

The week ahead in SoCal theater, Dec. 23-30: 'South Pacific,' 'A Christmas Carol' and more

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The Year Without a Santana Claus For almost two decades now, the Troubadour Theater Company has been delighting audiences with their sell-out mash-ups that meld Christmas classics with contemporary rock music. Their current production features Santana's classic hits, performed by an on-stage band and a dream cast that really rock the house, and while the source material, the 1974 Rankin-Bass animated special, is just plain discursive and weird, it's the perfect vehicle for the Troubies' signature blend of Christmas crudity. Buoyed by company stalwarts Rick Batalla and Beth Kennedy, director Matt Walker pulls off one of the company's best holiday offerings to date. Whether you've been naughty or nice, all you want for Christmas should be a ticket to the Troubies. (F.K.F.) El Portal Theatre, 5269 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood. Sun., next Sun., 4 p.m.; Thu.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 4 and 8 p.m.; ends Dec. 30. \$45-\$75. (866) 811-4111.