

HEARING FROM *THE* Hush BUDDIES

The live Christmas Hush performances, featuring acclaimed stage actor/producer Jason Hildebrand and jazz piano great Mike Janzen, are adapted from the book "Make Way for The Christmas Hush" written and illustrated by Tim Huff. For the live performances, Tim gave all the characters brief speaking parts to complement the narration. Here's a fun peek at the scripted voices.



THE Christmas

HOOPLA

"P-p-p-parties?! Oh ya! Holiday Ho-Ho-Hoedowns, Winter Wing-dings, a good ol' fashioned Jingle Ball... Don't even get me started! (pause)

Aaah, too late! It's all so wonderfully YOW-ZAH!

The mere mention of a Jolly Jamboree winds me up like a top. Just lemme flit, lemme fly, lemme schmooze at the punch bowl and own the dance floor. Bring it on, oooooooh, bring it all on!"

THE Christmas

HUSTLE & BUSTLE

Hustle: "Hurry-hurry now. If you're two steps behind, Christmas will be ruined. Y'know the old saying: you snooze, you lose."

Bustle: "Yup, that's right. And don't forget to squeeze in tight everybody. Always room for one more, don't cha-know. What's Christmas without a steamy cram-fest?"

Hustle: "And 'pack your patience?!'...hmp. Nah. Here's a better idea: Credit, cash and elbow pads. That's all you really need."



THE Christmas

FRENZY

"Whoosh, gotta love the beauty lights, man. Better get 'em up. No-no-no, wait, best get moving on the tree thing first. Need a super funky tree for sure. Yikes, dude, presents, man, presents... that's gotta be numero uno. Geez, hang on. (pause of confusion) Who am I even buying for? I should make a list. Ya- ya, genius plan, make a list. Oh dude, hang on...now, where am I gonna find a pen and paper?"





THE Christmas FUSS

"Practice makes perfect? Pshaw! As I like to say, perfect makes perfect. Hosting skills 101. There's so much for the average yuletide pedestrian to learn. But I'm afraid I have not a spare moment to school others on the finer points of perfection. I will share this nugget with you, though: Christmas is as Christmas looks. Any other notion is a complete embarrassment. (pause) Isn't it?"

THE Christmas CHEER

"There's so much to celebrate. So much to be thankful for. So much to...to...to share! (happy sigh) And so many special ways to do it.

And of course... (sing) Tidings of comfort and joy. Comfort and joy.

Imagine that. Comfort! Joy! Oh, I like that, I really-really-really like that. Don't YOU like that? I mean, really-really-really like that?"



THE Christmas BLUES

"I don't wish you anything but a very-very merry Christmas. I just wish I could get there too. Sometimes my heart hurts so much I just need to be alone. (pause) At least I think I do.

Sometimes my mind is so cloudy with sad stuff, I feel like a stranger to the whole Christmas thing.

Aww, I don't expect anyone to fully understand. But it sure is sweet when they try a bit."



THE Christmas BUZZ

"April showers bring May flowers. Alright then, Merry Christmas!"

(sing) We're having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave.

(back to speaking) Alright then, Merry Christmas!

Back to school blues. *(big long sigh)* Alright then, Merry Christmas!

(spoken quickly) Garage sale, pumpkin patch, ice capades, Sunday school, Superbowl, laundry day, bailing hay, quiet little get-away...

(spoken slowly) Alright then... it's all good...Merry Christmas!"

THE Christmas HUSH

"Golly, who can find the right words, oh, the very best words, to describe Christmas? No one, really. Because sometimes that warm feeling you get in your heart doesn't fit into words. But if ever it might, or even get close, for sure it would be when the world is just a bit quieter, a bit slower, a bit softer, a bit gentler. A bit, well... *(pause)* hushed."

