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**INTRINSIC THEATRE ANNOUNCES CASTING OF CHICAGO
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Chicago's newest theatre opens with a Midwest premiere

CHICAGO, IL, October 2018 – Intrinsic Theatre Company has announced casting for its premiere Chicago production. *THE TRUTH ABOUT SANTA (AN APOCALYPTIC HOLIDAY TALE)*, written by Tony Award winner, Greg Kotis (*URINETOWN*), premiered in New York 10 years ago and will now be presented to Chicago audiences for the first time. The PG-13 play-with-music is directed by David Lew Cooper, Intrinsic's newly-named Creative Director, with music direction by Chuck Evans.

The cast features Juan Castaneda as Santa Claus, a restless yuletide god of old, opposite Debbie Baños as his sadistic and vengeful deity of a bride, Mrs. Claus. Santa's mortal mistress, Mary, and their half-breed super kids, Luke and Freya, are played by Bailey Savage, Kamil Borowski, and Tess Galbiati respectively. Mary's estranged, hooch-swilling husband will be played by Erich Peltz with the cast rounded out by two supernatural elven balladeers, Jim-Jim and Jo-Jo, played by Dan Krackhardt and Charlotte Atlee.

The production team includes Intrinsic Theatre's Artistic Director Bradley Hamilton (Producer), Jacqueline Marschke (Stage Manager), Steve Labeledz (Sound), Nils Fritjofson (Lighting), Leah Hummel (Costumes and Properties), and Ryan Wiechmann (Promotional Artwork Design) with more announcements to come.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SANTA (AN APOCALYPTIC HOLIDAY TALE) runs November 30th, 2018 – December 29th, 2018 and is presented at Pride Arts Center's Buena stage at 4147 N Broadway. More information is available at www.IntrinsicTheatreCompany.com/Santa.

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