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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY CHARLES DICKENS

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY
GEOFFREY SIMON BROWN

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From the Theatre Calgary family, thank you for honouring the spirit of Christmas. All the best to you and yours!







STAFFORD ARIMA, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & JON JACKSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A holiday tradition for 33 years, A Christmas Carol holds a dear place in the hearts of Calgarians. A tradition within the tradition over the years is that Theatre Calgary has offered the city different adaptations of our festive favourite. With former Artistic Director Dennis Garnhum's version on

stage for the past eight years, I thought it time to offer the community a fresh take – something new to unwrap under the tree this year.

Instead of wearing the writer's hat myself, I decided to open up the search to local theatre practitioners. After all, *A Christmas Carol* is just as dear to the artists who call Calgary home as it is to our patrons. Theatre Calgary asked applicants for a two-page treatment and a sample scene from the novella. All in all, we received 29 different offerings! With the clear guidelines that Theatre Calgary was looking for an adaptation that stayed true to Dickens' original story, we whittled down the options to 12. After long discussions, and some difficult decision making, the choice became clear: Geoffrey Simon Brown's treatment sung! Geoffrey's brand new adaptation offers a contemporary perspective to this Victorian classic, and I am absolutely thrilled for you all to see it.

With this brand new script premiering on our stage, I also wanted to breathe some new life into every design element of the stage production. Everything you will see on stage – including Scrooge's and the Spirits' costumes, the Fezziwigs' festive party decorations, and every square inch of architecture creating 1843 London, has all been newly built. Theatre Calgary began the process of constructing the sets, costumes, and props in May 2019 – six months before opening night! With a new team of designers, the world of Charles Dickens and Ebenezer Scrooge will come to life with historical accuracy, artistry, and a heavy dose of magic.

I will be forever thankful to the entire creative team, theatre practitioners, as well as the actors and musicians (who are all from Calgary) for their creativity, artistry, and ebullient energy during the entire process. I hope and trust that that exuberance leaps off the stage and wraps each and every one of you with holiday warmth and cheer. Wishing you and your family, friends, and loved ones a very Happy Holiday!

Stafford Arima ARTISTIC DIRECTOR





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PLAYWRIGHT'S NOTES



Every time I read the original novella of *A Christmas Carol*, I am struck by how timely it feels. Even though he was writing so specifically about the time he was living in it feels like Dickens tapped into something that we all seem to forget and need to be reminded of again and again: to pay attention to those around us; that we all belong to the same world. That feels as relevant, if not more, than it was in 1843.

As I've grown up, Christmas, for me, has become as much about reflection as it has been about celebration.

The thing that gets to me the most in reading this story right now is that it's about learning from the past and looking around you at the present. It challenges the notions of Christmas that we are fed by advertisers: that this is a time for excess for us and ours alone.

I think we are in a moment of reflection in our city as well. The recession has made a lot of people see how easy it is to fall into hard times, but it also has a lot of people feeling scared. Scared of being able to provide for themselves and their families. And that fear can make it difficult to feel connected to the larger community we live in. In an increasingly individualized world, with technology-driven isolation and polarized politics dividing friends and family, it feels so vital that we can come together around a story to remind us of our shared humanity.

I think this story can do that.

It has been such an honour to be able to add to the incredible legacy of Dickens' words on this stage. Thank you to everyone at Theatre Calgary for this extraordinary opportunity.

Merry Christmas and enjoy the show.

Geoffrey Simon Brown

PLAYWRIGHT

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NOV 24	25	26	27	28 7:30 P.M. ◆	29 7:30 P.M. ●	30 2:00 P.M. ▲ 7:30 P.M.
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2:2 2:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 2:00 P.M.	25 Christmas day	26 4:00 P.M.	27 4:00 P.M. ★	28 2:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

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FAN, PICKLE

BOY SCROOGE, THOMAS

CHRISTMAS PAST

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A Christmas Carol is performed with one intermission.

THEATRE FAQS

Your guide to having a great Theatre Calgary experience.

HOW CAN I BE A GREAT AUDIENCE MEMBER?

A little courtesy goes a long way. Please do not check your phone during the performance and make sure all phones and watches cannot ring or vibrate. Talking, whispering, unwrapping candy, and strongly scented body products can be disruptive.

CAN I TEXT OR USE SOCIAL MEDIA DURING A PERFORMANCE?

We kindly ask that any smart device use is kept to before and after the show, as well as intermissions. The bright light from your device can be distracting to the patrons around you and the actors that are on stage.

CAN I TAKE PHOTOS OR VIDEOS IN THE THEATRE?

The taking of photos, video, or audio recordings during our productions is strictly prohibited.

WHERE ARE THE WASHROOMS?

Washrooms are located on all levels of the theatre, including our lower lobby where you entered. In our main lobby, we have additional women's washrooms located on the house left-hand side of the lobby.

CAN I BRING FOOD AND DRINK INTO A PERFORMANCE?

You're welcome to bring in beverages and snacks purchased from our bars. Please make sure your beverage is in a non-glass container before entering the theatre. We are unable to admit food and drinks not purchased at the theatre.

CAN I BRING MY BABY TO A PERFORMANCE?

Babies and toddlers can be disruptive to fellow patrons, so for everyone's enjoyment we are unable to admit babes-in-arms. We also have Relaxed Performances available that are better suited for young children. Please visit theatrecalgary.com for more information.

WHAT IF I'M LATE FOR THE SHOW?

