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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## **Snarky Elf Takes Over Fergie's Pub**

A SPECIAL HOLIDAY SHOW!

### **The Santaland Diaries**

by David Sedaris

adapted for the stage by Joe Mantello

directed by Meghann Williams

December 6-16, 2007

Fergie's Pub, 1214 Sansom St.

Tickets: \$15, \$12 (Students & Seniors)

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Back by popular demand is Flashpoint's annual holiday production, *The Santaland Diaries* by David Sedaris! This hilarious tale is a welcome substitute to the sticky-sweet programming so prevalent during the month of December. Audiences can enjoy a drink or two at Fergie's Pub before settling in to hear the true account of David Sedaris' time employed as an elf in Macy's Santaland. Get a glimpse into the horror of wearing tights and kissing-up to ignorant tourists for a living. Flashpoint's own Derick Loafmann stars as Crumpet, the sarcastic elf who narrates this delightfully disturbing account of the most joyous time of year.

David Sedaris' sardonic humor and incisive social critique have made him one of NPR's most popular and humorous commentators and a bestselling author in the United States and abroad. A master of satire, David Sedaris is the author of the best sellers *Barrel Fever*, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family In Corduroy and Denim*, and a collection of Christmas-related stories, *Holidays on Ice*. David and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated as The Talent Family to write several plays, including *Stump the Host*, *Stitches*, the obie award-winning *One Woman Shoe*, *Incident at Cobbler's Knob* and *The Book of Liz*. Their plays have been produced at La Mama and at Lincoln Center in New York City. David is a regular contributor to

*Esquire* magazine and his essays have also appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Allure* and *Travel and Leisure*. Sedaris' original radio pieces can often be heard on public radio's *This American Life*.

Meghann Williams directed *The Santaland Diaries* for Flashpoint's inaugural season and re-imagined the show in 2005 and 2006 to include *Season's Greetings to Our Friends and Family*. Williams, a founding member of Flashpoint Theatre Company, recently directed Bridget Carpenter's *The Faculty Room*, Wendy MacLeod's *The House of Yes* and Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* for the company. She also assistant directed Brat Production's recent Fringe Festival smash, *Fat Boy*.

Crumpet the Disgruntled Elf will once again be portrayed by Derick Loafmann. Derick is also a founding member of Flashpoint, as well as a writer/actor with the local sketch comedy group SkitSoid, and he recently appeared in *Orson's Shadow* at Philadelphia Theatre Company, *The Ballad of Joe Hill* at the 2006 Philly Fringe and in *Twelfth Night* with Shakespeare in Clark Park. For Flashpoint, Derick appeared as The Bradley in *Schoolgirl Figure* and as Marty in *The House of Yes*.

Flashpoint Theatre Company is dedicated to expanding cultural arts awareness in the Greater Philadelphia area through the production of socially provocative and emotionally resonant works of theatre, through the development of educational programming within the community, and through collaboration with new and emerging voices from all artistic disciplines. Founded in 2003, Flashpoint's first three seasons have included seven Philadelphia premieres and one world premiere, and several readings of new plays as part of the High Voltage workshop series. Flashpoint is also an active participant in the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia's SPARK program. Flashpoint's 2007-2008 season is sponsored by Flexcar, Image Graphics, Whole Foods Market, Philadelphia City Paper and Fergie's Pub.

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## JUST THE FACTS

**WHAT:** *The Santaland Diaries*  
by David Sedaris  
adapted for the stage by Joe Mantello

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 6 at 7pm  
Saturday, December 8 at 8pm  
Sunday, December 9 at 2pm  
Sunday, December 9 at 7pm  
Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm  
Friday, December 14 at 8pm  
Saturday, December 15 at 8pm  
Sunday, December 16 at 2pm  
Sunday, December 16 at 7pm

**WHERE:** Fergie's Pub  
1214 Sansom St.  
Philadelphia, PA

**TICKETS:** \$15 – Adults  
\$12 – Students and Seniors  
\$10 – Groups of ten or more

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### PRODUCTION AND DESIGN STAFF:

Director	<b>Meghann Williams</b>
Costume Designer	<b>Gigi Naglak</b>
Sound Designer	<b>Michael Osinski</b>
Props Designer	<b>Erin Lucas</b>
Production Stage Manager	<b>Marianne Maloy</b>

### THE CAST:

Crumpet	<b>Derick Loafmann</b>
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