



THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL "ELF" COMES TO TOWN!



Anticipation is building for the opening of the hilarious musical comedy, *ELF*, scheduled to run December 10–12 at St Andrew's School. More than 60 students of all ages are busy learning lines and rehearsing every day after school. Parents and teachers are creating jolly costumes while the combined primary, secondary and faculty choirs are warming their voices and practicing their songs, preparing to delight the audience.

ELF is based on the popular film released in 2003. The stage version debuted on Broadway during the 2010 Christmas Season and has become a Holiday favourite enjoyed by all ages. This magical musical is narrated by Santa and tells the tale of Buddy, a young orphaned child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. Buddy is raised unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. Buddy then embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Along the merry way, everyone learns the true meaning of Christmas.

The New York Times describes *ELF* as "SPLASHY, PEPPY, SUGAR-SPRINKLED HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT". USA Today calls it "ENDEARINGLY GOOFY", while Variety proclaims: "ELF IS HAPPY ENOUGH FOR FAMILIES, SAVVY ENOUGH FOR CITY KIDS AND PLENTY SMART FOR ADULTS!"

Audiences can expect a high level of performance from the cast members, many of whom participated in the Clement Bethel Festival of the Arts this year, when St Andrew's was awarded 19 first place wins, the overall Dance Trophy and the coveted Most Outstanding School Award. The extensive Arts curriculum at St Andrew's offers a high level of training, with numerous opportunities for practice and self-expression for students throughout the year.

"THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER IS SINGING LOUD FOR ALL TO HEAR..." Be sure to share this joy-filled experience with the cast and crew at St. Andrew's December 10–12 at 6PM. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children and are available from the school's office.

Get into the spirit with this Broadway musical...you never know, you might discover the ELF in You!