

WILLIAMS STREET SERIES HAS CROWD LAUGHING

Williams Street Get Lit Series features "SantaLand Diaries" by David Sedaris.

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The Williams Street introduces Get Lit(erary) Series, an ongoing reading series with a presentation of "SantaLand Diaries." They had the crowd laughing two nights, December 16 & 17 at the Raue Center in Crystal Lake. Admission was free and the bar was open with drinks available for purchase.

"Santaland Diaries" was the story that launched David Sedaris' career. This was a reading performance of Sedaris' funny encounters working as an elf in Macy's Santaland.

Producing Director, T. Paul Lowry, of the Raue Center for The Arts' in-house production company, Williams Street Repertory was very proud of his group, saying, "they were ready in 2 rehearsals." The performers for this series were: Alicia Regan, Ivan Ewert, Branden Dunlap and Lauryn Lugo.

The atmosphere Friday night was relaxed and roaring with chuckles; the crowd enjoying the performance.

A sentimental excerpt from Barrel Fever, (Essays-SantaLand Diaries) by David Sedaris:

Tonight a man proposed to his girlfriend in one of the Santa houses. When Santa asked the man what he wanted for Christmas, he pulled a ring out of his pocket and said he wanted this woman to be his wife. Santa congratulated them both and the Photo Elf got choked up and started crying.