Please do your best to arrive at least 30 minutes before showtime. We have the option to seat latecomers, but you might need to wait for a suitable moment to enter and there's a chance you'll be given different seats to minimize any disruption. If you arrive later than this point, you might be asked to wait until intermission.

IS THERE A DRESS CODE?

Many patrons like to dress up for the theatre, and others prefer to keep it casual. However you're comfortable, you're welcome.



MARK BELLAMY MR. FEZZIWIG. OLD JOE

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Director - Noises Off; Assistant Director/Choreographer - Rough Crossing; Actor - Camelot, A Christmas Carol (1990, 1993, 1995), Anne of Green Gables (1994), Evita (1993), Pal Joey. Mark is very happy to be back at Theatre Calgary after directing the season opener, Noises Off. RECENT PERFORMANCE CREDITS INCLUDE: The Bad Seed, The Finest of Strangers, Cocktails at Pam's (Teatro la Quindicina); Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead (The Shakespeare Company/ATP); Deathtrap (Vertigo); Legislating Love (Sage Theatre); Moon, Moon, No Moon (OYR); In On It (Lunchbox). Mark is the recipient of the Greg Bond Memorial Award, the Harry and Martha Cohen Award, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service to Calgary's Arts Community. Happy Holidays!



ANNA CUMMER ALICE CRATCHIT. BETHEL

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Noises Off, A Christmas Carol (2018), Twelfth Night, The Shoplifters, Pride & Prejudice. Select credits include: The 39 Steps, Wait Until Dark, The Mousetrap, The Game's Afoot, Vintage Hitchcock, Gaslight (Vertigo); Slipper: A Distinctly Calgarian Cinderella Story (ATP); Macbeth (The Shakespeare Company); Book Club, Book Club 2 (Lunchbox); Sextet, Lungs, The Wolves (Verb Theatre); Tomorrow's Child (Ghost River); In The Wake (Downstage/Calgary Children's Festival). Thank you to Craig, Olive, and Aubrey for all their love and support. And a very Merry Christmas to all who attend this wonderful new Carol.



BRETT DAHL FRED. WALTON

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare in the Park/MRU). Brett is a Calgarian actor, writer, and director. SELECT ACTING CREDITS INCLUDE: The Sleeping Beauty (Alberta Ballet); Chariots of Fire (Grand Theatre); King Lear, Twelfth Night (Canadian Stage); The Circle (ATP); All's Well That Ends Well, Twelfth Night (The Shakespeare Company); A Thought in Three Parts, Like Orpheus (Theatre Outré/International Dublin Gay Theatre Festival); A Worthy Opponent (Lunchbox); What The Thunder Said (OYR); The Soul Collector (Catalyst). Brett graduated from the BFA Acting Program at UofA. He was the recipient of both the Stephen Hair Emerging Actor Award (2015) and the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Award (2018). Love to my family and Jesse, and a Merry Christmas to all!



CASH DAVIS BEN CRATCHIT, GEORGE

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Cash has played Young Will in Storybook's Top Secret Musical 2019 (*Big Fish the Musical*) and was also part of the children's chorus in their production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He performed in the Grandstand Show at the Calgary Stampede as part of The Young Canadians and in *Mary Poppins* with St. Peters Players. Cash studies voice and tap and is in grade 7 at the Calgary Waldorf School. In addition to theatre, he loves animals, snowboarding, avocados, and all things Harry Potter. Cash wants to thank his Mom and Dad for all their support. Merry Christmas!



CHRISTOPHER DUTHIE DICK WILKINS, TOPPER, SIMON

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: A Christmas Carol (2007-2010). Christopher Duthie is a Calgary-based actor, playwright and co-founder of Bad Knaps Theatre Collective which premiered his play A Dinner Party at the Vertigo Studio in June. As an actor, he most recently appeared in Hamlet Frequency (The Shakespeare Company/Hit & Myth/OYR: beautifulyoungartists), The Thin Man (Vertigo Theatre), 52 Pickup (Lunchbox) and Journey of a Lifetime (Quest Theatre/Heritage Park). Up next, The Other Josh Cohen with Birnton Theatricals and Clue at Vertigo Theatre. Much love and gratitude to his wonderful wife, Alexandra, and cat daughter, Isabelle. @badknapstheatre



STEPHEN HAIR EBENEZER SCROOGE

It has been a great privilege to be your Scrooge for these 26 years. And a great surprise. No actor expects to be playing the same role for so long. And so my thanks to all of you who, over many years, have made our *Christmas Carol* tradition a part of your family's annual celebration. And to those newcomers to our show...Welcome! If I have learned anything in playing this wonderful role it is simply this...we all make mistakes in life but we never lose the chance to be able to change and advance from darkness to light. Many of you have shared with me your own stories of being moved by Scrooge's journey. 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. But that is why actors and audiences come together in a darkened room...to share, to laugh, to cry and to learn from each other. Thanks to all of you for allowing me to be a part of this remarkable journey.



AVA HORNUNG MARGRET CRATCHIT, SALLY, JILL

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Ava is extremely honoured to be making her acting debut as part of the cast of *A Christmas Carol*. She loves acting and theatre, and is delighted to now be behind the red curtain! Ava has trained with the Loose Moose Theatre Company and Pumphouse Theatre. She is in grade seven, speaks French, and plays piano, ukulele, and clarinet. Ava would like to thank the fabulous cast and company – such a wonderful group of new friends! Ava also thanks her family, who have been her good-humoured audience ever since she could talk



EMMA HOUGHTON BFILE, ROSE

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Emma is an actor, emerging director, mover and shaker, and theatre creator. Select acting credits include: Christmas at Pemberley, A Midsummer Night's Dream (Citadel); The Virgin Trial (Betty Award nomination), The Last Wife (ATP); Miss Teen (Shadow Theatre); Cleave (Tiny Bear Jaws/Fringe Theatre Adventures); The Drowning Girls (Edmonton Fringe 2019). Visit emma-houghton.com for more info! 18 years ago, Emma played Tiny Tim in the Citadel Theatre's production of A Christmas Carol, and her heart is bursting to be back onstage telling this timeless story of love and rebirth. Merry Christmas, and may we all take steps to ensure that those without warmth, food, and kindness, find some this festive season.



