the world to recount the incredible life of the man who brings joy and happiness to every child he meets, and to decide his fate. Will he join the ranks of the immortals or will they allow him to fade away to the eons? Listen every Friday in December to hear the conclusion of L. Frank Baum’s unique Christmas tale.

New episodes of **“The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus”** drop every Friday in December on **On the Air** and can be found on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, and Tune In. You can find more information at [www.lifelinetheatre.com/on-the-air](http://www.lifelinetheatre.com/on-the-air).

The complete cast and production team for ***The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*** includes:

**CAST:** Lifeline Theatre ensemble members **Patrick Blashill** (Ak), **Heather Currie** (Necile), **Bilal Dardai** (Claus), **Andrés Enriquez** (King of the Wind Demons/Prince of the Ryls), **Peter Greenberg** (Prince of the Knooks/Farmer), **James E. Grote** (King of the Sleep Fays/Ryl/Will Knook), **Katie McLean Hainsworth** (Mayrie/Bessie/Flossie), **Anthony Kayer** (Jack Frost/Stranger), **Amanda Link** (Child/Ryl/Glossie), **Dorothy Milne** (Queen of the Fairies), **Sandy Snyder Pietz** (Queen of the Water Sprites/Ryl), **Jenifer Tyler** (Queen Zurline/Ryl); with **Allison Cain** (Shiegra) & **Manny Tomayo** (Gnome King).

**PRODUCTION TEAM:** Lifeline Theatre ensemble members **Christopher Hainsworth** (Adaptor/Director); with **Keith Conrad** (Sound Designer/Engineer), **Jennifer McClendon** (Production Manager), & **Sam Moryoussef** (Asst. Production Manager).

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