No Humbug: ISU Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol* Dec. 2-4 and 9-11

AMES, Iowa – Nearly all members of the audience know the plot and the outcome, but they keep returning to ISU Theatre’s production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Based on the classic Charles Dickens novel, *A Christmas Carol* will be performed Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 7:30 p.m., along with matinee performances on Sundays, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. and December 11 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in Fisher Theater on the Iowa State campus.

“I would guess 95 percent of the audience knows the characters and the plot,” said director, Jane Cox, professor and program director of ISU Theatre. “It’s a story that appeals to practically everyone.”

*A Christmas Carol* is the story of the miser Ebenezer Scrooge and those he has known in his lifetime. Visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, Scrooge is brought to redemption by his nephew, Fred, who will not give up on his uncle and an employee, Bob Cratchit, and his family who show more compassion than Scrooge deserves.

Cox said the play takes audiences on an enjoyable journey. “*A Christmas Carol* takes you on a journey from a feeling of ‘bah humbug’ to a true feeling of season,” she said. “It’s wonderfully redeeming and satisfying.”

This season marks the seventh time ISU Theatre has presented *A Christmas Carol*, produced about every three years. This year’s version will again be faithful to the original Dickens story, said Cox.

A cast of more than 45 includes ISU students along with adults and children as young as age 4. Mark Klooster, a performing arts major from Mason City, has the role of Scrooge. Jeff White is Marley, Cameron Johnson is Fred, Ethan Day is Bob Cratchit, and Carter Pilcher is Tiny Tim.

Admission is $16 for adults, $14 for senior citizens and $8 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Iowa State Center Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster locations, or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

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HOME TOWN INFORMATION

Narrators
Narrator #1 - Paul Pint; Evanston, Illinois; freshman in Performing Arts
Narrator #2 - Kim Paul; Midland, Michigan; freshman in Psychology
Narrator #3 - Dakota Schrock, Prairie City, freshman in Psychology
Narrator #4 - Victoria Stafford, Elkhart, senior in Performing Arts and Marketing

Ghosts
Marley - Jeff White, Mount Vernon, senior in Performing Arts
Ghost of Christmas Past - Madison Jerde; Golden Valley, Minnesota; freshman Open Option - Liberal Arts and Sciences
Ghost of Christmas Present - Charlie Ziemann, Iowa Falls, senior in Performing Arts
Ghost of Christmas Future - Kevin Corbett, Ankeny, freshman in Pre-Business
Ignorance - Ben Teske, Ames
Want - Matilda Hogan, Ames
Ghost of Christmas Future - Kevin Corbett, Ames

People of London
Mrs. Hazlitt - Bri Baltes, New Hampton, senior in Integrated Studio Arts
Mr. Hazlitt - Ruben Lebron; San Juan, Puerto Rico; senior in Integrated Studio Arts
Man Who Owes Money - Brandon Windus, Ames, junior in Technical Communication
His Wife - Emily Misak, Bettendorf, sophomore in English
Belle's Husband - Michael Still, Knoxville, a freshman in Performing Arts
Belle's Daughter - Evy Nelson, Ames
Boy Who Sings in the Street - Noah Brinkmeyer, Ames
Daughter of Husband/Wife Who Owe Money - Amyra Faisal-Ford, Ames

Scrooge’s School Days
Scrooge as a Boy-Max Nelson, Ames
Fan, His Sister - Sara Carlson, Ames
Simon Wilkenson - Jeff Blevins, Ames
Edward Jones - Ben Teske, Ames

The Fezziwig's Christmas Party
Mr. Fezziwig - Joseph Smith is a junior in Music
Mrs. Fezziwig - Aly Boes, Breda, sophomore in Performing Arts
Christina Fezziwig - Danielle Levings; Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin; senior in Psychology
Christina's Suitor - Edward Bartow, Ottumwa, freshman in Genetics
Arabella Fezziwig - Calli Sandahl; Savage, Minnesota; freshman in Speech Communication
Arabella's Suitor - Zachary Eskrich; Verona, Wisconsin; sophomore in Computer Engineering
Lucinda Fezziwig - Lauren Dentler; Victoria, Texas; freshman in Performing Arts
Lucinda's Suitor - Brent LeBlanc, Urbandale, sophomore in Performing Arts
Ebenezer as a Young Man - Mitchell Nieland, Woodward, junior in Performing Arts and World Languages and Cultures
Belle - Sam Stearns, Knoxville, sophomore in Biology (AGLS)
Dick Wilkins - Taylor Sklenar, Treynor, freshmen in Engineering
Mabel - Allison Hoffman; Plymouth, Minnesota; freshman in Pre-Business
Little Girl from Next Door - Emma Beauchamp
Little Boy from Next Door - Jack Blevins

The Cratchit's
Bob Cratchit - Ethan Day, Urbandale, freshman in Pre-business
Mrs. Cratchit - Julia Ferrell, Roland, junior in Journalism and Mass Communication
Martha Cratchit - Ashley Wiser, Ankeny, sophomore in Journalism and Mass Communication
Belinda Cratchit - Ella Mueller, Ames
Peter Cratchit - Jeff Blevins, Ames
Paul Cratchit - Jack Blevins, Ames
Tiny Tim – Carter Pilcher, Ames

Fred, Mrs. Fred, and Their Christmas Party
Fred – Cameron Johnson, West Des Moines, junior in Advertising
Mrs. Fred – Annie Feenstra, Sioux City, freshman in Performing Arts
Topper – Zack Hackbarth, Ames, sophomore in English
Alice – Christina Holaday-Coffman, West Des Moines, junior in Performing Arts
Philip – Brian Kennedy, Ottumwa, sophomore in Computer Engineering
Jean – Kathryn Olsen; Rochester, Minnesota; open option freshman in Liberal Arts and Sciences
James – Jim Cahill, Marshalltown, senior in Biology
Louise – Alex Smith, Council Bluffs, freshman in Pre-Journalism and Mass Communication

Robbers
First Woman – Paige Harris; Saint James, Minnesota; freshman in Design (undeclared)
Second Woman – Amber Fitzsimmons, Boone, senior in Performing Arts and International Studies
Man – Seth Bacon, Davenport, sophomore in English
Joe – Taylor Diles; Chaska, Minnesota, freshman in Pre-Journalism

Stage Manager – Kiah Kayser; Nya, Minnesota; sophomore in Performing Arts

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