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### **GRAND RAPIDS CIVIC THEATRE PRESENTS:** A Christmas Caro **A Live Radio Play**

**Presented by:** 



# WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for this special streaming presentation of *A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play.* We are thrilled that you've decided to make Civic Theatre part of your holiday traditions this year.

As many of you know, the holiday show at Civic is a treasured tradition for many in our community. For us here at the Theatre, this holiday season certainly looks different than usual, without the hustle and bustle of presenting a mainstage musical for you to enjoy. However, even in the midst of a historic pandemic, we were committed to keeping this cherished tradition alive in 2020.

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol is, without a doubt, one of the world's best-loved Christmas stories. It is presented here for our audience in a radio drama format, which allowed for a limited cast and adequate social distancing on stage. We hope you'll appreciate the magic and nostaliga that

accompany the radio dramas of yesteryear.

Once again, thank you for making Civic Theatre part of your holiday traditions this year. We are ever grateful for your continuing support. On behalf of our staff, faculty, and volunteers, Happy Holidays and best wishes for the new year.

### **BRUCE TINKER** Executive and Artistic Director

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Smith Haughey is a proud sponsor of the Civic, which continues to shine and bring us magic regardless of the trials life might bring. Wishing you all a very merry and safe holiday season!

# CIVIC AT HOME

# We want to see how you're watching our show!

# Post photos of your household watching **A Christmas Carol** to social media and use the hashtag:

# **#CivicAtHome**

# We'll share the best photos on our social media channels!



### **RED CAST**

### **FREDDIE FILMORE** Richard Schrot

### **JAKE LAURENTS** Spencer Tomlin

### HARRY "JAZZBO" HAYWOOD Ricardo Tavárez

### **SALLY APPLEWHITE** Brenna Peerbolt

### LANA SHERWOOD Darla Carrier

HOLLIS FINLEY Jonah Howell

### **FOLEY ARTIST** Kristin Tomlin

### **MOVEMENT SPECIALIST** Katherine Searcy

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### **GREEN CAST**

### **FREDDIE FILMORE** Mike Smolinski

### JAKE LAURENTS TJ Clark

### HARRY "JAZZBO" HAYWOOD David Brown

### **SALLY APPLEWHITE** Jaelyn Raiford

### LANA SHERWOOD Rebekah Karel

HOLLIS FINLEY Jonah Howell

### FOLEY ARTIST Xavier Turner

### **MOVEMENT SPECIALIST** Bethany Wissink

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### A Christmas Carol A Live Radio Play

From the novella by Charles Dickens Music by Kevin Connors Adapted for the Stage by Joe Landry

### TIME AND PLACE

Christmas Eve, 1946

Studio One at WBFR radio station in New York, NY

- 1. Pre-Show
- 2. Scrooge's Counting-house
- **3.** Scrooge's House
- 4. Scrooge's Old Boarding School
- 5. Fezziwig's Warehouse
- 6. Belle's House
- 7. Scrooge's House
- 8. The Cratchit Home
- 9. Fred's House

#### **10.** The Street

- **11.** London Stock Exchange
- 12. Old Joe's Shop
- **13.** The Cratchit Home
- 14. A Cemetery
- **15.** Scrooge's Bedroom
- 16. The Street
- **17.** Fred's House
- **18.** The Cratchit Home

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# PRODUCTION

**DIRECTOR** Allyson Paris

**STAGE MANAGER** Rhonda Lehan

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER Angie Kline

**PRODUCTION MANAGER** Catherine Marlett Dreher

> SCENIC DESIGNER David Len

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR** Malcolm Campbell

**PROPERTIES DESIGNER** Michael Wilson

**COSTUME DESIGNER** Robert A. Fowle

**LIGHTING DESIGNER** Catherine Marlett Dreher

### Sound Designer Samuel Johnson

#### **VIDEO DIRECTOR** Catherine Marlett Dreher



### **DRESSERS** Emily Stein Shannell Haigh

FLY RAIL & DECK ASSISTANCE Caroline Janei

**LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR** Nolan Patin

> **Sound Engineer** Samuel Johnson

**CAMERA OPERATORS** 

Celeste Loser Mary Toth

### **VIDEO EDITOR** Mark Neumann

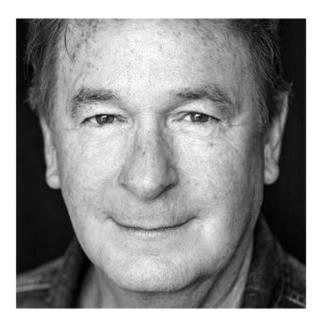
#### GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY Marcelo Lehninger, Music Director

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Holiday Pops

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# **RED CAST BIOS**



### **RICHARD SCHROT** Freddie Filmore

Richard's 1st Civic production! Years acting in Chicago! Master's in Acting. Almost every Shakespeare! 11th *A Christmas Carol*!



#### **SPENCER TOMLIN**

Jake Laurents

Spencer is blessed to be back on the stage where he met his wonderful wife! Can't wait 'til you're all here with us again.



### **RICARDO TAVÁREZ**

Harry "Jazzbo" Haywod

Ricardo has been in local theatre for several years, inclined toward art that stirs cultural changes. This is his 2nd performance with Civic.

