

NEW STAGE *Theatre*

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A Christmas Carol...A Tradition Returns Home

Chosen by *USA Weekend* as one of five outstanding productions across the country



Jackson, Mississippi—New Stage Theatre’s traditional holiday gift to the community—*A Christmas Carol*—opens on Saturday, December 4 and runs through Sunday, December 19. Curtain times for public performances are 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. The performance on December 4 will be at 11:00 a.m. Ticket prices are \$35.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens, military, and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, located inside the Jane Reid Petty Theatre Center, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3531 or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. To view our public safety protocols please visit www.newstagetheatre.com/covid-19.

The production is sponsored by The Dorsey J. Barefield Charitable Trust and the Sam E. and Burnice C. Wittel Foundation.

“We are thrilled to welcome *A Christmas Carol* back to New Stage,” said director Sharon Miles. “It’s a moving story about people’s capacity to change at any given point in their lives. A classic tale of redemption, second chances, hope, and joy! There are several new cast members and we are so fortunate to have legacy cast members returning to New Stage. *A Christmas Carol* is a timeless holiday tradition and we look forward to sharing it with the community.”

The play is set in Victorian London, but there is a clear focus on transformation, redemption and most of all second chances. The cast consists of 29 children and adults, led by Jay R. Unger as Ebenezer Scrooge, who will bring the audience back to the old streets of London, with music and visits by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

Directed by Sharon Miles, this year’s cast features familiar faces and new talent. Cast members include Jay R. Unger (Clinton) as Scrooge, Andrew Fehrenbacher (Brandon) as Bob Cratchit, Neill Kelly (Chicago, IL) as Fred, Sigrid Wise (New York, NY) as Christmas Past, K. Devin Hunter (Jackson) as Christmas Present, Hosea Griffith (Jackson) as Young Scrooge, Mandy Kate Myers (Pearl) as Kate, Audrey Bennett (Jackson) as Mrs. Fezziwig, Jaymi Horn (Reynoldsburg, OH) as Belle and Mrs. Cratchit, Ethan Hartfield (Brandon) as Tiny Tim, Joseph Frost (Jackson) as Marley, and Xerron Mingo (Bronx, NY) as Mr. Fezziwig. *Unger and Wise appear through the courtesy of Actors’ Equity Association.*

Other cast members include Ward Emling (Jackson), Cate Purvis (Ridgeland), Grace Coon (Madison), Jacob L. Jefferson (Jackson), Ian Roberson (Ridgeland), Gracie Jordan (Jackson), Adrienne Tanaka (Ridgeland), Treasure White (Jackson), Jory Tanaka (Ridgeland), Natalie Fehrenbacher (Brandon), Diandra Hosey (Byram), Laura Dixon (Jackson), Lance Taylor (Madison), Marshall Robertson (Newton), Zane Hartfield (Brandon), Addy Huddleston (Madison), and Olivia Mathews (Brandon).

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Special Holiday Events at New Stage Theatre During *A Christmas Carol*

TOYS FOR TOTS: December 9, 2021

- Patrons can come to the box office beginning at 6 pm on Thursday, December 9, 2021 with a **new unwrapped** toy. If tickets are available, you can receive one free ticket per new toy. This is only valid for the December 9 performance.

PAY WHAT YOU CAN: December 9, 2021

- Patrons can come to the box office beginning at 6 pm on Thursday, December 9, 2021. If tickets are available, they can be purchased at any value with cash, check, or credit card (\$5 minimum when using a credit card). This is only valid for the December 9 performance.

FULLY VACCINATED AUDIENCE PERFORMANCE: December 5, 10, 12, 14, 16, & 18, 2021

- Proof of full vaccination required including ALL children; Vaccination proof not required at other performances

SOCIAL DISTANCING PERFORMANCE: December 15, 2021 (Call the box office for tickets)

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES: Available at every performance. Please call the box office to reserve a device.

ACTOR CHAT: Thursday, December 9 and Thursday, December 16

- Stay after the show and ask questions of the cast and crew

GIVE THE GIFT OF THEATRE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

- Gift certificates, Mini-Flex Passes, and Education Classes make the perfect holiday gifts. Contact the box office for details.

A Christmas Carol Performances:

December 4 at 11:00 a.m.

December 9-11 & 14-18 at 7:00 p.m.

December 5, 12 & 19 at 2 p.m.

All 10 a.m. School Matinees are Sold Out

Ticket prices:

\$35

\$30 for students, seniors, and military

Group discounts are available

Purchase Tickets:

601-948-3533 or www.newstagetheatre.com