BRIAN JENSEN JACOB MARLEY, MR. CREAKLE, KOCH

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: The Crucible, A Christmas Carol (2007-2010), Amadeus, The Innocents. ELSEWHERE: Film credits include Passchendaele, Hell on Wheels, Fargo, Dark Angel, Hope Island, Millennium, The 6th Day, First Wave, Poltergeist: the Legacy, and many more. THEATRE CREDITS INCLUDE: Badlands Passion Play (six years); Clarence Darrow (Cgy Fringe); Equivocation (The Shakespeare Company); A Steady Rain (GZT/Hit & Myth); Twelve Angry Men, Blood Relations, Go Back for Murder (Vertigo); Mr Fixit (Betty Mitchell Award nomination), The Invention of Music, The Life History of the African Elephant, Hearts and Soles, Middle Aged White Guys (Lunchbox); Hamlet (Project X Kamloops); Merry Wives of Windsor, The Tempest (MRC's Shakespeare in the Park).



VANESSA JETTÉ NAYA PENNY. MRS. DILBER, DANCE CAPTAIN

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Hamlet (Shakespeare by the Bow). Vanessa is stoked to be working on this show with so many amazing artists in this city! When she's not sailing the seas working on a cruise ship you may have seen her performing in some great shows with some amazing companies such as Hamlet Frequency (The Shakespeare Company/Hit & Myth/OYR: beautifulyoungartists), Premium Content (Major Matt Mason Collective), In and Out of Love, Radioheaded Three (OYR: beautifulyoungartists) and some others. She's excited to be back in the acting game with this amazing show and can't wait to celebrate Christmas in the best way possible! @vanessajette



KAREN JOHNSON-DIAMOND GERTIE FEZZIWIG, ETHEL, CHARNOCK

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Noises Off, The Crucible, W.O. Mitchell's Jake and the Kid, The Miracle Worker. Karen is a Calgary-based actor, director, improviser and educator. She's also the founder and Artistic Producer of Dirty Laundry, the COMPLETELY IMPROVISED Comedy Soap Opera, now in its 20th season, Monday nights at Lunchbox Theatre. Karen's mom doesn't like biographies that are just 'lists', so she pauses here to say that her mom introduced the idea of "No Money Christmas" to her family 25 years ago. Karen is the Administrative Director of ARTSTREK, Theatre Alberta's summer drama camp for teens. (Ask her about it!) Karen loves Kevin. Griffin and Neil Diamond.



MARINA KADRI MARTHA CRATCHIT. MOLLY

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: A Christmas Carol (2013, 2018). ELSEWHERE: Mary Poppins, Alice in Wonderland (Storybook Theatre's Spotlight Program); Les Misérables, Macbeth, Vimy (Artstrek). Marina is a gifted vocalist, pianist and sketch artist. She currently attends Central Memorial High School and is a part of their Theatre Arts PVA program. Marina thanks the directors for the amazing experience. She dedicates her performance to the memory of her Aunt Mary who was always her biggest fan. @_mkadri_



ALLISON LYNCH COMPOSER, MUSIC DIRECTOR, FIDDLER

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Sound Designer/Composer - The Scarlet Letter; As You Like It, Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare by the Bow); Music Director - A Christmas Carol (2016-18); Actor - A Christmas Carol (2011-2018), The Secret Garden, Dear Johnny Deere, One Man, Two Guvnors. ELSEWHERE: Waiting for the Parade, The Red Priest, Ash Rizin', The Penelopiad (ATP); Romeo & Juliet, Hamlet, Julius Caesar, All's Well that Ends Well (The Shakespeare Company); Double Indemnity, In the Heat of the Night, Sweeney Todd (Vertigo); Vigilante (NAC/The Grand/Persephone); The Soul Collector (Catalyst); A Dinner Party (Bad Knaps); Fiddler on the Loose (Drayton Festival); A Worthy Opponent (Lunchbox); ONCE (Chemainus); The Piper (Downstage); Thy Neighbor's Wife, Essay (Urban Curvz); Twisted, Maria Rasputin Presents, But...This IS my Day Job! (Forte). Allison has received three Betty Mitchell Awards for acting and was the proud recipient of the 2011 Stephen Hair Emerging Actor Award. You may have seen her flying on a window for the previous eight years of A Christmas Carol as The Spirit of Christmas Past. Allison is also a Betty-winning and Jesse-nominated sound designer, composer, and musical director, who has designed for ATP, Vertigo, The Arts Club, Lunchbox, Downstage, Ellipsis Tree, and Sage, among others. She will be composing for the world premiere of Ministry of Grace at the Belfry this February. You can also see her onstage at Vertigo in Clue this May. Allison's debut album, Skin & Flame, is available on CD baby, iTunes and at allisonlynchmusic.com.



