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# A Christmas Carol A Ghost Story of Christmas By Charles Dickens

#### Adapted for the stage by Michael Wilson Sound Design and Original Music by John Gromada

Directed by Greg J. Anderson

Originally produced by the Alley Theatre, Houston, Texas. Gregory Boyd, Artistic Director; Paul R. Tetreault, Managing Director

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#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

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Crystal Abernethy	SecondSolicitor/Fred'sSister-In-Law
Phoebe Applegate	JacobMarley/Mrs.Cratchitt
Sean Biskey	YoungScrooge/Fred
Ruthie Breuer	EbenezerScrooge
Jesse Davis	OldJoe/DickWilkins/Mr.Topper
Olivia DeCaigny	FirstSolicitor/BeggarWoman
Justin Dinger	BobCratchitt/Mr.Fezziwig
Paul Gannucci	Undertaker/Peter
Jill Hoffman	Mrs.Dilber/RichWoman
	GhostlyApparition/Urchin/Party-goer
Rachel McGill	DollVendor/GhostofChristmasPast
Tirzah McGill	Belle/Fred'sWife
Eloise Madich	Schoolboy#2/Claire/Belinda/Urchin
Allison Quamme	Schoolboy#1/Nichola/Martha/Urchin
Kay RieckFruit&CiderVendor/GhostofChristmasPresent	
Abram Lee	TinyTim/BoyScrooge/Urchin
Ari LeeFan/TurkeyBoy/RichWoman'sChild/Urchin	
Deborah WeckertWatchworksVendor/Ghost of Christmas Future	
	/ Mrs. Fezziwig

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#### PRODUCTION & SUPPORT STAFF

Director	Greg J. Anderson
Sound Design	Greg J. Anderson
Light Design	John Justad
Scenic Design & Construction	Joel Soukkala
Light Operator	Karen Murphy
Sound Operator	Colleen Agnes Biskey
Costumes	Joel Soukkala, Katie Zack & Karen Manni
Set Painting	Sheryl Hernandez
Set Artist	Sue Brown Chapin

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#### **Scene Synopsis:**

Nineteenth Century London at various times in various locations

#### There will be a 15-minute intermission between Acts

Join us in the gallery for refreshments Check out the Silent Auction & Cookie Drawing to be held at the end of intermission.

#### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Charles Dickens needed only six weeks to write "A Christmas Carol." Putting together a stage performance of his classic story takes longer, and involves so many artists: actors, designers, costumers, painters, crew, and a General Manager willing to help get it all put together. And during that time preparing this Christmas story, we've celebrated Halloween and Thanksgiving. We're full of holiday spirit! (amongst other things) We're so proud to welcome you here and share in that spirit with you. Hopefully we'll all walk into the rest of the season with a renewed focus on keeping benevolence, mercy, and charity in our hearts throughout the year. Happy Holidays to all!

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Crystal Abernethy of Duluth was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Spreading It Around' in 2022. Crystal says, "Thank you to my Encore family/friends. You have made this a second home. I would also like to thank my Aunt Carla, who presented me with 'A Christmas Carol' all those years ago." Adding, "Come and know me better man!"





**Phoebe Applegate** of Moose Lake is appearing in her first County Seat Theater production. She was last seen in a production of Hairspray in Memphis, TN. Phoebe moved here three years ago from Tennessee after traveling for two years in the Americorps. She says, "I am thrilled to be making my Minnesota stage debut with CST." Adding, "This is for Greg Krosnes – Thank you for everything – rest in peace."

**Sean Biskey** of Cloquet was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Suite Surreneder' in 2022. Sean says, "Thanks to my friends and family for their support and thanks to the director, cast and crew for making this a fun show!"





**Ruthie Breuer** of Wrenshall was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Jerry Finnegan's Sister' in 2022. Ruthie says, "Thank you to our director Greg Anderson, for first casting me in this incredible role. Playing Scrooge was a challenge and a gift! Second, for his wisdom and vision. It was a delight to share the stage for the first time with my two grandchildren, Ari and Arbam Lee! I am so proud of them. Thanks to the cast, crew and volunteers at CST for creating magic here. God bless us, everyone."

**Jesse Davis** of Duluth was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Spreading It Around' in 2022. Jesse says, "I would like to thank everyone involved, including the audience, for helping to bring the much needed good will and cheer this holiday season."









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Olivia DeCaigny of Sawyer was last seen in the Zion Lutheran Church production of 'Les Miserables' in 2018. Olivia says, "Though I was a last-second addition to this cast, I've already had so much fun being a part of such a festive performance, and I'm thankful for being so warmly welcomed!"





**Justin Dinger** of Barnum was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Spreading It Around' in 2022. Justin says, "To Jordan and Jacob for Christmases past. To Bethie for Christmas present. To James, Luke, Ruth and Rachel for Christmases yet to come. God bless us, my dears."

**Paul Gannucci** of Cloquet was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Game of Myths' in 2022. Paul says, "I just want to say thank you to CST for a great year and I can't wait for the new season."





**Jill Hoffman** of Duluth was last seen in the County Seat Theater productions of 'The Great Nursing Home Escape' and 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs as performed by TJ Barkers group of theatrics'. Jill says, "It is great to be back at CST!"

**Preston Latour** of Cloquet is performing for the first time with the County Seat Theater and was recently seen in the Cloquet High School theater production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. Preston says, "I would just like to thank my family for supporting me!"





Abram John Lee of Cloquet was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Off Their Rockers' in 2022. Abram says, "I wanna say thank you to my grandma. She helped me practice my lines and she helped with everything. Thanks to my family for helping me practice my lines and a special shout out to my granpa for always looking out for me. Merry Christmas!"



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**Ari Lee** of Cloquet was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Off Their Rockers' in 2022. Ari says, "I want to thank everyone for welcoming me and my brother. Thanks to my grandma Ruthie and Greg for all the help. And a special thanks to my parents! I love you guys!"





**Rachel McGill** of Duluth is appearing in her first production with the County Seat Theater. Rachel says, "I am excited to be in my second production, following the one line in the sixth grade school play! I would like to thank the County Seat Theater for this fun opportunity."

**Tirzah McGill** of Duluth is appearing in her first stage production. Tirzah says, "This is my first performance, something I have been wanting to do for a long time. As a high schooler new to theater I want to thank the cast for being the best. I hope to continue being in more productions here!"





Eloise Madich of Munger was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Game of Myths' in 2022. Eloise says, "Everyone here was so wonderful! I am so grateful to have met such amazing people!"

**Allison Quamme** of Cloquet was last seen in the County Seat Theater / REACH production of 'Fidgety Fairy Tales – The Three Little Pigs' in 2022. Allison says, "Thank you to my mom for encouraging me to continue joining shows here. It is always so much fun and I enjoy the experience."





**Kay Rieck** of Duluth was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'A Doublewide, Texas Christmas' in 2021. Kay says, "I am enjoying another production at County Seat Theater! Thanks to my fellow cast members, crew and director for making this Christmas classic so spirited!"

**Deborah Weckert** of Cloquet was last seen in the County Seat Theater production of 'Spreading it Around' in 2022. Deb says, "This play is the most detailed production in which I've ever participated and has been a wonderful experience. It certainly will be a treat for anyone who comes to see it."





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