

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Scrooge returns to Niagara-on-the-Lake in the Shaw Festival's *A Christmas Carol* *- Holiday season must-see back for a second year -*

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (November 12, 2018) — Heralding the Old Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's transformation into the ultimate Christmas village, the Shaw Festival's production of Artistic Director **Tim Carroll**'s adaptation of [*A Christmas Carol*](#) hits the stage November 14 to December 23 at the Royal George Theatre.

This year, **Molly Atkinson** takes over directing duties of the Dickens classic tale from Tim Carroll – the original director of the production. Combining puppetry, music and dance with a dash of stagecraft magic, the family-friendly ***A Christmas Carol*** is one of Niagara-on-the-Lake's holiday highlights along with annual festive events including the Candlelight Stroll, skating at Fort George and the Christmas Parade. To further inspire goodwill among all and following a rousing chorus of Christmas carols, audience members can capture the memory by taking a photo on stage with members of the cast.

A Christmas Carol features **Michael Therriault** as miser Ebenezer Scrooge, together with **Kyla Cook, Patty Jamieson, Andrew Lawrie, Marla McLean, Sarena Parmar, PJ Prudat, Graeme Somerville, Sanjay Talwar** and **Jonathan Tan**.

In keeping with spirit of the season, food and money donations will be collected for **Project Share** at all performances.

A Christmas Carol is proudly sponsored by the **Shaw Guild**, with additional support provided by **Hodgson Russ LLP** and the **Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund**; and its official hotel partner **Vintage Hotels**.

This production has an age recommendation of **6+**.

Tickets for the 2019 presentation of ***A Christmas Carol*** are currently on sale to Friends of The Shaw and will be available to the public **December 8**.

Cast: (in alphabetical order)

Kyla Cook	Belle
Patty Jamieson	Mrs. Dilber
Andrew Lawrie	Bob Cratchit
Marla McLean	Mrs. Cratchit
Sarena Parmar	Christmas Past
PJ Prudat	Emily (Fred's wife)
Graeme Somerville	Mr. Hubble
Sanjay Talwar	Christmas Present
Jonathan Tan	Fred
Michael Therriault	Scrooge

Creative & Production:

Molly Atkinson	Director
Tim Carroll	Adapter/Original Director
Christine Lohre	Designer
Kevin Lamotte	Lighting Designer
Paul Sportelli	Original Music/Original Music Direction
Ryan deSouza	Music Director
Alexis Milligan	Movement and Puppetry
Alison Peddie	Production Stage Manager
Annie McWhinnie	Assistant Stage Manager

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