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STEPHEN HAIR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AS SCROOGE IN THEATRE CALGARY'S **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

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Calgary, AB... Theatre Calgary is proud to celebrate 32 years of spirited tradition with the longest-running holiday theatre production in Canada, *A Christmas Carol*. Adapted by Theatre Calgary's former artistic director **DENNIS GARNHUM**, and starring **STEPHEN HAIR** as Scrooge, this production of *Carol* takes our audiences on a journey with Ebenezer Scrooge through an intricately designed winter wonderland by renowned Canadian designer Patrick Clark.

2018 marks a special anniversary for actor Hair, who will celebrate his 25th season as the iconic Ebenezer Scrooge. Originally appearing as Scrooge in 1994, Hair has also appeared in different roles in four earlier productions, thus making 2018 his 29th overall appearance. "No actor expects to be playing the same role for so long," says Hair, "and as an actor, to know that you may have touched someone and made an impact in their life is a humbling thing. And not something I take lightly."

Garnhum's adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, which premiered in 2011, marks the seventh different stage adaptation of the show at Theatre Calgary since its inception. Theatre Calgary originally presented *A Christmas Carol* in 1983 (followed by a show in 1984, and then every year since 1989) in our old home, the QR Centre, on 9th Ave. Since that original production, more than 625,000 people have attended the show, and over 280 actors have appeared in the production.

THE CAST

Along with Hair, *A Christmas Carol* features an primarily local cast including nine young actors. **ROBERT KLEIN** (Jacob Marley), **ALLISON LYNCH** (Spirit of Christmas Past), **GRAHAM PERCY** (Spirit of Christmas Present), **MIKE TAN** (Bob Cratchit) and **DECLAN O'REILLY** (Mr. Fezziwig) are joined by **TYLER BIDYK**, **DEVON BRAYNE**, **ALEX CHEROVSKY**, **OLIVIA COLLIER**, **ANNA CUMMER**, **ELIJAH DELA ROSA**, **DANIEL FONG**, **BRADEN GRIFFITHS**, **JOSIE JONES**, **MARINA KADRI**, **JAMIE KONCHAK**, **HEATHER PATTENGALE**, **LAUREN RACZ**, **JULIANNE SMITH**, **ELIZABETH STEPKOWSKI-TARHAN**, **EVAN ANDERSEN STERNS**, and **SIENA YEE**.

THE CREATIVE TEAM

The show is directed by **SIMON MALLET**, based on the original direction of **DENNIS GARNHUM**. Rounding out the creative team are **PATRICK CLARK** (Set & Costume Design), **KEVIN LAMOTTE** (Lighting Design), **JEREMY SPENCER** (Composer), **ALLISON LYNCH** (Music & Vocal Director), **CHRIS JACKO** (Sound Design), **SHARI WATTLING** (Production Dramaturg), **KARL H. SINE** (Fight Director), **ANITA MIOTTI** (Choreographer), **JANE MACFARLANE** (Voice & Dialect Coach), **PATTI NEICE** (Stage Manager), **RUBY DAWN EUSTAQUIO** and **ASHLEY REES** (Assistant Stage Managers).

Performances at Theatre Calgary run Tuesday thru Sunday with evening curtain at 7:30pm (Tuesday-Sunday), weekend matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets for all performances can be purchased through Theatre Calgary at 403-294-7447, or online at theatrecalgary.com. All performances take place on the Max Bell Theatre stage in Arts Commons.

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