

## Sounds of Blackness 'The Night Before Christmas' delights

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### Encore show added for Dec. 21 at Sabathani

For nearly 43 years the three-time Grammy award-winning musical ensemble, Sounds of Blackness, has been a fixture of the “Minneapolis Sound.”

And though the players and voices have changed, the essence and soul of Sounds has remained solid. Much of that could be because many of the new voices have connections to the past, as Sounds has birthed three generations of singers and musicians.

The latest incarnation of Sounds of Blackness took to the stage at the Guthrie Theater this past Monday (Dec. 9) for its 35th year of the annual production of “The Night Before Christmas – A Musical Fantasy.” And like the group itself, though the story remains the same, each year the Sounds’ take on the classic poem gets a newer, hipper update.

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