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AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER USHERS IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH ITS CELEBRATED PRODUCTION OF THE CHARLES DICKENS CLASSIC, A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Returning for the last time in its current version,

A Christmas Carol features the incomparable James Carpenter and Anthony Fusco
alternating performances as Ebenezer Scrooge

DECEMBER 6–24, 2023 THE TONI REMBE THEATER

SAN FRANCISCO (October 18, 2023)—American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.) ushers in the holiday season with its celebrated production of the Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*. This will be the final chance to see this version of *A Christmas Carol*, one that has enchanted hundreds of thousands of audience members since 2005. In 2024, A.C.T. will present a brand-new production of this classic.

A Christmas Carol performs at A.C.T.'s **Toni Rembe Theater** from **Wednesday, December 6 through Sunday, December 24, 2023**. Press night will be held on Wednesday, December 13. **Tickets** (\$25–\$130) are available at the A.C.T. Box Office at 415-749-2228 or online at act-sf.org/carol23. Groups of 10 or more save up to 20% and enjoy free tickets for group leaders. For group sales, call 415-439-2306. *Ticket prices are subject to change without notice*.

Under the direction of A.C.T. Conservatory Director **Peter J. Kuo**, this version of *A Christmas Carol*—adapted by Carey Perloff and Paul Walsh and based on the original direction by Perloff—stays true to the heart of Dickens's timeless story of redemption and brings a playful sensibility to his rich language. Featuring a lively cast of dozens, delightful music, gorgeous costumes, and those deliciously spooky ghosts, *A Christmas Carol* is a cornerstone of the A.C.T. repertory and has become a holiday tradition for families all around the San Francisco Bay Area.

A.C.T.'s A Christmas Carol includes a multigenerational cast of performers led by James Carpenter and Anthony Fusco, alternating performances as the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge. Joining Carpenter and Fusco are veteran Bay Area actor Dan Hiatt as the Ghost of Jacob Marley, Scrooge's nightmarish late-night visitor; Jomar Tagatac and Sarita Ocón as Bob and Anne Cratchit; Brian Herndon and Sharon Lockwood as the festive Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig; B Noel Thomas as the Ghost of Christmas Past; and Catherine Castellanos as the Ghost of Christmas Present.

Also featured in this year's production are (in alphabetical order): Tasi Alabastro, John Chukwudelunzu, Khalia Davis, Itxán Steven Flores, Cindy Goldfield, Kimberly Hollkamp-Dinon, Jeremy Kahn, Kina Kantor, Adam

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Rounding out the cast are a group of talented young actors. They are (in alphabetical order): Jakub "Kuba" Adams, Vivian Amirault, Jasper Bermudez, James Coniglio, Evan DePalma, Ginger Dreicer, Wynter Gill, Danika Elizabeth Guinn, Monique Hightower-Gaskin, Olivia Kohn, Paloma Martinez Muhsin, Justina Mateescu, Xochitl Santillan, William Spitz, Piera Tamer, Rhys Townsager, Madeline von Treskow, and Alliana Lili Yang.

The creative team for *A Christmas Carol* includes A.C.T. Conservatory Director **Peter J. Kuo** (Director), **John Arnone** (Scenic Designer), **Beaver Bauer** (Costume Designer), **Nancy Schertler** (Lighting Designer), **Jake Rodriguez** (Sound Design), **Karl Lundeberg** (Composer), **Val Caniparoli** (Choreography), **Dan Feyer** (Music Director), **Nancy Dickson** (Repetiteur), and **Carla Pantoja** (Fight Director).

A.C.T. gratefully acknowledges: Season Presenters: Barbara Bass Bakar; Jerome L. and Thao N. Dodson; Kathleen Donohue and David Sze; Priscilla and Keith Geeslin; Michael P. N. A. Hormel, in loving memory of James C. Hormel; Arjay R. and Frances F. Miller Foundation; Barbara Ravizza** and John S. Osterweis; Toni Rembe and Arthur Rock; Robina Riccitiello; and Mary and Steven Swig. Company Sponsors: Anonymous; Lily Chu and Daniel Sturman; Ray and Dagmar Dolby Fund; Linda Jo Fitz; Kevin and Celeste Ford; Jo S. Hurley; Mary Hynes and Marc Tessier-Lavigne; Fred M. Levin, in honor of Nancy Livingston Levin, The Shenson Foundation; The Marymor Family Fund; Deedee McMurtry; Donald J. and Toni Ratner Miller; David and Carla Riemer; Patti and Rusty Rueff; and Kay Yun and Andre Neumann-Loreck.

**in memoriam

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL FACT SHEET

WHAT:

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WHO:

Written by Charles Dickens
Adapted by Carey Perloff and Paul Walsh
Music by Karl Lundeberg
Choreography by Val Caniparoli
Directed by Peter J. Kuo
Based on the original direction by Carey Perloff

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WHERE: A.C.T.'s Toni Rembe Theater

415 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94108

WHEN: December 6-December 24, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			DEC. 6 7 p.m.	DEC. 7 7 p.m.	DEC. 8 7 p.m.	DEC. 9 2 & 7 p.m.
DEC. 10 1 & 6 p.m.	DEC. 11	DEC. 12	DEC. 13 7 p.m.	DEC. 14 7 p.m.	DEC. 15 7 p.m.	DEC. 16 2 & 7 p.m.
DEC. 17 1 p.m.	DEC. 18	DEC. 19	DEC. 20 2 & 7 p.m.	DEC. 21 2 & 7 p.m.	DEC. 22 7 p.m.	DEC. 23 2 & 7 p.m.
DEC. 24 1 p.m.						

INTERACT STUDENT MATINEES—December 7, 12, & 15, 11 a.m.

EVENTS: Recommended for students grades K–12. For more information, visit <u>act-sf.org/smat</u>

PLAYTIME—Saturday, December 16 (before the matinee)

Preceding one Saturday matinee, we invite audience members to get hands-on with theater at an interactive preshow workshop.

OPEN CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE—Saturday, December 16, 2 p.m.

The captioning screen is located house left, and tickets are available at a variety of price points. Use code CAPTION when ordering to access that seating.

SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE—Sunday, December 20, 2 p.m.

A.C.T. is pleased to bring back for its second year a sensory friendly performance of *A Christmas Carol*. A.C.T. is partnering with Inclusive Arts to create and promote this experience.

TICKETS: 415-749-2228 | <u>act.sf.org</u>

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