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### **GALVESTON'S POLAR EXPRESS RECEIVES POLAR BELL AWARD**

**GALVESTON, TX – Rail Events, Inc. and Warner Bros recently announced that the Galveston Railroad Museum is the 2023 Polar Bell Award Best Prologue recipient. The Christmas spectacular, in collaboration with ETC Theater, is November 8 – December 23, 2024.**

**The delightful and entertaining holiday event THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride hosts more than 38,000 visitors each year at the Galveston Railroad Museum. The fun begins in the train depot when the talented ETC cast provides the pre story opening with an array of holiday songs and music to share the spirit of the season. The Polar Express story unfolds on stage where the book comes alive with the introduction to the cast of characters and the classic book intro. The dream becomes real when the conductor enters the depot to call “All Aboard – Are you Comin’?” and all depart for their assigned train for the departure to the North Pole. After the conductor validates each passenger’s Golden Ticket, the fun begins with dancing waiters, Santa’s helpers, book characters, and Santa himself boards the train for a rollicking trip - and YES!! THE TRAIN DOES LEAVE THE STATION!! The ETC performers provide entertainment all the way to the North Pole while the train clickety clacks down Harborside Drive. Onboard travelers are served hot chocolate, a special cookie, and receive the first gift of Christmas from Santa Claus. Back at the depot it is Santa Land where dancing elves entertain, and Santa meets and greets for photo ops. The magic is in the Christmas décor from the depot to the train cars, to Santa Land, a Christmas store is open for commemorative shopping, and a food court is open throughout the depot experience.**

**Now in its sixth year, the event collaborates with ETC Theater and is sponsored by community partner Landry’s Inc. Discounted overnight accommodations are available at the San Luis Resort, Hilton on the Beach, Holiday Inn, and Moody Gardens. In addition, the museum contracts with local businesses to provide on board refreshments and light meals and adult beverages at the depot food court.**

**Tickets for Polar Express and Parking are available at [www.galvestonRRmuseum.org](http://www.galvestonRRmuseum.org) or by calling (409) 765-5700. Prices and time of departures vary according to date, time, and ticket class. Parking fees apply. All information is online. The Galveston Railroad Museum is located at 2602 Santa Fe Place.**

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