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## *Parson's Nose Family Theatre's Rip Van Winkle on Stage at the Lewis Family Playhouse December 11<sup>th</sup>*

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**Rancho Cucamonga, California-** Critically acclaimed Parson's Nose Family Theatre brings us the tale of *Rip Van Winkle*, the sociable but lazy man who wakes up to find his entire world transformed. The 19<sup>th</sup> century melodrama version of Washington Irving's short story takes the stage at Rancho Cucamonga's Lewis Family Playhouse Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$13.50 for General Admission, \$11.50 for Seniors and \$9.50 for Youth.

The stage adaptation of Washington Irving's tale is a story about poor, but good-hearted Rip Van Winkle, his long-suffering wife, Gretchen and their sweet daughter, Meenie. The family falls under the power of the town's evil landowner, Claus Van Beekman. Rip hikes up into the Catskill mountains, meets the ghostly crew of Sir Hendrick Hudson's "Half Moon," and returns twenty years older! The audience is invited to boo the villain and cheer the hero as Rip is changed into a model of a perfect husband and father!

An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of three-acre, 89,000 square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. The complex, at 12505 Cultural Center Drive, is conveniently located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard, as a major anchor of Victoria Gardens. The Box Office is open Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday from noon to 6:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with free parking available.

**For More Information** – For additional information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com) or call the Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422.

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