DEVIN MACKINNON YOUNG SCROOGE. SAM

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. ELSEWHERE: The Tempest (The Shakespeare Company); Comedy of Errors, Paradise Lost, Long Day's Journey Into Night (u/s) (Stratford Festival); Crime Does Not Pay (Downstage); Naughty...But Nice! (Forte); Liberation Days, The Mary Celeste, Nothing Less!, A Midsummer Night's Dream, In This Light, Frankenstein, The Ruins (Two Planks and A Passion); Spelling 2-5-5 (Carousel Players). Training: The National Theatre School of Canada, The Birmingham Conservatory. Special thanks to Michaela for her love and support and have a wonderful holiday season!



JACKSON MACNEIL PETER CRATCHIT, STEERFORTH

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Jack trains as a senior singer/dancer with the Young Canadians and dances competitively with Universoul Dance Studio. He captained his school's Theatre Sports team and had a guest appearance with the Dirty Laundry Youth Improv troupe. His first experience with a theatre production was in the role of Principal Panch in *The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee* (Young Canadians, "Chase the Spotlight"); he loved it. In his spare time he plays drums and sax and enjoys rock climbing. Jack would like thank his mentors, Joe Rino and Susan Mensinger, for inspiring him and giving him the confidence to go to his first casting call. @mediumheightman



DECLAN O'REILLY ENSEMBLE. EBENEZER SCROOGE UNDERSTUDY

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: The Scarlet Letter, A Christmas Carol (1991-93, 1996, 2015-18), The Audience, King Lear, One Man, Two Guvnors, Much Ado About Nothing. SELECT CREDITS: Mrs. Warren's Profession, Jeeves Takes a Bow (Chemainus Theatre); The Skin of Our Teeth, Tent Meeting (Rosebud Theatre); Shakespeare's Rebel (Bard on the Beach); Circle Mirror Transformation (Sage/Shadow Theatre); Much Ado About Nothing (The Shakespeare Company); The Lonely Diner (Vertigo Theatre). Declan is a graduate of the University of Alberta BFA Acting program and a founder of Edmonton's Free Will Players Shakespeare Company.



GENEVIÈVE PARÉ FMILY, CAROLINE

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Geneviève Paré is in the practice and profession of building, shaping and performing live theatre. She is a Wilderwoman, and believes that storytelling is essential in the construction, and renewal of cultural ethos. Geneviève is a co-recipient of the 2019 Betty Mitchell Award for Best Ensemble for her work in *GIANT* by Ghost River Theatre. Other recent works include *We Are All Treaty People* (Quest Theatre) and *linisikimm* (Canadian Academy of Mask and Puppetry). When Geneviève is not in the theatre, she works as a wilderness guide and is the Associate Director of the Canadian Wilderness Artist Residency.



GRAHAM PERCY BOB CRATCHIT, ARNAULT

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Noises Off, A Christmas Carol (2011-18), Twelfth Night, The Audience, The Crucible, Much Ado About Nothing, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, The Overcoat. RECENT PROJECTS INCLUDE: Premieres of Ryan Griffith's The Boat, Fortune of Wolves (Theatre New Brunswick); Premieres of Aaron Bushkowsky's adaptations of Farewell, My Lovely, The Big Sleep, and Lucia Frangione's The Thin Man (Vertigo); and the premiere of The Old Trout's Ghost Opera (Banff Centre). Graham is a New Brunswick native who makes his home in Calgary with his wonderful wife Jamie, feisty Pomeranian Pepper, and new baby son Thatcher, who is looking forward to his very first Christmas.



JULIANNE SMITH FAN. PICKLE

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Billy Elliot the Musical, A Christmas Carol (2017-18). ELSEWHERE: Broadway Dreams (2018, 2019); Miscast, Mary Poppins (StoryBook). Julianne is a grade nine student at Nickle School. She studies voice at Serpas Vocal Arts. In 2018, Julianne represented Calgary at the Alberta Music Festival and was awarded the provincial championship in classical voice. She dances at The Dance Factory where she trains in all disciplines. Julianne is thrilled to be back on stage at Theatre Calgary as a part of her favourite Christmas tradition. Thanks to her family and friends for always cheering her on.



EVAN ANDERSEN STERNS BOY SCROOGE, THOMAS

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: A Christmas Carol (2016-18). ELSEWHERE: Miscast (2017), Seussical the Musical (2017), A Christmas Story (2016) at StoryBook Theatre. FILM/TV: Z (2019 release) - Digital Interface, Mallory Memphis (2016) - Herland. COMMERCIAL: Gates of Hillcrest (2016) -Mattamy Homes. Evan is a grade 10 student at St. Francis High School in the Fine Arts Program. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends, traveling, skiing, and taking part in anything arts related. He would like to thank everyone who has come to support him. Merry Christmas! @evan.sterns



JAMIE TOGNAZZINI CHRISTMAS PAST

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Jamie performs on stage/in the booth as a professional vocalist, actor and movement/circus artist. SELECT CREDITS INCLUDE: Giant (Ghost River Theatre); Modern Times Redux (The Grand YYC); Catalyst Theatre's Fortune Falls (ATP/Citadel); The Drowning Girls (Vertigo); Songs from Nightingale Alley (FoF); Awesome Girl and Radical Boy (Lunchbox); The Toxic Avenger Musical (Broadway West); Evil Dead: the Musical (GZT/H&M); Moon, Moon No Moon and Calgary, I Love You but You're Killing Me (OYR). Special thanks to my near and dears, with lots of love!



