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A CHRISTMAS WITH C. S. LEWIS

A one man show starring
David Payne

Cowan Center for the Arts

Two performances:

Friday, December 3rd, 7:00PM & Saturday, December 4th, 7:00PM

Tickets are \$10.00 per person

Rated PG13

Please join us at the Cowan Center for the Arts for "A Christmas with C. S. Lewis".

The year is 1963 and CS Lewis, the famous British author, is in the twilight years of his life. Lewis is hosting a group of American writers visiting England. They have come to Lewis's home, just outside of Oxford, and are eagerly anticipating hearing the man who has become a legend in his own lifetime. They are not disappointed. Lewis is in great form and his audience is spellbound as, with a display of oratory and humor that made him one of England's most famous public speakers, he recounts the significant events and the people that shaped his life.

David Payne gives a stunning portrayal of the famous British author. He captures the essence of the man who created the Narnia Chronicles in an enthralling, laughter-filled and poignant performance....utterly captivating.

When British born actor, David Payne, was given a copy of C. S. Lewis's bestselling book Screwtape Letters, little did he realize that some 40 years later he would be gaining a reputation for his portrayals of its famous author. He has played Lewis in a number of productions of Shadowlands, in his self-penned Weep for Joy, and in numerous presentations of An Evening with CS Lewis.

Today Payne tours throughout the US and UK and when not performing is usually shooting a new production or writing. His latest shoot is a live recording of his self penned stage production, St Jack & The Dragon, a touching yet at times hilarious story about C. S. Lewis and his adopted mother, Mrs. Moore, due for release in March 2010. Also due for release on DVD in March 2010 is his musical Target Practice and A Man Called Jack, A Woman Called Joy, an on location version of An Evening with C.S. Lewis.

Payne, who was born in London, is married to the beautiful Marilyn, with whom he has two handsome sons and three grand children.