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“Paradise” the theme of annual Christmas Fundraiser

CODY, WY (October 27, 2026)— Cody Center for the Performing Arts will be “Taking Care of Christmas” in Paradise for its 11th annual fundraiser benefitting Cody Holiday Helpers on Saturday, December 5. This year’s show features tropical Christmas tunes sure to keep audiences warm and toasty as they enjoy a dance concert celebrating the season. In addition to dance, the CHS Jazz Band will perform. The matinee performance will take place at the Wynona Thompson Auditorium at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 - \$15 and can be purchased online or at the door. Attendees are also encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift that will be given locally to those in need for Christmas.

“There’s so much great tropical and beachy Christmas music,” notes Director Angie McKenzie. “We thought it would be a fun twist on the usual Christmas offerings.” With tap, ballet, musical theatre, modern and hip hop dances set to songs like *Little St. Nick*, *Mele Kalikimaka*, and *Christmas Island*, audiences are sure to feel the warmth of the Christmas season.

Taking Care of Christmas...in Paradise features CCPA dancers ages four and up, including CCPA’s Company Dance Team. Cody Center has also once again invited dancers from Hot Springs Dance Studio to participate in this festive event for the whole family. Tickets can be purchased on CCPA’s website or at the door. In addition, a depository for donated toys and gifts will be in the lobby of the auditorium. Toys and items for donation can also be dropped off at CCPA a week prior to the performance. Tickets are available at CCPA’s website: www.codyperformigarts.com.

Cody Center for the Performing Arts has been part of the Big Horn Basin for over 40 years, offering quality dance instruction to thousands of youth and adults since 1984. Many past students have gone on to be professional teachers, choreographers and performers in the arts. Cody Center classes encourage creativity and positivity while focusing on style and technique. CCPA is also home to Studio Theatre at CCPA, providing theatre and performing arts education to youth and adults at low to no cost. All students of any ability are welcome in all of Cody Center’s programs who will learn and grow in a positive, nurturing and structured environment that is fun, safe and inclusive.

Holiday Helpers is a local organization that has been helping Cody families and seniors for over 20 years. For more information about how you can get involved contact Jaquie Sims at 307-899-4936 or visit their Facebook page: facebook.com/CodyHolidayHelpers

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