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A Christmas Carol

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ACT I

Scene 1: A theater somewhere in North America

Scenes 2-8: Christmas Eve, London

Intermission

ACT II

Scenes 1-5: Christmas Eve, London

Scene 6: Christmas Morning

DIRECTORS' BIOS

Johnna Bither is excited to be once again directing with her bestie Peggy for *A Christmas Carol*! Johnna has been all over the place at TCP between directing, stage crew, tech crew, set construction, and acting. You may have seen her most recently in *Something Rotten* as part of the ensemble. Twin City Players has become Johnna's second family, and she is so thankful for each and every person!

Peggy Harrington is very happy to be returning to the director's chair, along with good friend and co-director, Johnna Bither. This is her 10th show in the role of director, assistant director, or co-director. She wants to thank the cast and crew of *A Christmas Carol*. They've been working very hard and she hopes you enjoy the show.

SPECIAL THANKS

Chris O'Brien of Kennedy's Kitchen on Fiddle
playing Haste To The Wedding

Note about this production:

Charles Dickens' readings of *A Christmas Carol* were highly successful one-man shows that he performed on both sides of the Atlantic, beginning in 1853. He adapted the text for stage, performing it with dramatic changes in voice and tone for each character, and initially performed for charity before eventually charging for performances to make a significant portion of his income. He continued giving these readings until his final performance in March 1870.

CAST

BELINDA, MISS FEZZIWIG 3.....	Amelia Plummer
SCROOGE.....	Bill Klein
SHOPKEEPER, COOKS' FRIEND, WARDEN.....	Bill Linn
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME, PARTY GUEST.....	Callie Campbell
BOB CRATCHIT.....	Cole Younger
COOK, RAUCOUS LADY, LAUNDRESS.....	Beth Fanning
DICK WILKINS, BLIND BEGGAR, PETER CRATCHIT.....	Crosby Bearden
GENTLEMAN 1, BUSINESSMAN 1, PARTY GUEST.....	David La Fleur
THEATER MAN, YOUNG HUSBAND, FAN'S HUSBAND, PARTY GUEST.....	Easton Downs
SARA.....	Ella Harris
MRS. CRATCHIT.....	Emily Downs
STUDENT.....	Grace Troge
MISS FEZZIWIG 2, MARTHA CRATCHIT.....	Hayley Younger
FRED, YOUNG MAN.....	Jakob Prillwitz
CHARLES DICKENS.....	Jarad Medukas
MR. FEZZIWIG, GENTLEMAN 2, BUSINESSMAN 2, PARTY GUEST.....	Jeff Zochalski
WOMAN IN BLACK, GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST, PARTY GUEST, CHARWOMAN.....	Katrina Wentzel
MISS BELLE.....	Keeli Frank
EBENEZER, UNDERTAKERS' MAN.....	Landon Mitchell
FAN, MISS FEZZIWIG 1, FLOWER WOMAN.....	Langley Tude Thuot
TINY TIM, BOY, IGNORANCE.....	Leland Herron
YOUNG EBENEZER, STREET BOY.....	Levi Troge
TOPPER, BELLE'S HUSBAND, YOUNG MAN.....	Mark Fluegemann
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT, BUSINESSMAN.....	Marty Golob
JACOB MARLEY, BUSINESSMAN 3, PARTY GUEST.....	Mel Weber
BELLE'S DAUGHTER, STUDENT.....	Miriam Troge
GIRL, WANT.....	Nova Herron
PARTY GUEST, OLD JOE.....	Ron Frank
PARTY GUEST, YOUNG WIFE.....	Sienna Harris
LONDON BOBBY, SCHOOLMASTER, WARDEN.....	Steve Hamel
MRS. FEZZIWIG.....	Wendy Golob

