



## SHAW FESTIVAL UNWRAPS CASTING AND CREATIVE TEAMS FOR A CHRISTMAS CAROL AND IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

- Previews for both shows begin in November -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (September 15, 2022) — The Shaw's 2022 season comes to a merry close with Charles Dickens's [A Christmas Carol](#) and Irving Berlin's [White Christmas](#) – two classic holiday tales guaranteed to thaw the frostiest of hearts and make spirits bright in young and old alike.

"The onset of autumn doesn't mean our 60<sup>th</sup> season has ended," professed Artistic Director **Tim Carroll**. "Come and enjoy this anniversary year's finale featuring two delightful shows – the enduring favourite **A Christmas Carol** and the enchanting musical **White Christmas**. I hope you and yours will join us this holiday season."

The casts and creative teams of The Shaw's winter season:

### FESTIVAL THEATRE

Irving Berlin's

### WHITE CHRISTMAS

Based on the Paramount Pictures film

Written for the screen by Norman Krasna, Norman Panama and Melvin Frank

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY IRVING BERLIN

BOOK BY DAVID IVES and PAUL BLAKE

Original stage production directed by WALTER BOBBIE

Orchestrations by Larry Blank

Vocal and Dance Arrangements by Bruce Pomahac

Directed by **Kate Hennig**

Music direction by **Paul Sportelli**

Set and costume design by **Judith Bowden**

Lighting design by **Kevin Lamotte**

Sound design by **John Lott**

Choreography by **Allison Plamondon**

Assistant Director: **Thomas Alderson**

Assistant Choreographer: **Allison McCaughey**

Previews **November 18** • Available for review beginning **November 26** • Closes **December 23**

Bob Wallace (**Jeff Irving**) and Phil Davis (**Kevin McLachlan\***), former soldiers turned successful song-and-dance duo, follow sister double-act Betty and Judy Haynes (**Alexis Gordon** and **Mary Antonini**) to Pine Tree, Vermont. Together they put on a show to save the nearly bankrupt Columbia Inn, now owned by their retired commanding officer General Henry Waverly (**David Alan Anderson**) and run by Martha Watson (**Jenni Burke**), his trusty wise-cracking housekeeper. Based on the uplifting, timeless film of the same name, this adaptation features well-known songs like "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the beloved title song, "White Christmas".

Kicking up their heels and joining in the festive fun are **David Adams, Matt Alfano, Matt Armet, Alexander Batycki, Celeste Catena, Kristi Frank, Élodie Gillett, Kyle Golemba, Alexandra Gratton, Julia Juhas, Taran Kim, Graeme Kitagawa\*, Caitlyn MacInnis\*, Jordan Mah, Allison McCaughey, Madelyn Miyashita, Drew Plummer, Ali Powell, Adam Sergison, Olivia Sinclair-Brisbane\*** and **Kelly Wong**.

Age Recommendation: 8+

**WHITE CHRISTMAS** is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)

**WHITE CHRISTMAS** is sponsored by **Mary E. Hill**.

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## **ROYAL GEORGE THEATRE**

### **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

By **Charles Dickens**

Adapted and originally directed by **Tim Carroll**

Directed by **Molly Atkinson**

Set and costume design by **Christine Lohre**

Lighting design by **Kevin Lamotte**

Original music by **Paul Sportelli**

Music direction by **Rachel O'Brien**

Original movement and puppetry direction by **Alexis Milligan**

Puppetry direction by **Alexandra Montagnese**

Previews **November 9** • Available for review beginning **November 12** • Closes **December 23**

**Graeme Somerville** returns as Ebenezer Scrooge, everyone's favourite Christmas curmudgeon. Joining him in this charming adaptation about transformation and redemption are **Kristopher Bowman, Jason Cadieux, Patty Jamieson, Andrew Lawrie, Julie Lumsden, Marie Mahabal, Marla McLean, André Morin** and **Kelsey Verzotti**.

**SELFIE ALERT:** following the performance, audience members will have the opportunity to take a safely distanced photo with the cast.

Age Recommendation: 6+

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL** is sponsored by the **Shaw Guild** with additional support from **Hodgson Russ LLP**.

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Holiday Season Hotel Partner: **Vintage Hotels**.

Tickets are available through the Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW (7429) and online at [shawfest.com](http://shawfest.com).

While wearing masks currently remains at the discretion and comfort of the individual, their use continues to be highly recommended indoors in all Shaw Festival theatres and spaces. The Shaw's [Duty of Care](#) remains in place. While these measures include a commitment to ensuring the health and safety of audiences, company members and communities, there remains an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where people congregate. The Festival continues to work closely with public health experts to ensure all necessary and reasonable precautions are being met to reduce the chances of exposure; however, patrons are encouraged to take what precautions they deem necessary to protect themselves and others. Patrons are also requested to refrain from attending any performance or event if they are

presenting any COVID-19 symptoms.

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The Shaw Festival wishes to acknowledge and honour the land upon which its patrons and company members gather as the historic and traditional territory of First Nations peoples. Recognition and thanks are extended to the Neutral Nation, the Mississauga and the Haudenosaunee for their stewardship of these lands over millennia.

### **About the Shaw Festival**

Inspired by the spirit of Bernard Shaw, the Shaw Festival creates unforgettable theatrical encounters. The Shaw Festival is a place where people who are curious about the world gather to share the unique experience of live theatre and to create a deeper human connection with the artists, the beauty and abundance of Niagara and with each other. For more information, please visit [shawfest.com](http://shawfest.com).

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