MARSHALL VIELLE NATAY'AO'TAKO (HOLY WALKING AROUND THE ENCAMPMENT) CHRISTMAS PRESENT

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: The Two Gentlemen of Verona (Shakespeare by the Bow), Blow Wind, High Water. ELSEWHERE: Where the Two-Spirit Lives (The Cultch, Theatre Outré), Woven Waters (Found Festival), High Trails (Springboard Performance), KAAHSINONIKS (Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society), Working It Out (WorkPlays). Marshall is an Actor, Director, Writer, Podcaster, and Drag Performer from the Kainai Nation in Southern Alberta. He graduated from the University of Lethbridge where he received his BFA, specializing in Theatre Performance. He is especially interested in using theatre for community development, having been involved in various projects both locally and internationally aimed at using artistic practices to encourage social change. Marshall can also be found teaching at Trickster Theatre or improvising with the folx at Dirty Laundry. He received the 2018 Stephen Hair Emerging Actor Award and is jazzed to be back at Theatre Calgary.



OLIVER WOODRUFF TINY TIM. TOMMY

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Oliver is eight years old, and in third grade. He's excited and proud to be part of *A Christmas Carol* with Theatre Calgary this year! His sister Tia performed as Tiny Tim in the 2017 production, and he's gotten lots of advice from her. Oliver has performed in four productions with Small Time Theatre, his favorite roles being Michael in *Peter Pan*, and the Dormouse in *Alice in Wonderland*. He enjoys playing basketball and skiing, and doing back flips on the trampoline. He wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas!



HANNAH WU BELINDA CRATCHIT, JANE

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Hannah is very excited to be part of Theatre Calgary's A Christmas Carol. ELSEWHERE: Camptastic (Dirty Laundry: The Next Generation), Cannonball Festival Super Spud (CYPT), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Hana's Suitcase (Storybook Theatre), High School Musical, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Peter Pan (The Performance Studio). Hannah studies drama and dance at Central Memorial High School in the PVA program (grade 10). Additionally, she enjoys Hip-hop dance with Illfx, vocal training with Rachel Hop, and hanging with her friends. Hannah thanks her family, friends, and her dog Lucy for their endless love and support. Enjoy the show! @_hannahwu



GEOFFREY SIMON BROWN PLAYWRIGHT

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Actor - Skylight, Much Ado About Nothing. Geoffrey is a Calgary-based playwright, actor, director, and co-creator of the Major Matt Mason Collective. As a playwright, his work has been produced in Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, and Montreal. His plays include Destroy, Air, Control, Still Still, Michael Mysterious, If I Could Tell You Everything (with the Theatre Junction High School Mentorship Ensemble) and The Circle - which was published by Scirocco Drama in 2017. He is the winner of two Betty Mitchell Awards, Theatre Calgary's Stephen Hair Emerging Actor Award, and Tarragon's RBC emerging playwright award. Geoffrey is a graduate of the National Theatre School of Canada. Love to M, D, A, & E.

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STAFFORD ARIMA DIRECTOR

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Billy Elliot the Musical, Mary and Max - A New Musical, The Secret Garden. ELSEWHERE: Allegiance (Broadway); Ragtime (West End); Carrie (Off-Broadway); Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living In Paris (Stratford Festival); Red Velvet (The Old Globe, CA); The Tin Pan Alley Rag (Roundabout Theatre Company, NYC); Altar Boyz (Off-Broadway); bare (Off-Broadway); Candide (San Francisco Symphony); Bowfire (PBS television special); A Tribute to Stephen Sondheim (Boston Pops); Saturday Night (Off-Broadway); Two Class Acts (The Flea Theatre, Off-Broadway); Poster Boy (Williamstown Theatre Festival); Guys and Dolls (Paper Mill Playhouse, NJ); Children's Letters to God (Off-Broadway); The New World (Bucks County Playhouse, PA); Bright Lights, Big City (Prince Music Theater, PA); The Princess and the Black- Eyed Pea (San Diego Rep); Total Eclipse (Toronto); Spring Awakening - The Musical (UC Davis); and Marry Me A Little (Cincinnati Playhouse). Stafford served as associate director for the Broadway productions of A Class Act and Seussical. He is the Artistic Advisor for Broadway Dreams and an adjunct professor at UC Davis. He studied at York University in Toronto. staffordarima.com



HAYSAM KADRI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Director - The Shoplifters; Actor - A Thousand Splendid Suns, The Crucible, A Christmas Carol (2012-14), Enron, To Kill A Mockingbird, Much Ado About Nothing; Program Director for Shakespeare in the Park/Shakespeare by the Bow (2012-19). OTHER DIRECTING CREDITS INCLUDE: A Thousand Splendid Suns (Arts Club, MTC, The Grand Theatre); Hammered Hamlet, Three Musketeers, Hamlet, Titus Andronicus (The Shakespeare Company); Might as well be Dead: Nero Wolfe (Vertigo); Metamorphoses (University of Calgary); Dracula, Prairie Boy's Winter, A Midsummer Night's Dream (Mount Royal University); The Hobbit (Storybook); Dracula (Red Deer College).



SCOTT REID SET & VIDEO DESIGN

FOR THEATRE CALGARY (SELECTED): Billy Elliot the Musical, Mom's The Word: For Crying Out Loud, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, A Raisin in the Sun, Sherlock Holmes, Crimes of the Heart, Romeo and Juliet, Gaslight. ELSEWHERE: Disgraced, The New Canadian Curling Club, The Virgin Trial, The Last Wife, 1979 (ATP); Strangers on a Train, Dracula: The Bloody Truth, The Thin Man, The Lonely Diner, Nine Dragons, The Drowning Girls (Vertigo); Eugene Onegin, South Pacific, Die Tote Stadt (Calgary Opera); Our Canada, Class Acts (Alberta Ballet); Better Get Hit in Your Soul, Modern Vaudevillians, Juliet and Romeo (DJD). Scott has also designed for such companies as Quest Theatre, Lunchbox, and The Shakespeare Company.