CREW

DIRECTORS.....	Johnna Bither, Peggy Harrington
TECH DESIGN/SET/SCENIC DESIGN/SET BUILD LEAD.....	Marty Golob
SET/SCENIC DESIGN/STAGE MANAGER/SCENIC PAINTING/PROPS.....	Wendy Golob
COSTUMERS.....	Barb Stepka, Reta Trux
STAGE CREW.....	Nick Bither
STAGE MANAGER IN TRAINING.....	Mikayla Mennito
SCENIC PAINTING.....	Juliet Golob, Jana Tahtinen
SET PAINTING.....	Kristina Troge, Miriam Troge, Grace Troge,Levi Troge, Ron Frank, Peggy Harrington, Easton Downs,Marshall Downs, Bill Klein, David La Fleur, Mel Weber
SET BUILD/BED OPERATOR.....	Nick Bither
SET BUILD.....	Johnna Bither, Scott Bradford, Jarad Medukas,Vern Holford, Paul Donavin, Mark Fluegemann,Cody Thompson
PROMPTER.....	Marla Depew
TECH CREW.....	John Golob, Max Gleiss
CHOREOGRAPHY.....	Langley Tude Thuot
LOBBY BOARD.....	Johnna Bither, Peggy Harrington
MARKETING.....	Kim Kidd



Cast & Crew Bios

Crosby Bearden (Dick Wilkins, Blind Beggar, Peter Cratchit) This is Crosby's first time at TCP, but he's excited to be in this new experience! He's done other shows, including Lawrence in *School of Rock*, Michael in *Matilda*, and Arvide Abernathy in *Guys and Dolls*! A favorite activity is to play piano, where he's so close to playing "Für Elise" perfectly. He also likes to play Dungeons & Dragons and hang out with friends. Finally, he's fortunate that you've taken 15 seconds to read this bio. Enjoy the show!

Callie Campbell (Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Party Guest) is an ordained minister and public-school teacher and administrator. She lives right around the corner from TCP with Steve, her husband of thirty-three years. Save for daydreaming about being in commercials over the years, and acting in real life every single day, this is her first-ever official stage play.

Easton Downs (Theater Man, Young Husband, Fan's Husband, Party Guest) makes his debut on the big stage, at school he plays baseball, basketball, and runs cross country. Out of school he plays golf, paints miniatures, and obsesses over history. Though this is his first time acting, he hopes to leave a good lasting impression and partake in more theater in the future.

Emily Downs (Mrs. Cratchit) is a professional writer. Known primarily for her work in magazines, she has also written a radio drama and a catalog of short stories - one of which has been turned into a play. A lover of the art of storytelling, she hosts a podcast called "The French Press" where she speaks on literature and faith. Coincidentally, the first book she talked about on her podcast was *A Christmas Carol*.

Beth Fanning (Cook, Raucous Lady, Laundress) is pleased to be back for this version of *A Christmas Carol*. She was seen last season portraying everyone's mother, in *It's a Wonderful Life* and doing her share of sound effects. This show offers the opportunity for new friends as there are about 40 actors and crew making it all happen and not a humbug among them! Thank you for making this production part of your Christmas tradition. (Here it comes.) God bless us, everyone!

Keeli Frank (Miss Belle) is so excited to be joining TCP for another show! Her most notable credits include Brooke Wyndham in *Legally Blonde*, Pharaoh in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and Morticia in *The Addams Family*. She is so happy to be doing this show with her dad (hi dad!) and is so grateful that she got to spend her time with such an incredible cast and crew.

Cast & Crew Bios *cont.*

Ron Frank (Party Guest, Old Joe) is thrilled to be making his TCP debut. He is excited to be doing his first show in a few years, and is so happy he can enjoy the experience with his daughter. He thanks the cast and crew for being such an incredible group to work with and for making his first TCP experience so welcoming.

Marty Golob (Tech Design/Set/Scenic Design/Set Build Lead, Ghost of Christmas Present, Businessman) & **Wendy Golob** (Set/Scenic Design/Stage Manager/Scenic Painting/Props, Mrs. Fezziwig) We have 80 words to share our theatre story, so as we celebrate our 40th Wedding anniversary, we decided to leverage and share 160 words between us... There goes 27 of them... GAH 32... GAH! 34... Wendy: Designer, Artist, Stage Manager... Marty: Designer, Engineer, Lighting, Construction; Kids {Very Proud} Janine (Michael), John (Jana), Juliet (Cody); Grands Sim, Thea, Spohia {Totes Adorbs}; Dogs Worf, Gibbs... YIKES, 62... Cars NVRLAND, 12THNVR, PJMAGM if you know you know. Phew! 71. Since we have a few words left, did you know that the longest German word officially recognized is Rindfleischetikettierungsüberwachungsaufgabenübertragungsgesetz, which translates to "beef labeling supervision duties delegation law". HaHa 99! We defer our remaining 59 words to a worthy member of the cast and crew... Gah 116... GAH! 118... Enjoy the Show!

