



## **SHOW CONTENT INFORMATION SHEET**

**SYNOPSIS:** If you enjoyed the 2003 movie starring Will Farrell, you will love this musical adaptation with all the great humor and heart, but with added songs and holiday production numbers! ELF is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan 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. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and his stepbrother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

**AGES:** We recommend this show for ages 10 and up. However, parents are encouraged to use their own judgement and discretion when choosing shows for children based on their maturity and interest level.

**DETAILS:** By today's standards, this show would be rated PG. While older children will enjoy this show, kids that believe in Santa Claus may have some concerns/questions while watching this show. There is dialogue about the "Santa" in stores being Santa's helper and not the real Santa Claus. Most people in the play start out not believing, even one child in the show. There are some lyrics and dialogue about drinking alcohol. There are a couple of jokes about PETA and one about Mormons. There are some lines about characters "going to bed together", but this is not elaborated on and is innocently misinterpreted by the lead, Buddy. Parents need to know that although *Elf* has some potty language and mild swearing ("pissed", "hell", "damn", etc.) and a few references to bodily functions, it's family friendly at its core.

**LENGTH:** Approximately 2 1/2 hours with an intermission.

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