

(Applause sign flashes as FREDDIE FILMORE / ANNOUNCER greets the audience.)

FREDDIE FILMORE / ANNOUNCER. (Receives a signal from the STAGE MANAGER.) I'm getting the signal from our stage manager that we will be on the air in twenty seconds. Thank you all for coming this evening and enjoy the broadcast.

STAGE MANAGER. We are live in 5, 4, 3...

(The "On the Air" sign lights up.)

(MUSIC: WBFR on bells.)

(For notes on music, see the Appendix.)

ALL. (Sing:) W-B-F-R IN NEW YORK CITY...

FREDDIE FILMORE / ANNOUNCER. This is WBFR Playhouse of the Air!

(Applause sign flashes.)

(MUSIC: Theme Music.)

Start
FREDDIE FILMORE / ANNOUNCER. Good evening ladies, gentlemen, boys, girls, young and old, old and new. Greetings from WBFR Studio A in Manhattan, New York, right here in the U.S. of A. I'm your host, Freddie Filmore, and it is my pleasure to bring you your favorite stories this and every week on WBFR Playhouse of the Air. Tonight, we bring you a real feel-good heart warmer perfect for this or any Christmas Eve, *It's a Wonderful Life*. We begin our story in the little town of Bedford Falls, New York, U.S. of A, where a number of people in the town are praying for their dear friend, a typical American dreamer named George Bailey...

(MUSIC: Underscoring.)

MARY. Dear God, please look over my husband George.

ROSE. (Simultaneously with "George:") George is a good boy, you know that. My son has always gone out of his way to give others a hand. Now it's him who needs the help.

HARRY. (Simultaneously with "help:") Help my big brother George. He's done so much for all of us. More for me than I remember.