

MEDIA RELEASE

Edmonton's favourite Christmas tradition returns to the Citadel with *A Christmas Carol*

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Edmonton, Alberta – With new surprises and old favourites, *A Christmas Carol* by David van Belle returns for the fourth year in a row to The Citadel Theatre.

Based on the novella by Charles Dickens, van Belle's version takes audiences into the mid 20th century, where the irritable and miserly Ebenezer Scrooge runs a large department store with the help of the intelligent and capable mother-of-six, Emily Cratchit. It takes the visit of three dedicated Ghosts of Christmas to help Scrooge see the error of his ways and vow to help his friends, including the youngest Cratchit, Tim. Evoking the nostalgia of silver screen Christmas classics like *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Miracle on 34th Street* and filled with holiday songs, this musical is sure to delight Edmonton audiences once again.

"David's exquisitely written adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* is a magical way to celebrate the holidays," says Artistic Director Daryl Cloran, "We premiered this production in 2019. In 2020, the pandemic meant we couldn't welcome audiences in-person, so we re-imagined the production for film. In 2021, we returned to the live production with a smaller cast, but COVID unfortunately shut us down early. And now, after years of pivoting, we are thrilled to once again present the live production with the full cast as originally intended."

We are excited to announce one of Edmonton's and the Citadel's favourite artists, John Ulyatt will be taking on the role of Ebenezer Scrooge this year! John has been part of the Citadel's long tradition of *A Christmas Carol*, performing many different roles throughout the years. Mostly recently he played the exuberant Ghost of Christmas Present in the 2021 production.

The Citadel Theatre recognizes the importance of authentic representation of different bodies and abilities on stage and in the stories we tell. We have made a commitment to providing opportunities for "Tim" to be played by an actor with lived experience of disability and/or chronic illness. We are very excited to introduce you to our "Tim" for our 2022 production of *A Christmas Carol*: 10-year-old Elias Martin! Elias and his family have been working with us for the last year in preparation for this project, and we're so excited to finally welcome them to the Maclab Theatre and *A Christmas Carol*! Elias will be playing "Tim" at most performances during the 2022 run, with Aubrey Malacad supporting as alternate.

***A Christmas Carol* plays in the Maclab Theatre from November 26 – December 23, 2022. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 780.425.1820 or online at citadeltheatre.com.**

Production photos will be available by November 28, 2022.

[Take a peek at our promotional video introducing John Ulyatt as Scrooge](#)

CAST

Ruth Alexander	Mrs Dilber, Hilda Fezziwig, Ensemble
Julien Arnold	Marley, Fezziwig, Ensemble
Patricia Cerra	Marnie, Ensemble
Kevin Dabbs	Drummer, Ensemble
Oscar Derkx	Fred, Bass Player, Ensemble
Kirkland Doiron	Ensemble
Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Ben, Ghost of Christmas Future, Ensemble
Sheldon Elter	Ghost of Christmas Present, Santa, Ensemble
Daniella Fernandez	Belle, Shopgirl, Ensemble
Steven Greenfield	Barker, Piano Player, Ensemble
Kristi Hansen	Ensemble
Mathew Hulshof	Choir, Ensemble
Alison MacDonald	Emily Cratchit, Ensemble
Graham Mothersill	Topper, Ensemble
Priya Narine	Fanny, Ensemble
Glenn Nelson	Nelson, Ensemble
Christina Nguyen	Singer, Phyllis, Ensemble
Troy O'Donnell	Ensemble
John Ulyatt	Ebenezer Scrooge

CHORUS

Liam Cloran	Peter Cratchit
Ivy DeGagné	Nancy Cratchit
Ben Hill	Benny
Emma Jespersen	Susan
Neli Kastrinos	Want
Aubrey Malacad	Alternate Tim
Parker Malacad	Snowball Kid
Elias Martin	Tim
Nicolas Melo	Turkey Boy
Josh Plamondon	Snowball Kid
Aysha Richards	Snowball Kid
Spike Rubin	Ignorance
Ella Schaloske	Martha Cratchit
Thalia Snelgrove	Belinda Cratchit
Lilla Solymos	Ghost of Christmas Past

CREATIVE TEAM

Playwright	David van Belle
Daryl Cloran	Director
Cory Sincennes	Set & Costume Designer
Leigh Ann Vardy	Lighting Designer
Mishelle Cuttler	Sound Designer, Music Director
Steven Greenfield	Associate Music Director
Laura Krewski	Original Choreographer
Mishelle Cuttler	Music Director
Cynthia Jimenez-Hicks	Choreographer / Assistant Director
Lianna Makuch	Assistant Director
Janine Waddell	Intimacy Director
Frank Donato	Associate Lighting Designer
Michelle Chan	Stage Manager

Lore Green
Molly Pearson
Frances Bundy
Adam Blocka

Assistant Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Manager
Apprentice SM & Children's Supervisor
Children's Supervisor

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