

## **FAVARH BROUGHT CHRISTMAS IN JUNE**

By Scott Masson

The Favarh Players recently brought a little bit of Christmas to the month of June with its performance of Elf Jr., The Musical Jr at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford.

It was the fifth play that Favarh and the Connecticut Family Theatre have put on together. Other performances that the two groups have partnered on include Dr.Seuss, SchoolHouse Rock, The Wizard of Oz, and Shrek The Musical. The plays are always fun-filled with laughter and happiness all put together. They show that hard work does payoff and after the actors feel like celebrities.

The actors and actresses from the Favarh Players and Connecticut Family Theatre rehearse from January all the way until June, when their big performance is staged at Northwest Catholic. Each week the performers practice their lines and learn their parts. They show a lot of hard work and dedication for all those months, rehearsing on Tuesday nights. Even all the parent's help out by setting up fundraisers for money towards the play.

The Favarh Players and Connecticut Family's play is an award winning-work. They showcase it all on one weekend in the month of June. The play has two night showings and one daytime showing, The director of the whole play is Lori Solak. The parents of the Favarh Players help out at the show all weekend by collecting money from the audience buying tickets, snacks and water. There is even a raffle.

Elf Jr the Musical is about an orphan named Buddy who is raised by elves even though he is different than all the other elves because of his height. Buddy is unaware that he is human and unlike his elf friends has poor ability to make toys. One day he discovers he has a human father named Walter Hobbs who is on Santa's naughty list, so with Santa's permission Buddy goes to New York to meet his father and to get him off the naughty list.

While in New York Buddy goes on an adventure to discover what New York is like. Buddy finds out that his half-brother, Michael, doesn't believe in Santa. Buddy meets a girl who works at Macy's named Jovie who is dressed as an elf and he immediately falls in love with her. Buddy's Dad, Walter, gets fired from his job when he can't come up with a new pitch for a book because his boss doesn't approve of Buddy being in the office. Walter then yells at Buddy and tells him to get out of his life.

Buddy is determined to help Santa and to get New Yorkers to realize the true meaning of Christmas. And in the end, of course, he succeeds.

The star-studded cast from the Favarh player's: Lauren Traceski, Ben McAlenney, Alison Hung, Artie Johnson, DJ Marrow, Sierra Kessler. Simon Kravetz , Dan Lenz, Chris Kerns , Chris Corbosiero, Dan Attenello, Jenn Minietti, Kelly Engle, Kelly Osland and Jessica Poon. The last bunch of the cast Amanda Conrad, Amalia Seedman, Alex Cable. Declan Smith from the Connecticut Family Theater actor, Zoe Healey, Scout Craft, Camden Fuller and Crystal Diana.

The whole Cast Rocked and are Amazing to watch perform, it is a must see every year and they are all my friends and are true celebrities.

**Merry Christmas in June!!!!**