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DEITRA KALYN COSTUME DESIGN

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Noises Off, Shakespeare by the Bow (2012-2018), Blow Wind High Water, The Crucible, One Man, Two Guvnors, King Lear. Deitra resides in Calgary and has been designing theatre, dance, film, and TV across the prairies for well over a decade. She is an awarded designer who was educated both at Grant MacEwan University and ACAD. Her career in design has allowed her to work with some of the best companies in the country. Selected credits include: Dracula: the Bloody Truth!, Calamity Town, Sherlock Holmes, Sweeney Todd, The 39 Steps (Vertigo); Intimate Apparel, Legend Has It, playRites 2013 (ATP); Evil Dead: The Musical: '09, '10, '12 (GZT/H&M); and The Penelopiad (Arts Club). Happy Holidays to everyone and biggest love to A.B. and little squish.



MICHAEL WALTON LIGHTING DESIGN

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Blow Wind High Water, The Little Prince – The Musical, Disney's and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins, Next to Normal (Citadel copro), Hay Fever. ELSEWHERE: 15 Seasons with the Stratford Festival including The Rocky Horror Show, The Tempest, The Music Man, Guys and Dolls, A Chorus Line, Tartuffe, Macbeth, Hamlet, The Sound of Music, Oedipus Rex, Love's Labour's Lost, King Lear, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Othello, 11, Henry V, The Matchmaker, Twelfth Night; Cosi Fan Tutte (Israeli Opera, Canadian Opera Company); A Word or Two with Christopher Plummer (CTG/ Stratford, Los Angeles); Il Trittico, Jenufa, Maria Stuarda (Pacific Opera); Million Dollar Quartet, Mary Poppins, The Rocky Horror Show, Little Women, The Three Musketeers (Citadel); Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots, Sideways (La Jolla Playhouse, California).



JESSE ROBB CHORFOGRAPHER

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. BROADWAY: Miss Saigon Revival and The Cher Show (Associate Choreographer). STRATFORD: Spamalot (Choreographer). OFF BROADWAY: Bloody Bloody Jessica Fletcher 2019 (Choreographer). TORONTO/MIRVISH: The Lord of the Rings, We Will Rock You, Dirty Dancing (Resident Choreographer). Zumanity for Cirque Du Soleil. REGIONAL: Ragtime for Ogunquit Playhouse (Choreographer), Elizabeth Cree for Philadelphia Opera (Choreographer), 5th Avenue Seattle, Northshore Music Theatre, Cape Playhouse, Berkshire Theatre Festival. Love to my husband Kevin and family.

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SPIRITS Alex Currie, Cecilia Currie, Brent Falk, Samuel Markholm, Elizabeth Raynor-Hohol, Victoria Tharakan, Jenna Turk



PAIGE PARKHILL ASSISTANT CHORFOGRAPHER

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Paige was born and raised in Kelowna and trained at the Canadian School of Ballet, Banff Centre for the Arts, National Ballet School of Canada, and the Canadian College of Performing Arts. As a performer, Paige worked for Holland America, Tokyo DisneySEA, Hong Kong Disneyland, on an Eminem music video, and Showtime's Reefer Madness, the Movie Musical. Additionally, Paige has worked for Disney Cruise Line as a performer, dance captain, resident choreographer, and choreographer, launching the Disney Wonder, Disney Dream, and Disney Fantasy cruise ships. Currently, Paige is based in New York City and has most recently worked in choreography at the Ogunquit Playhouse, Arena Stage, Busch Gardens, TheaterWorksUSA, RWS, Theatre Aspen, and AADA. As well, she continues to consult for The Walt Disney Company.



JEREMY SPENCER ADDITIONAL ORCHESTRATIONS

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: A Christmas Carol (2011-18), The Philadelphia Story (2015), A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing; Shakespeare by the Bow – The Comedy of Errors. ELSEWHERE: Twelfth Night (Bard on the Beach); Hamlet (The Shakespeare Company); The Woman in Black, Mousetrap, Corpsel, Accomplice, Mystery at Greenfingers, The Unexpected Guest (Vertigo); Dracula (Red Deer College); Dracula (Mount Royal University); The Philadelphia Story (Shaw); The Elves and the Shoemaker, Lost Land, Circus in the Wind, Please Don't Sneeze (Storybook). Jeremy also composes music for film, theatrical trailers, production libraries (Warner/Chappell, BMG) and television. When he's not in the studio, Jeremy enjoys spending time on his sailboat and is a self-proclaimed wine aficionado.



JENNA TURK DRAMATURG

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: Director – *Iceland*; Dramaturg – *Honour Beat*; Adaptation – *A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, As You Like It* (Shakespeare by the Bow). Jenna is the Artistic Associate at Theatre Calgary where she assists in season programming, facilitates TC Mentors, and curates TC OUT LOUD. She earned her BFA in Acting from the University of Windsor and her MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Guelph. Most recently, Jenna was the resident dramaturg for YOUth Riot, she directed Dan Perrott's *Return to Treasure Island* for StoryBook Theatre, and her play, *Remnants*, premiered with White Rooster Theatre in St. John's, Newfoundland. Happy Christmas!



