

Media Release

Scrooge is back as *A Christmas Carol* returns to The Citadel Theatre

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Edmonton, Alberta - David van Belle's adaptation of this timeless Christmas tale is set to open later this month.

Last year, during the pandemic, The Citadel released our production of *A Christmas Carol* as a film available for streaming, and now we are thrilled to welcome back audiences to experience the production in-person on the Maclab stage. Ebenezer Scrooge is transported, on the longest night of his life, by the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future on a journey to help him realize the true meaning of the holiday. *A Christmas Carol* has been entertaining Edmonton audiences at The Citadel for over 20 years. Based on the original novel by Charles Dickens, David van Belle adapted this fresh take on the story which first premiered at the Citadel in 2019. Now set in the 1950's, with all the costumes, decor and classic Christmas songs of the era, this new version will remind audiences of the magic of Christmas movies like *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Miracle on 34th Street*.

Playwright, David van Belle, sees this year's performance as a new beginning after almost two years of living with the pandemic. Mirroring Ebenezer Scrooge being given a second chance, he says "We have a chance right now, all of us together. A chance to learn the lessons that this long night and its terrifying visions have taught us." This year's performance which runs November 27 - December 23, 2021 will be an exciting time for families and theatre audiences to come back to the Citadel Theatre and share in the magic of the season.

The Citadel Theatre's Artistic Director, **Daryl Cloran**, directs this holiday classic. Starring **Ted Dykstra** as Ebenezer Scrooge. **Patricia Zentilli** (*Mamma Mia*) plays Emily Cratchit, Scrooge's assistant with **Ivy DeGagné** (*A Christmas Carol*) as Tim. The production also stars **Lilla Solymos** (*Matilda*) as the Ghost of Christmas Past, **John Ulyatt** (*Every Brilliant Thing*) as the Ghost of Christmas Present, **Braydon Dowler-Coltman** (*The Tempest*) as Ben, **Daniela Fernandez** (*A Christmas Carol*) as Belle, and **Julien Arnold** (*The Garneau Block*) as Marley.

***A Christmas Carol* plays in the Maclab Theatre November 27- December 23, 2021. Tickets are available now at 78.425.1820 through our Box Office or online at citadeltheatre.com.**

Production photos will be available upon request.

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CAST

Ruth Alexander	Mrs. Dilber, Hilda Fezziwig, Ensemble
Julien Arnold	Mr. Fezziwig, Marley, Ensemble
Patricia Cerra	Marnie, Ensemble
Kevin Dabbs	Drummer, Ensemble
Ivy DeGagné	Tim Cratchit
Oscar Derkx	Fred, Bass Player, Ensemble
Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Ben, Ghost of Christmas Future, Ensemble
Ted Dykstra	Ebenezer Scrooge
Chariz Faulmino	Singer, Phyllis, Ensemble
Daniela Fernandez	Belle, Shopgirl, Ensemble
Steven Greenfield	Barker, Piano Player, Ensemble
Graham Mothersill	Topper, Ensemble
Priya Narine	Fanny, Ensemble
Glenn Nelson	Nelson, Ensemble
Lilla Solymos	Ghost of Christmas Past, Ensemble
John Ulyatt	Ghost of Christmas Present, Santa, Ensemble
Patricia Zentilli	Emily Cratchit, Ensemble

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Sofia Berry, Liam Cloran, Shelby Dutertre, Maksymilian Holko, Athena Reyes, Zenon Roessler, and Ella Schaloske

CREATIVE TEAM

Daryl Cloran	Director
Cory Sincennes	Set & Costume Designer
Leigh Ann Vardy	Lighting Designer
Mishelle Cuttler	Sound Designer and Music Director
Steven Greenfield	Associate Music Director
Laura Krewski	Original Choreographer
Gianna Vacirca	Choreographer
Wayne Paquette	Assistant Director
Cynthia Jimenez-Hicks	Assistant Director
Michelle Chan	Stage Manager
Molly Pearson	Assistant Stage Manager
Gaby Phaneuf	Assistant Stage Manager
Frances Bundy	Apprentice SM & Children's Supervisor
Adam Blocka	Children's Supervisor
Jenna Kerekes	Production Assistant and COVID-19 Health Captain
Caitlan Argueta	Production Assistant
Meg Walker	Production Assistant

UNDERSTUDIES

Ruth Alexander	Piano Player
Chariz Faulmino	Belle, Fanny

Kristi Hansen	Emily Cratchit, Hilda Fezziwig, Mrs. Dilber, Phyllis, Singer
Mathew Hulshof	Fred, Topper, Ben, Ghost of Christmas Future
Graham Mothersill	Ghost of Christmas Present
Priya Narine	Marnie
Glenn Nelson	Ebenezer Scrooge
Troy O'Donnell	Marley, Fezziwig, Nelson, Barker

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