

MEDIA RELEASE

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF HOLIDAY CHEER: AN ALL-NEW *A CHRISTMAS CAROL* PREMIERES AT CITADEL

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For two decades, Edmonton has cherished the classic tale of a fateful night and three fateful visits to a certain Christmas-loathing curmudgeon. To celebrate the 20th anniversary, Citadel is proud to debut an new adaptation from Edmonton's David van Belle.

The nostalgia of Tom Wood's adaptation, set in Victorian England, was at the heart of why Alberta fell in love with this holiday tradition. Now, van Belle's new adaptation whisks us to another era of magical Christmas nostalgia: the 1950s. Taking inspiration from classic films like *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Miracle on 34th Street*, enjoy the gorgeous new sights of Scrooge and Marley's Department Store and the busy city streets of a metropolis on Christmas Eve.

We are also thrilled to, for the first time in the history of *A Christmas Carol* at the Citadel, feature a live band and some of the greatest Christmas songs of the 20th century woven into the story of Scrooge's life-changing night. "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," and many more will leave spirits merry and bright.

While the production takes on new life this year, many of the traditions at its heart remain the same. As we have for 19 years, the cast will collect Food Bank donations after performances to continue the spirit of generosity and transformation. And, to elevate the incredible work of young stars in our city, we have a delightful cast of 13 young artists in the Youth Company.

“I have been so delighted to meet countless Edmontonians who consider the Citadel’s production of *A Christmas Carol* an important part of their family holiday tradition. To me, that’s what theatre is all about – the joy of bringing people together, young and old, to celebrate and share. Our gift to Edmonton this Christmas is a brand new production of this beloved story of redemption, filled with new costumes, sets and wonderful holiday music. We can’t wait to share it with you!”

–Daryl Cloran, Citadel Artistic Director

FEATURING

RUTH ALEXANDER	Mrs. Dilber/Musician
JULIEN ARNOLD	Jacob Marley
VANCE AVERY	Mr. Fezziwig
PATRICIA CERRA	Marnie
BELINDA CORNISH	Mrs. Fezziwig
KEVIN DABBS	Musician/Ensemble
BRAYDON DOWLER-COLTMAN	Ben
TED DYKSTRA	Ebenezer Scrooge
CHARIZ FAULMINO	Fezziwig Singer/Phyllis
DANIELA FERNANDEZ	Store Employee/Betty
JEFF GLADSTONE	Barker/Musician
STEVEN GREENFIELD	Musician/Ensemble
CYNTHIA JIMENEZ-HICKS	Belle
ALISON MacDONALD	Emily Cratchit
GRAHAM MOTHERSILL	Young Marley/Topper
PRIYA NARINE	Fanny
GLENN NELSON	Nelson
CORIE RYAN	Martha Cratchit
SASHA RYBALKO	Tiny Tim Cratchit
LILLA SOLYMOS	Ghost of Christmas Past
BEN STEVENS	Fred
JOHN ULLYATT	Ghost of Christmas Present
GIANNA VACIRCA	Maxine

CREW + CREATIVE TEAM

DARYL CLORAN	Director
DAVID van BELLE	Playwright
MISHELLE CUTTLER	Sound Designer/Music Director
CORY SINCENNES	Set/Costume Designer
LEIGH ANN VARDY	Lighting Designer
LAURA KREWSKI	Choreographer
MICHELLE CHAN	Stage Manager
MOLLY PEARSON + RACHEL DAWN WOODS	Assistant Stage Managers
KAYLIE RENNEBOHM	Apprentice Stage Manager
WAYNE PAQUETTE	Assistant Director
STEVEN GREENFIELD	Associate Music Director
LIAM HUNT	Sound Associate
BEYATA HACKBORN	Assistant Set/Costume Designer
ADAM BLOCKA, SAMANTHA KENNEDY, KAYLIE RENNEBOHM, ERIN SELIN	Child Supervisors

Youth Ensemble

Angelo Cornel, Ivy DeGagne, Shelby Dutertre, Zachary Elliott, Sonoma Ghosh, Maksymilian Holko, Kaylee Karpinski, Gabriel Moreno, Josh Plamondon, Carsyn Seetoo, Wesley Tibbetts.

A *Christmas Carol* runs November 30-December 23 in the Maclab Theatre. Tickets are available starting at \$30+Fees/GST at citadeltheatre.com or our Box Office at 780.425.1820.

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NOTE: Cast will be available for interview until November 26, 2019 and may not be available after that date.

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