

Christmas and children go together this December

Holiday musical runs Dec. 9-11

Santa Claus is coming to town, and he is bringing a new Christmas musical for the children of Starkville and Oktibbeha County.

That's right! Starkville Community Theatre is once again teaming up with Santa to present a children's Christmas musical.

Santa Jr.'s World Tour, is written and directed by MJ Etua. The show focuses on a young boy whose grandfather is Santa Claus. The boy, Santa Jr., circles the world in the show, allowing the audi-

ence to experience Christmas from many different cultures, Etua said.

The musical, featuring children aged 5 and up, will be staged Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9th through 11th.

"This will be our second Christmas show for children, and we are very excited," said Etua. "Last year we were unable to do the show because of all the renovations on the building. But now we have our new expansion complete, and there is more room than ever before for all the



children in the show."

Etua, who directs Project P.L.A.Y. every summer, said it is important for children to have the opportunity to experience theatre – both as an audience member and as a

member of the cast or crew. She is proud of SCT's efforts to provide theatrical opportunities for local children.

"Any time you give children the opportunity to be in the theatre and experience what it is like to be on stage and part of a show you are doing something worthwhile," Etua said. "We all know that the arts have wonderful benefits for children, and this is our way of reaching out."

For more information on the show, or to make a reservation, please call the theatre at 323-6855.