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AT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS THE WHITING AND CAPITOL THEATRE HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

FLINT, MI. — The annual holiday gift-giving tradition doesn't have to be a challenge. The Whiting and Capitol Theatre have a few unique items and online productions that may bring joy this time of year while also helping your favorite cultural institutions.

The Whiting is offering two streaming musicals perfect for holiday cheer while you are at home for the holidays. For tickets, visit TheWhiting.com.

- ***The Hip Hop Nutcracker*** is a contemporary dance spectacle set to Tchaikovsky's timeless music. This live capture, filmed as part of a partnership with PBS, features a supercharged cast of a dozen all-star dancers, a DJ, a violinist and MC Kurtis Blow, who is one of hip hop's founding fathers. ***The Hip Hop Nutcracker* will be available to stream December 11 & 12 at 7 p.m.; December 13 at 3 p.m.; December 18 & 19 at 7 p.m., and December 20 at 3 p.m. Streaming will only be available during these times.** There are two streaming packages available; the first features only the musical and the second features the musical and after chat with the actors.
- Also available for streaming is ***Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Wish – The Musical***, which tells the story of a rag doll named Eleanor who lives in the magical world of The North Pole. Despite her love for her family, Eleanor's wish is for a best friend and home of her own. Realizing that wishing is not enough, she writes a letter to Santa expressing her dream. The letter opens the door to answering many questions and to the journey which leads to her wish coming true.

The musical is on sale now and available for purchase until December 24. You will have 30 days to view the musical at the time of purchase, but once the musical starts, you only have 48 hours to watch it. Enhance your viewing experience with the purchase of immersive party boxes. *Eleanor's Very Merry Christmas Party* in a Box comes with the 2020 edition of the book that inspired the show, a 2020 Eleanor Christmas ornament, Letters to Santa stationery and additional family fun items inspired by the production.

Capitol Theatre's unique apparel and print artwork is available for purchase online at capitoltheatreflint.com.

- Those who want to give the gift of one-of-a-kind apparel or print art should consider the Capitol Theatre's 2020 Limited Edition Marquee clothing and prints by Flint artist Charles Boike. You can place an order online for shipping or curbside pick-up, or shop in person at the Shops on Saginaw.
- For a gift that will last a lifetime, consider purchasing a seat at the Capitol Theatre. For \$1,000, a seat at the beautifully renovated Capitol Theatre will be engraved with the name you choose and will remain in place for the life of the seat. A seat sponsorship is a tax-deductible gift that supports the theatre's non-profit mission and helps make the performing arts more accessible to all. Order online at TheWhiting.com or CapitolTheatreFlint.com. Contact Tina Immink, Director of Ticketing Operations & Analytics, at (810) 237-7372 with questions.

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