Steve Hamel (London Bobby, Schoolmaster, Warden) was seen onstage, backstage, and in the light booth several times since his first performance as Reverend Hopkins in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in 1993. Most recently he was onstage in *Murdered to Death* at the Beckwith, and at TCP, *The Psychic*, and *And Then There Were None*. As always, thanks to Peggy and Bill who know why.

Ella Harris (Sara) is excited to make her TCP debut! She is in her second year studying Musical Theatre at LMC. She has performed in over 18 productions including *Into the Woods* (The Baker's Wife), *The Lightning Thief* (Clarisse), and *School of Rock* (Rosalie Mullins). She enjoys working behind the scenes in marketing, makeup, costumes, and choreography. In her "downtime", she loves to be with friends, play guitar, listen to music, and go on walks! Enjoy the show!

Sienna Harris (Party Guest, Young Wife) is excited for her TCP debut! She has been in over 19 productions thus far, her most recent being CMW's *Guys and Dolls Jr.* (Harry the Horse). On days off, she enjoys drawing, writing, spending time with her friends & grandma's cats, listening to music, and daydreaming. She would like to thank her family and closest friends for all their love and support, as well as her directors and castmates for being in this show with her!

Cast & Crew Bios *cont.*

Leland Herron (Tiny Tim, Boy, Ignorance) is eight years old and loves to try new experiences. He has been cast as a dwarf in the school production of *Snow White*. When he isn't seeking adventure outside, he can be found playing school sports or fighting monsters on his games.

Nova Herron (Girl, Want) is 10 years old and has had a love of the arts since she was a toddler. In her school productions of plays she has excelled and been cast in starring roles such as Little Red Riding Hood and Snow White. When she is not performing, she loves singing and playing the piano with her favorite teacher Ms. Wentzel.

William Klein (Scrooge) this is no humbug for as many times doing this show, I have never played this character. I hope you enjoy watching the show and the true meaning of Christmas makes you happy. The cast and crew have worked hard, and we thank Peggy and Johnna for their efforts and the Golobs for all their work putting this set together. I thank my wife for her patience and extra dog walks and hope you have a very Merry Christmas. God Bless Us Everyone!

David La Fleur (Gentleman 1, Businessman 1, Party Guest) has been in three TCP Christmas shows now: two were Scrooge-themed, two were directed by Peggy Harrington, and this one alone is both (draw out the Venn diagram while you wait for the curtain). Most recently, he appeared in *The Outsider* as A.C. the cameraman. Outside TCP, David takes a very different tack and works with computers—but if you can fool people into thinking you're an actor, does that mean you are one?

Bill Linn (Shopkeeper, Cook's Friend, Warden) is new to the Twin City Players' ensemble. He returns to the stage after a 20-year absence. He would like to thank his wife Pepper, family & friends for their encouragement & support.

Jarad Medukas (Charles Dickens) is still feeling pretty darn good, all things considered. *A Christmas Carol* is his seventh show this year. Wild times... Anyway, Jarad showers thanks upon every Director, Actor, Stage Manager, Set Builder, Costumer, Choreographer, Musician, Booth Troll, and Volunteer that has made this such an amazing year. He, especially, thanks the love of his life, Rebecca, for making dreams real possibilities. And you, dear patron, who may not even realize, you're part of every show too.

Landon Mitchell (Ebenezer, Undertakers' Man) is excited to make his TCP debut with this amazing cast! He is currently studying music at Lake Michigan College. He has been involved in many community theatre productions including *Lightning Thief* (Percy Jackson), *Bright Star* (Jimmy Ray), and *Into the Woods* (Baker). He hopes you enjoy the show!

Cast & Crew Bios *cont.*

Amelia Plummer (Belinda, Miss Fezziwig 3) is an 8th grade student whose most recent shows are *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Guys and Dolls*. This past summer she enjoyed helping with stage crew during *Anastasia*. Her friends say she enjoys making theater and Twilight references far too often to be healthy. She loves Christmas (for some reason people think November 1st is too early to celebrate!) so this show is perfect for her!

