

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

FROM BROADWAY TO CHICAGO, IT'S ELF THE MUSICAL



What happens when you combine *Elf*, *Book of Mormon*, and *Seinfeld*?

Laughter. Disbelief. Christmas wishes answered.

Also, former Broadway play *Elf the Musical*, now playing at Cadillac Palace Theatre through December 15.

While Will Ferrell was busy sculpting his guns in preparation for Ron Burgundy's return in *Anchorman II*, the role of Buddy the Elf is played by *Boardwalk Empire/Sopranos* actor Jordan Gelber, who nails Farrell's childlike innocence and likability.

Directed by *Book of Mormon's* Casey Nicholaw, the five-city touring musical melds a classic Broadway feel with the oddball energy we've all come to expect from Hollywood's favorite Christmas classic.

The two-hour performance faithfully follows much of the plot of the movie, **from maple syrup spaghetti-eating to ice skating at Rockefeller Plaza**, adding goofy jokes and songs including the rowdy parody "Nobody Cares About Santa."

And the best part? The role of **Santa is played by none other than Wayne Knight, a.k.a. Newman from *Seinfeld***, who brings the former mailman's manic energy to the stage with hilarious results.

It's a Festivus miracle.

Elf the Musical

Tuesdays-Sundays thru December 15

Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., Loop

(312) 977-1700

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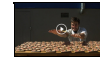
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