JANE MACFARLANE VOICE & DIALECT COACH

FOR THEATRE CALGARY: More than 60 productions since 2000 including *Iceland*, *Noises Off, Billy Elliot the Musical, The Scarlet Letter, Mary and Max - A New Musical, Honour Beat, The Secret Garden, Twelfth Night, The Audience, Skylight, The Crucible, Liberation Days* (WCT co-pro), *One Man, Two Guvnors, The Mountaintop, Enron,* 8 seasons of Shakespeare by the Bow and 15 years of *A Christmas Carol*. Jane has also worked for ATP, is the Voice & Dialect Consultant for Vertigo Theatre and the Voice & Text Coach for The Shakespeare Company. She has taught at such institutions as York University, Harvard University, Southern Methodist University, MRU, UofA, and is currently teaching in the Drama Division in the School of Creative & Performing Arts at the UofC.



EMMA BRAGER STAGE MANAGER

FOR THEATRE CALGARY (SELECTED): Stage Manager – The Scarlet Letter; The Comedy of Errors (Shakespeare by the Bow), Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare in the Park); Assistant Stage Manager – Mary and Max – A New Musical, Sisters: The Belles Soeurs Musical (Segal Centre), Crazy for You (Citadel co-pro), King Lear, Mary Poppins (Citadel co-pro), A Christmas Carol (2008-14), The Kite Runner (Citadel co-pro), Much Ado About Nothing. OTHER CREDITS INCLUDE: ZORRO: Family Code, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, Venus in Fur, The Motherf**ker with the Hat (ATP); August: Osage County, Death of a Salesman (Citadel); Undercover, The Hollow (Vertigo); Blind Date (Spontaneous Theatre/WCT). Emma is so happy to be back working on one of her favourite shows. Much love to Eric.



KERRY JOHNSON ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. Liberation Days, Mary Poppins. Kerry is delighted to be spending her Christmas with Theatre Calgary! Select SM and ASM credits include The Wedding Party, ZORRO: Family Code, The Virgin Trial, Charlotte's Web, The Last Wife (ATP); The Party, Peter and the Starcatcher, A Christmas Carol (Citadel Theatre); The Winter's Tale, Hamlet, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Love's Labour's Lost (Freewill Shakespeare Festival); Ursa Major (Catch the Keys/Workshop West); and Christina/Phillipe (Northern Light Theatre). Kerry is a graduate of the BFA Stage Management program at the University of Alberta and the Theatre Arts Program at MacEwan University. Big love to Barry!



CARISSA SAMS ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

FORTHEATRE CALGARY: Stage Manager - A Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare by the Bow 2019, Shakespeare in the Park 2012), The Two Gentlemen of Verona, As You Like It, Hamlet (Shakespeare by the Bow). Assistant Stage Manager - Billy Elliot the Musical, The Humans, Skylight, The Light in the Piazza, Bad Jews. Apprentice Stage Manager - Dear Johnny Deere, One Man, Two Guvnors, BOOM (High Performance Rodeo). Chaperone - A Christmas Carol (2012 -16, 2018), Mary Poppins. ELSEWHERE: Stage Manager - Smoke (Downstage), The Good Bride (Handsome Alice); Assistant Stage Manager - A Doll's House Pt. 2, The Children (Belfry); 39 Steps, Our Man in Havana; Apprentice Stage Manager - I'll Be Back Before Midnight, The Haunting, In the Heat of the Night (Vertigo); The Surrogate (Lunchbox). Carissa is thrilled to step into the shoes of an ASM for her favourite Christmas tradition!



IAN HEERENSPERGER TC MENTEE - SOUND DESIGN

THEATRE CALGARY DEBUT. An audio production and drama enthusiast from an early age, lan recently found his way back to the stage as Sound Technician for The IGNITE! Festival production of 100 Years in the Unmaking, and is excited to have the opportunity to learn from the powerhouse creative team behind Theatre Calgary's iconic production of A Christmas Carol.



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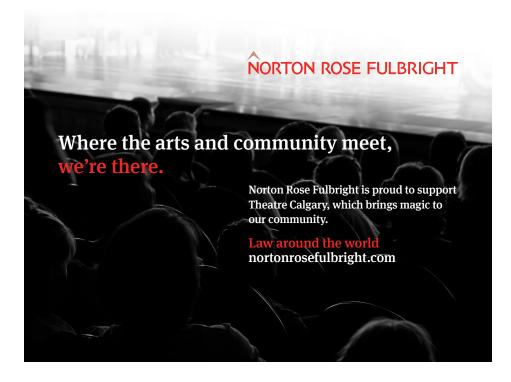
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FABRIC AS A NARRATIVE

DEITRA KALYN SHOWS US HOW THE COSTUMES OF A CHRISTMAS CAROL TELL A STORY BY HEATHER OLIVER

While most of us can appreciate a pattern or the colour palette of an outfit, what we don't often think about is why that particular colour or pattern might have been chosen? What is the meaning behind it? How are colour, pattern and texture used to weave

a story? Costume designers use the very same narratives as writers, they become the storytellers, and the costumes come to life.

Deitra Kalyn, the costume designer for our new adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, tells





PAST

Deitra saw Scrooge's past through amber-coloured glasses. She describes the colour palette as warm and candle-lit, using sepia tones in her designs. The costumes reflect the memories Scrooge revisits, reminding him of the wonderful people in his life who have always loved him, and who he may have forgot in the present world.

"When I think of a warm memory, I see sepia tones. Kind of washed out, like an old photograph. I wanted Scrooge's past to be this amber and candle-lit warm time."

