



Crew members use an assortment of items to produce sound effects for the radio play, *It's A Wonderful Life*.

## Ensemble goes back in time to prove *It's A Wonderful Life*

An ensemble cast and crew will perform a radio play-style production of *It's A Wonderful Life* Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 21-22 at The Second City, Detroit.

Director-actor Marty Bufalini of Grosse Pointe leads the group, which includes actors Tim Wolf of Royal Oak, Tommy Ventimiglio of Chesterfield Township, Brian Taylor of Plymouth, Carrie Fisk of Grosse Pointe, Michelle Hooks Stackpole of Harper Woods, Aaron Letrick of Clinton Township, Steve Sabagh of Sterling Heights, among others.

The group transports the audience to a 1940s-style radio studio when radio shows were performed live before a studio audience, with the aid of minimal set decor and show prepara-

tions. The crew in Bufalini's production creates 98 percent of all sound effects live, using mechanical devices. Actors recreate footsteps, a half-size door on wheels provides door effects, bells are rung, a water tank is used for water effects and a wind machine creates the wind.

Performances are 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 21 and Sunday Dec. 22 and 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at The Second City Theatre, 2301 Woodward, Detroit.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for senior citizens and students. They're available at The Second City box office, HockeysTown Authentics (without service charge), in Troy and at all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call The Second City at (313) 965-2222.



Marty Bufalini of Grosse Pointe directs an ensemble cast in *It's A Wonderful Life* at Second City Theater, Detroit.

## Art student sells life, gets book deal

(AP) — John Freyer still shops at University of Iowa Surplus every Thursday. "My shopping's changed a little bit since the project," Freyer said. The project the 29-year-old University of Iowa graduate student refers to is [www.allmylifeforsale.com](http://www.allmylifeforsale.com), an online art piece that used eBay to clear out 600 items from his personal inventory. The Web-based art project started after Freyer spent summer 2000

working in New York, where his friends were raking in cash building catalogue Web sites for Martha Stewart and J. Crew. Freyer was frustrated with his work at the university. He considered quitting school and starting over in New York, but he had too much stuff. He tried to purchase domain names, including [yardsale.com](http://yardsale.com) and [garagesale.com](http://garagesale.com), but everything seemed to be taken. Then he stumbled upon the availability of the [allmylifeforsale.com](http://allmylifeforsale.com) site.

He had a site, but no plan. Freyer hosted an inventory party in his Iowa City apartment, where friends spent the entire night tagging items that showcased the frustrated artist's personality. A toaster, still-wrapped Christmas gifts and two dolls were among the items. [Allmylifeforsale.com](http://allmylifeforsale.com) garnered the attention of the New York Post, Good Morning America and dozens of other major media outlets in its first few months.

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