THE CITADEL THEATRE

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MEDIA RELEASE

The beloved Christmas tradition, *A Christmas Carol* returns to The Citadel Theatre

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Edmonton, Alberta – A yearly tradition for generations of Edmonton audiences, *A Christmas Carol* by **David van Belle** returns to the Maclab Theatre at The Citadel Theatre, bringing the magic of the season to the heart of downtown Edmonton.

For 27 years, the story of Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas has marked the beginning of the holiday season for families and theatre patrons across the region. Now celebrating its eighth year, David van Belle's adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale of redemption and hope features glittering costumes, 1950s-inspired song and dance, and an extraordinary cast that brings a nostalgic twist to this timeless story.

Audiences will once again follow Ebenezer Scrooge as he embarks on a transformative Christmas Eve journey. With the help of the Ghosts of Past, Present, and Future, Scrooge has just one night to confront his past, discover the true meaning of Christmas, and change the course of his future.

John Ullyatt (*Murder on the Orient Express, Death of a Salesman*) returns as Ebenezer Scrooge, joined by **Alison MacDonald** *(Matilda, It Takes Two*) as Emily Cratchit, **Braydon Dowler-Coltman** (*Cyrano de Bergerac, The Wizard of Oz*) as Ben Scrooge, **Maya Baker** (*Clue, Legally Blonde*) as Fanny, **Patricia Cerra** *(The Mountaintop, The Fiancée*) as Marnie, alongside a talented ensemble of Edmonton artists. The production also welcomes **Morrigan White** along with **Emmy Richardson** as Tim Cratchit, as well as a talented Youth Ensemble featuring many Foote Theatre School students.

Originally directed by Artistic Director **Daryl Cloran**, the production is currently directed by **Lianna Makuch** (*First Métis Man of Odesa). A Christmas Carol* promises to fill the Maclab Theatre with the music, magic, and nostalgia of Christmas.

A Christmas Carol by David van Belle plays until December 24, 2026. Tickets are available at citadeltheatre.com

The Citadel Theatre is celebrating over 25 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, our audience has raised over $1.7 million for the Food Bank with the matching help of Capital Power. This year, Capital Power has once again pledged matching donations up to $25,000. Patrons can donate online at canadahelps.org/en/dn/55938?qrcode=1 or in person after each performance.

The Accessible Performance, which is a Captioned and Relaxed Experience, will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at 1:30pm. Tickets and more information on Accessible Performances can be found at citadeltheatre.com/accessibility.

Production photos with a crediting document can be found here.

CAST

Maya Baker	Fanny, Ensemble
Patricia Cerra	Belle, Marnie, Ensemble
Chris W. Cook	Ensemble
Ivy DeGagné	Ghost of Christmas Past, Martha Cratchit, Ensemble
Cathy Derkach	Mrs. Dilber, Hilda Fezziwig, Piano 2, Ensemble
Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Ben, Ghost of Christmas Future, Ensemble
Garett Ross	Ghost of Christmas Present, Santa, Ensemble
Steven Greenfield	Barker, Piano 1, Trombone, Ensemble
Alison MacDonald	Emily Cratchit, Ensemble
Graham Mothersill	Topper, Young Marley, Ensemble
Glenn Nelson	Nelson, Ensemble
Christina Nguyen	Phyllis, Fezziwig Singer, Ensemble
Troy O'Donnell	Jacob Marley, Mr. Fezziwig, Ensemble
Biboye Onanuga	Drums, Ensemble
Bhéy Pastolero	Ensemble
Michael Peng	Ensemble
Elena Porter	Ensemble
Emmy Richardson*	Tim Cratchit
John Ullyatt	Ebenezer Scrooge
Morrigan White*	Tim Cratchit
Eric Wigston	Fred, Bass, Ensemble
Julien Arnold	Voice of Jacob Marley

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Koi Gennings, Hailee Keller, Makaiah Lagrazon, Wolfrando Antonio Lagrazon, Max Leo, Alessandro Mendez, Jackson O'Rourke, Avery Rogers, Danika Reinhart, Maia Vinge

UNDERSTUDIES

Chris W. Cook	Topper/Young Marley, Ben/Ghost of Christmas Future, Fred
Cathy Derkach	Piano 1
Steven Greenfield	Piano 2
Graham Mothersill	Ghost of Christmas Present/Santa
Glenn Nelson	Ebenezer Scrooge
Bhéy Pastolero	Ghost of Christmas Past/Martha Cratchit, Belle/Marnie, Fanny
Michael Peng	Jacob Marley/Mr. Fezziwig, Nelson, Barker
Elena Porter	Emily Cratchit, Mrs. Dilber/Hilda Fezziwig, Phyllis/Fezziwig, Singer

CREATIVE TEAM

David van Belle	Playwright
Lianna Makuch	Director

Daryl Cloran	Original Director
Cory Sincennes	Set & Costume Designer
Leigh Ann Vardy	Lighting Designer
Mishelle Cuttler	Sound Designer* & Original Music Director
Cynthia Jimenez-Hicks	Choreographer
Laura Krewski	Original Choreographer
Steven Greenfield	Associate Music Director
Mitchell Labrosse	Associate Sound Designer
Payal Jotania	Associate Lighting Designer
Ellen Chorley	Assistant Director
Christina Nguyen	Dance Captain
Molly Pearson	Stage Manager
Andrea Handal Rivera	Assistant Stage Manager
Ken James Stewart	Assistant Stage Manager
Sarah Austin	Apprentice Stage Manager
Adam Blocka	Children's Supervisor
Austin Kennedy	Children's Supervisor
Alexander Ariate	Children's Supervisor

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