Jakob Prillwitz (Fred, Young Man) is an ophthalmic technician, but what he'd rather be remembered for are his merrier adventures on stage. The former lead singer and rhythm guitarist of Lake Michigan College's Rock Pop Band, Jakob has donned the black top hat as Judge Turpin, Count Ipolitov, Willy Wonka, and now before you: Scrooge's nephew Fred! Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Grace Troge (Student) is excited to do her first play at TCP. Her favorite things include theater, writing, riding horses, and reading Warrior Cats. Grace has previously played an Oompa Loompa in *Wonka*, Elsa in *Frozen Jr.*, and will soon appear in *The Enchanted Bookshop* as Bombalurina. She would like to thank all her family for being so supportive.

Levi Troge (Young Ebenezer, Street Boy) is excited to perform in *A Christmas Carol*, his third production at Twin City Players. His favorite past roles are Dill in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Young George in *It's a Wonderful Life*. He enjoys D&D and spending time with his family and would like to thank them for their never-ending love and support.

Miriam Troge (Belle's Daughter, Student) is so excited to be in her very first TCP show! Miriam has previously played an Oompa Loompa in *Wonka* and stays active playing softball, ice skating, and dancing. She cannot wait to do more shows with this wonderful group of people at TCP.

Langley Tude Thuot (Fan, Miss Fezziwig 1, Flower Woman) is a sophomore in high school. This is her first production at TCP, and she is beyond thrilled to be doing this show! Outside of TCP, she does shows at GhostLight and her school. She also dances and sings at school. She hopes you love this show!

Katrina Wentzel (Woman in Black, Ghost of Christmas Past, Party Guest, Charwoman) is thrilled to be returning for her second production at Twin City Players. She previously played Eleanor in *Sense and Sensibility*. She teaches first grade and is very excited to have some of her students join her on stage in this production.

Cast & Crew Bios *cont.*

Cole Younger (Bob Cratchit) is honored to bring warmth and quiet strength to Bob Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol*. With a gentle voice and open heart, he finds joy in portraying this devoted father whose love shines through hardship. Cole delights in creating characters that feel real, inviting audiences to laugh, hope, and believe in redemption. He's grateful to the directors for the opportunity to join his daughter in this classic story of kindness, grace, and share the magic of Christmas with you.

Hayley Younger (Miss Fezziwig 2, Martha Cratchit) is delighted to step into Martha Cratchit's shoes in *A Christmas Carol*. With a bright spirit and tender heart, she brings warmth to this caring eldest daughter who works tirelessly for her family. Hayley loves crafting voices that sparkle with truth, drawing audiences into moments of joy, hope, and love. She's grateful to Johnna and Peggy for their trust in sharing this timeless tale of kindness and Christmas magic and to her dad for joining her on this journey.

Jeff Zochalski (Mr. Fezziwig, Gentleman 2, Businessman 2, Party Guest) returns for his second time on the TCP stage. After years of sales role-playing, he tried out for *The Red Velvet Cake War* in 2024 and received both a Hammy and Unsung Hero award for his performance. He wishes to thank the directors for casting him, the phenomenal cast and crew, and his own version of "Tiny Tim" for all the assistance with the London dialect!



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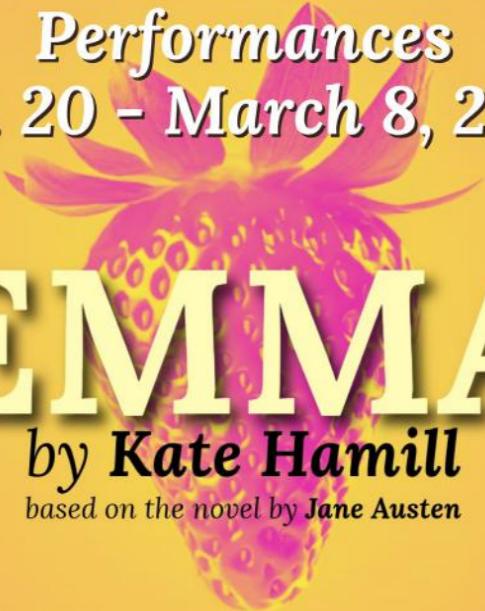
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2/20 - 3/8

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Ken Ludwig's
BASKERVILLE
A Sherlock Holmes Mystery
10/17 - 11/2



4/17 - 5/3



12/5 - 12/21



6/5 - 6/28

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