# **RED CAST BIOS**



### **BRENNA PEERBOLT** Sally Applewhite

Brenna is so happy to be on the Civic stage again after a hiatus to attend school in NYC for Musical Theatre. Thanks for watching our show!



### **DARLA CARRIER**

Lana Sherwood

Darla is grateful for the chance to feed my soul by being on stage SAFELY. Thanks for making this a wonderfully odd, rewarding experience.



### JONAH HOWELL

Hollis Finley

Jonah Howell happily joins the Civic Theatre stage again and wants to thank everyone who helped him so far.

# **RED CAST BIOS**



### KRISTIN TOMLIN

Foley Artist

Kristin is thankful to return to the Civic stage with her husband Spencer! Much love to our Civic family on both sides of the curtain.



### **KATHERINE SEARCY** Movement Specialist

Katherine is thrilled to be part of this unique theatre experience! She's been in shows throughout the midwest. More at katherinesearcy.com.

### SPECIAL THANKS

#### Evangeline Ouding

Thank you to Evangeline Ouding for her time and talents as Hollis Finley in the Red Cast. We regret that Evangeline was unable to participate in the final performance.

# **GREEN CAST BIOS**



### **MIKE SMOLINSKI** Freddie Filmore

Scrooge is Mike's 65th role on stage. He has also written six produced plays with more to come. There is nothing "humbug" about the arts!



### **TJ CLARK** Jake Laurents

TJ is ecstatic to be back at the Civic. He would like to thank you for supporting the arts and local theatre in this very difficult time.



### DAVID BROWN

Harry "Jazzbo" Haywood

David is a local writer and actor. This is his fifth show with Civic and his second during a global pandemic.

# **GREEN CAST BIOS**



### **JAELYN RAIFORD** Sally Applewhite

Jaelyn is a graduate of GVSU's music program. This is her first completed show with Civic. She is happy to be here working on new ways to perform.



### **REBEKAH KAREL**

Lana Sherwood

Rebekah is grateful for the opportunity to return to the Civic stage and tell a valuable story amidst a pandemic. Have a blessed Christmas!



### JONAH HOWELL

Hollis Finley

Jonah Howell happily joins the Civic Theatre stage again and wants to thank everyone who has helped him so far.

# **GREEN CAST BIOS**



### **XAVIER TURNER** Foley Artist

Xavier is beyond excited to be back on the Civic stage! He would like to thank everyone for supporting the arts during these hard times.



### **BETHANY WISSINK** Movement Specialist

Bethany is a seasoned actor with 12+ years on the stage and screen. She is now finishing up her Masters in Ministry and ESL Education.

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# **PROJECTION ARTISTS**

The scenic projections for this production were created by the artists of **Element7**. Element7's mission is to empower the local BIPOC (Black-Indigenous-People of Color) art community and catalyze social change. We are excited to partner with them on this project. If you would like to work with any of the artists whose work you've seen here at Civic, please see below:

#### **DIANE NGUYEN**

IG: @diane.whut Marley Knocker | Counting House | Fred's Home Interior

#### **ASHLEY NASH**

IG: @nashleyillustration Scrooge's Home (Interior, Exterior, and Christmas)

### **JASMINE BRUCE**

IG: @jasminebruceart

Old Joe's Shop | Boarding School | Stock Exchange

### **GUILLERMO SOTELO**

IG: @asma.speeks

London Street | Fezziwig's Party | London Street (Christmas)

### **KENDALL REDMON**

IG: @redmonkendall Cemetery | Belle's Home | Crachit Home Exterior

# VOLUNTEERS

### **COSTUME SHOP**

Sandy Schuitema **Barb** Grinwis Linda Matthews Sharon Galligan Barb VanderHart Katy Kenyon Shannon Sinkovich Tobie Romzek

### **SCENE SHOP**

### Dan Smigiel

Grand Rapids Civic Theatre is a volunteer-driven and supported organization. Every performer and crew member in our productions is a volunteer. Without the support of our 800 volunteers, there would be no Civic Theatre.

### **THANK YOU!**

# **SPECIAL THANKS**

# ARIA SHOW TECHNOLOGY KBOgroup, INC.

Michael and Nancy Dodge Donald Curry Leanne Challa Danell Kenrick Kelly Lucas Mark Neumann Paul and Jan Stoub Bud Thompson Lou VanderHave

# GRCT is especially grateful to **Kayle Clemments**

for providing the recorded music and additional compositions, and to **John Girdlestone** 

for offering his services as an accent coach for this production.

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Help us keep the magic of theatre alive for generations to come.

# THANK YOU.

#### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

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# SCHOOL OF THEATRE ARTS

### Winter Term Education Team



1st Row: Left to Right Allyson Paris, Deb Wright, Lauren Vesbit, Rhonda Lehan, John Scritchfield

2nd Row: Left to Right Eirann Betka-Pope, Worth Hages, John Vesbit, Emily Ambs, Lewis Richards

3rd Row: Left to Right

Melissa Sefton, Josh Keller, Laura Witvoet, Brianna Van Houten, Amanda Wright

4th Row: Left to Right Kobe Brown, Jolene Frankey, Jenna Betka-Pope, Shavonne Coleman

Winter Term for students ages 4 - Adult begins on January 16th! Register today at:

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