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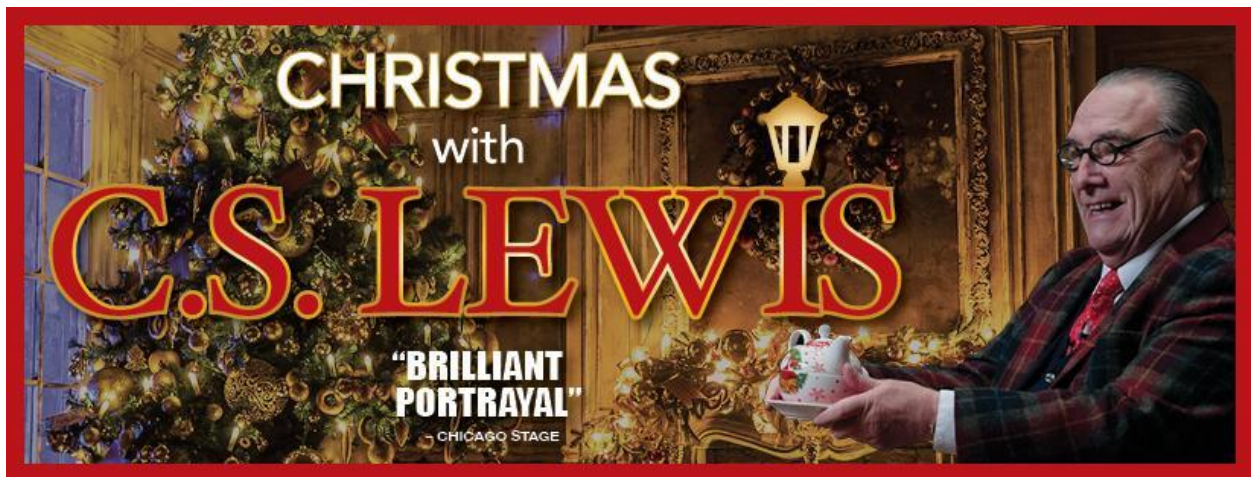
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**



**CHRISTMAS WITH C. S. LEWIS STARRING DANIEL PAYNE  
COMING TO PLAYHOUSE SQUARE,  
DECEMBER 19 - 20, 2024**

***Tickets are on sale now at [playhousesquare.org](https://playhousesquare.org)!***

**Cleveland, OH** – Tickets are on sale now for Christmas with C.S. Lewis Starring Daniel Payne coming December 19 – 20, 2024 to Playhouse Square. Tickets are available online at [playhousesquare.org](https://playhousesquare.org) and by phone at 216-241-6000. A special 50% off discount is available by using the code CHRISTMAS when purchasing tickets online.

In the early years of his young adult life C.S. Lewis believed the story of Christ's birth was nothing more than feel-good myth. That all changed after a particular encounter with his great friend and fellow author, J.R.R. Tolkien. Although both men loved mythology in general, Tolkien

was convinced that the Jesus myth was the one true myth. That was the start of Lewis' journey from Atheism to Christianity. From that point on Christmas, for Lewis, took on an entirely different meaning. Here we find him at his home near Oxford on Christmas Eve hosting a group of Americans who are Christmassing in England. They are about to experience an unforgettable assortment of Yuletide recollections which stimulates a whole range of emotions – curiosity, laughter, gladness and even some tears. Above all, they will discover how that encounter with Tolkien forever changed his Christmas celebrations.

There almost seems to be a magical connection between Payne and his audiences. Throughout the entire performance audience members feel as if they're in the presence of the great author, scholar and humorist as Payne completely embodies the role.

Tickets are available for purchase at [playhousequare.org](https://playhousequare.org) or by calling 216-241-6000.

#### Performance Schedule

December 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

December 20, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

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