



Director's Notes

What does Christmas time mean to you? In the original poem *A Child's Christmas in Wales* Dylan Thomas gives us a picture-perfect happy, gentle white Christmas far removed from the modern hustle and bustle we have come to expect from the holiday season. Thomas' story isn't filled with last-minute holiday specials on flat screen TVs or endless bickering about who gets to host holiday festivities. Instead, it is filled with adventures in the snow with friends, food, music, family and of course, presents.

But was Dylan Thomas' Christmas as a child really this perfect? In the early part of the 20th century (when *A Child's Christmas in Wales* takes place), Wales found itself in a political battle to establish itself as an independent state. Wales was also still very reliant on its harsh coaling industry which, at the time, necessarily employed women and children.

These things are never mentioned in Thomas' poem. But how many stark realities are missing from our favorite holiday stories of years past as well? Christmas tends to take on a life of its own in the memory. We filter out the realities and hold on to the positive and what makes it a special time for each of us. Naturally each person's memories are unique, but a theme that runs through almost every Christmas memory I have heard is one of reflection-not only of what makes the holidays special, but those things that we are reminded of at this time that make our lives as a whole richer and fuller. For some it's family; for others it's celebration; for still others, it's presents!

Times may change, but each and every Christmas lives on as long as we each have memories to share.

We hope you enjoy our memories.

--Kalon Thibodeaux

The Players

Angela Blodgett

Heidi Bove

Charlie Bradley

Emily Hall

Ally Kineman

Logan McAlister

Joel Meyers

Mary Lou Mills

Olivia Parcels

Irene Pemberton

Luke Porter

Chris M. Roberson

Devin Rodger

Hali ScottSmith

Steve West

Production Crew

Kalon Thibodeaux - Director

Kalah Mazac - Stage Manager

John Clark – Scenic Coordinator

Jenna Carino – Scenic Designer/Painter

Savannah Baltazar - Costumer

Chris Scofield - Production Manager/

Booth crew

Mary Lou Mills – Music Director

Special Thanks:

Gerri Baker Parry of the
Puget Sound Welsh Society
Catherine Smith
Sherri Brown

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Richard G. Miko –Feb. 23rd, 1949-June 28, 2008
Rowan Christie Francklow July 8, 1969-April 15th, 2009*

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**A Child's Christmas
in Wales**



**Adapted from the story
by Dylan Thomas**

**Directed by
Kalon Thibodeaux**

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