PRESENT

To differentiate against the past, Deitra created costumes for the present that were vibrant with bold patterns. The set is very neutral and dark, so Deitra contrasted against the set with jewel tones to reflect the hustle and bustle of the streets of London during that time. There are also patterns you will only see in the present, such as plaid, solid jewel tones, furs and more textured wools, again defining the line between the past and present.

this classic Christmas tale not through the written word, but through her creative and thoughtful process of choosing colours, patterns and textures. Working closely with the creative and design teams for nearly a year, she took inspiration from the set and

script to create the new looks for the play. Deitra compartmentalized the costumes using colour and texture to define the lines of Scrooge's journey through the past, present and yet to come.





"This play is much darker than versions in the past. It truly shows the dark underbelly of London during that time, the coal city. That gave the inspiration for my designs – the dark set allowed me to really explore and research textures, colours and fabrics to contrast against it."

YET TO COME

Just how the past is portrayed in a warm light, the future is cold, dark and ominous.

Deitra and her team researched sheer fabrics to create shells of the costumes, almost like black clouds over top of the characters. The costumes create a spooky and menacing look, contributing to the mood of this time period in the play.

"You can see the seams and patterns underneath this dark, sheer fabric. For example, the Cratchit's are vibrant in the present, but in the future you'll see their original looks darkened by these fabrics," says Deitra. "We played upon what Geoffrey wrote, creating the potential of the future, the darker, shrouded version of what might yet come."

"WE ARE ALL CONNECTED"

GEOFFREY SIMON BROWN, CALGARY PLAYWRIGHT, TALKS HIS NEW ADAPTATION AND THE MEANING BEHIND THE PLAY

eoffrey began his journey to bring the new adaptation of A Christmas Carol to life on the Theatre Calgary stage in spring of 2018.

Once he received the call for submissions from Theatre Calgary, he read the original novella by Charles Dickens. He was struck by how beautiful and theatrical of a story it is, and from there, he found it easy to imagine how to bring the story to life.

"When I began this process, I started thinking a lot about how polarized we are right now in our political views, and how they have divided us. This play is deemed as loved across the board, regardless of having a particular political standing or view. This story brings people together to talk about humanity, giving back and caring for each other, without an agenda."

Geoffrey kept this sentiment close to his heart when he put pen to paper on his submission to Theatre Calgary. When he received the call that he was to write the new adaptation from Theatre Calgary's Artistic Director, Stafford Arima, he worked closely with the creative team to hone the script. The first draft took him three months to finish. Geoffrey describes that the writer's experience can be a lonely one, spending many hours on his own, reading and rereading lines out loud. With no one to bounce ideas off of,

he found himself wondering, is this funny? Will the audience enjoy this? But, throughout the journey of writing, he was able to collaborate with Stafford and the creative team at Theatre Calgary to hone the script.

"The experience working with the Theatre Calgary team has been fantastic. They've honoured what I imagined and found a way to bring that to life on the stage. Stafford is so amazing as a director and leader, he brings everyone together, and all of our voices are heard."

Rehearsals for the new adaptation began in late October, bringing together 24 cast members, 13 of which have never been in *A Christmas Carol*, and nine who are making their debut on the Theatre Calgary stage. Geoffrey remarked that it was amazing to see a room full of people with ages across seven decades. There are some cast and creative team members who have worked with Theatre Calgary for generations, and those are experiencing their first time on stage. But everyone learned from one another, regardless of their background.

"Each cast member was kind and thoughtful, and everyone took great care into how they approached a scene. We were all excited to be there and play, it was a room shared by a diverse group in a wonderfully collaborative manner."



HAYSAM KADRI (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR) & GEOFFREY SIMON BROWN DURING REHEARSALS FOR A CHRISTMAS CAROL

"WE'RE JUST SPARKS TINY PARTS OF A BIGGER CONSTELLATION."

KATE TEMPEST, OCTOBER 2016

Audiences can expect Geoffrey's adaptation to stay true to Dickens' classic tale, but he did take some creative liberties with character development and modernizing some of the dialogue.

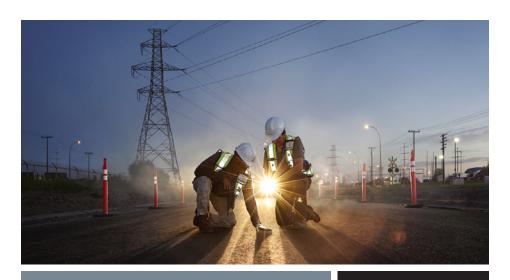
"It's a short novella, so Dickens' characters were not so complex. I was interested in digging into the characters more, especially some of the female

characters. The play itself is set in 1843, but our palate as a society has changed, so I made changes that would connect more with a modern audience."

When all is said and done, Geoffrey hopes that this story and play bring people together, regardless of their political lens, their social values, and take the true spirit of the story.

"We are all connected, this is the message here. It's important to see outside of us and ours alone, and see the larger community and world that we all belong to."

BY HEATHER OLIVER



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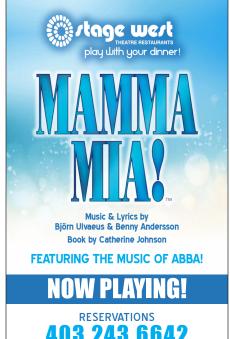
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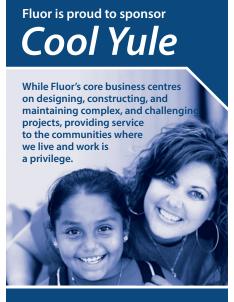
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