

MEDIA RELEASE

Edmonton's favourite Christmas tradition is back at The Citadel Theatre

October 25, 2023

Edmonton, Alberta – *A Christmas Carol* by **David van Belle** plays for the fifth season at the Citadel, starting this November.

Based on the Charles Dickens classic novella comes the story of three ghosts who visit the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge to show him the true meaning of Christmas before his fate is sealed. The production is filled with Christmas classic tunes with a 1950s feel that will remind audiences of all the nostalgia of the season and is perfect for families and children.

An Edmonton tradition for the past 23 years, this production is directed by the Citadel's Artistic Director, **Daryl Cloran**. **John Ulyatt** reprises his role as Scrooge, alongside **Patricia Zentilli** as Emily Cratchit, a widowed mother working to provide her family with the best Christmas she can, and her youngest son Tim (played on alternating performances by **Elias Martin** and **Emmy Robinson**). Musical dance numbers, backed by an ensemble chorus and band round out the show, make *A Christmas Carol* by David van Belle a magical experience this holiday season.

The cast includes fourteen young artists, many of whom have previously participated in classes at the Citadel's Foote Theatre School. Productions like *A Christmas Carol* and *The Sound of Music*, give opportunities for young people to gain experience on a professional stage and develop their talents and skills as artists.

The Citadel Theatre is celebrating over 20 years in partnership with Edmonton's Food Bank during the run of *A Christmas Carol*, collecting donations for Edmonton's most vulnerable populations. To date we have raised over \$1.4 million for the Food Bank with the matching help of Capital Power. This year, Capital Power has increased their pledged matching donations to \$25,000. Donations will be collected at performances during the run of the show and can also be made [online](#) or by texting FEEDYEG to 20222.

A Christmas Carol by David van Belle plays November 25 to December 23, 2023 in the Maclab Theatre. Tickets are available by calling Box Office at 780.425.1820 or online at citadeltheatre.com

The Pay What You Choose performances, presented by Alberta Blue Cross, are happening November 26 and December 2. More information about this program and how to get tickets can be found at citadeltheatre.com

Production photos will be available by December 5, 2023.

CAST

Ruth Alexander

Mrs. Dilber, Hilda Fezziwig, Saxophone, Piano, Ensemble

Julien Arnold	Marley, Mr. Fezziwig, Banjo, Ensemble
Maya Baker	Fanny, Ensemble
Patricia Cerra	Marnie, Ensemble
Chris W. Cook	Ensemble
Kevin Dabbs	Drummer, Ensemble
Ivy DeGagné	Ghost of Christmas Past, Martha Cratchit
Oscar Derkx	Fred, Bass Player, Ensemble
Kirkland Doiron	Ensemble
Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Ben, Ghost of Christmas Future, Ensemble
Daniela Fernandez	Belle, Shopgirl, Ensemble
Jesse Gervais	Ghost of Christmas Present, Santa, Ensemble
Steven Greenfield	Barker, Piano Player, Trombone, Ensemble
Kristin Johnson	Ensemble
Rochelle Laplante	Singer, Phyllis, Ensemble
Elias Martin	Tim Cratchit
Graham Mothersill	Topper, Young Marley, Ensemble
Glenn Nelson	Nelson, Ensemble
Troy O'Donnell	Ensemble
Emmy Robinson	Tim Cratchit
John Ulliyatt	Ebenezer Scrooge
Patricia Zentilli	Emily Cratchit, Ensemble

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Anjali DeSilva, Edgar Greenfield, Nora Hill, Lewis Kerr, Aubrey Malacad, Parker Malacad, Nicolas Melo, Josh Plamondon, Spike J. Rubin, Thalia Snelgrove, Wren van Belle

UNDERSTUDIES

Ruth Alexander	Piano Player
Maya Baker	Belle, Ghost of Christmas Past / Martha
Chris W. Cook	Fred, Ben / Ghost of Christmas Future
Kirkland Doiron	Topper / Young Marley
Kristin Johnson	Emily Cratchit, Hilda Fezziwig / Mrs. Dilber, Phyllis / Singer
Rochelle Laplante	Marnie, Fanny
Graham Mothersill	Ghost of Christmas Present
Glenn Nelson	Ebenezer Scrooge
Troy O'Donnell	Marley, Nelson, Barker

CREATIVE TEAM

Daryl Cloran	Director
Cory Sincennes	Set & Costume Designer
Leigh Ann Vardy	Lighting Designer
Mishelle Cuttler	Music Director, Sound Designer
Steven Greenfield	Associate Music Director
Laura Krewski	Original Choreographer
Gianna Vacirca	Choreographer
Lianna Makuch	Assistant Director
Mieko Ouchi	Assistant Director
Janine Waddell	Intimacy Director

Imogen Wilson	Associate Lighting Designer
Nick Rose	Associate Sound Designer
Kristin Johnson	Dance Captain
Molly Pearson	Stage Manager
Lore Green	Assistant Stage Manager
Andrea Handal Rivera	Assistant Stage Manager
Frances Bundy	Assistant Stage Manager
Stacy Vanden Dool	Apprentice Stage Manager
Adam Blocka	Children's Supervisor
Alexander Ariate	Children's Supervisor
Austin Kennedy	Children's Supervisor

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