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A CHRISTMAS CAROL ONCE AGAIN FILLS THE ROYAL GEORGE WITH HOLIDAY CHEER

- The Charles Dickens classic kicks off the Festival's holiday season November 8 -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (November 7, 2024) — A timeless tale – certain to bring comfort and joy to all – begins previews tomorrow. Christmas spirits of the Dickensian kind will once again inhabit the Royal George Theatre when holiday favourite [A Christmas Carol](#) takes the stage until December 22. This year, **Ryan G. Hinds** directs the annual festive production.

On Christmas Eve, wealthy miser Ebenezer Scrooge (**Sanjay Talwar**) is visited by the tormented ghost of his late business partner with a warning to change his selfish ways or suffer a similar fate. During the night, Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Christmas Past (**Tara Rosling**), Present (**Shawn Wright**) and Future, each with a similar warning and visions of what was, what is and what could be his fate. Humbled by this experience, Scrooge resolves to change his ways to the delight of his newfound friends and family.

The Festival's **A Christmas Carol** has set and costumes designed by **Christine Lohre**, lighting designed by **Kevin Lamotte** and music direction by **Ryan deSouza**. The creative team also includes associate lighting designer **Theo Belc** and puppetry coach **Alexandra Montagnese**. The stage management team includes **Beatrice Campbell**, stage manager, and **Kathryn Urbanek**, assistant stage manager. **A Christmas Carol** was originally adapted and directed by **Tim Carroll**, with original music by **Paul Sportelli**, and original movement and puppetry direction by **Alexis Milligan**.

On stage at the Royal George Theatre (85 Queen Street) from November 8 to December 22, (available for review beginning November 14), **A Christmas Carol** is recommended for audience members 6+/Grade 1+. Running time is approximately 90 minutes, including one intermission.

SELFIE ALERT: following every performance, audience members will have the opportunity to take a photo of the cast of **A Christmas Carol**.

In keeping with the spirit of the Season, non-perishable food items will be collected for **Newark Neighbours** at all holiday performances of [Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady](#) and **A Christmas Carol**. Cash donations will also be collected at all matinee and evening performances on November 30, December 7 and December 14 in support of **Newark Neighbours**.

A Christmas Carol is sponsored by the **Shaw Guild**, with additional support from **Hodgson Russ LLP**.

Cast:

Kristopher Bowman
Allison Edwards-Crewe
Marlene Ginader
Lawrence Libor*
Marla McLean
Tara Rosling

Mr. Hubble/Ensemble
Emily/Ensemble
Belle/Ensemble
Fred/Ensemble
Mrs. Cratchit/Ensemble
Christmas Past/Ensemble

Sanjay Talwar
Jay Turvey
Jenny L. Wright
Shawn Wright
Katie Ryerson
Travis Seetoo

Scrooge
Bob Cratchit/Ensemble
Mrs. Dilber/Ensemble
Christmas Present/Ensemble
Swing
Swing

Creative & Production:

Ryan G. Hinds
Tim Carroll
Christine Lohre
Kevin Lamotte
Paul Sportelli
Ryan deSouza
Alexis Milligan
Theo Belc
Beatrice Campbell
Kathryn Urbanek
Alexandra Montagnese

Director
Adapter and Original Director
Set and Costume Designer
Lighting Designer
Original Music
Music Director
Original Movement and Puppetry
Assistant Lighting Designer
Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Manager
Puppetry Coach

* Emerging Artists are sponsored by the **RBC Foundation**

The Shaw Festival's 2024 holiday season runs through to December 22, with a playbill featuring **Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady*** and ***A Christmas Carol***.

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

Direct bus service from Downtown Toronto and Burlington to Niagara-on-the-Lake is available on the Toronto-Niagara Shaw Express. Luxury buses are standard size wheelchair accessible, offer free Wi-Fi and have an on-board host. \$34 return per person. Ticket to a 2024 performance is required. Please pre-arrange with the Box Office. Schedule is subject to change. Please confirm dates and times with the Shaw Festival Box Office. For more information or to purchase tickets or a seat on the Toronto-Niagara Shaw Express, please contact the Shaw Festival Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW or visit shawfest.com.

Mask use at The Shaw: Masks are not currently required in our theatres. Though wearing a mask is optional, it is recommended; however, the choice remains at the discretion and comfort of the individual. The Shaw continues to maintain its [Duty of Care](#) measures. Patrons are also requested to refrain from attending any performance or event if presenting 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.

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