

### **Charles Dickens**

## A Christmas Carol

Adapted by G. Scott Morris and Patrick Spradlin

**Directed by Gloria Dennison** 

December 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30 pm December 5 and 6 at 2:00 pm



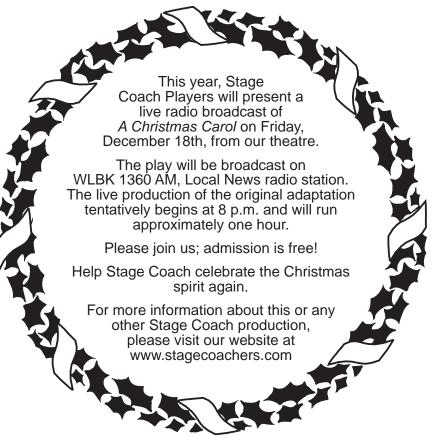


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## A Christmas Carol On The Air





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### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

At this festive time of the year, I invite everyone to take a moment and enjoy. The tale of *A Christmas Carol* takes us to Christmas, a time when we revel in family, good cheer and our faith. Ebenezer Scrooge, isolated by his greed and selfishness, decries the holidays, as his friends and family make the most of what they have, in spite of poor economic times. As we look around ourselves and deal with our own economic crisis and our own personal stress, let us not be isolated, but learn to hold the meaning of Christmas in our hearts throughout the year. Let the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future guide you into the holiday spirit.

Blessings, Gloria

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## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

From a Story by Charles Dickens Adapted by G. Scott Morris and Patrick Spradlin Directed by Gloria Dennison

### ACT ONTE

ACI ONE		
Scene One Street outside Scrooge's Counting House, Christmas Eve, Present		
Scene Two The Counting House, Christmas Eve, Present		
Scene Three Street outside Scrooge's Counting House, Christmas Eve, Present		
Scene Four Street outside Scrooge's House, Christmas Eve, Present		
Scene Five Scrooge's Bedroom, Christmas Eve, Present		
Scene Six Schoolroom, Past		
Scene Seven Fezziwig Warehouse, Past		
Scene Eight Street outside Counting House, Past		
Scene Nine Scrooge's Bedroom, Christmas Eve, Present		
ACT TWO		

Scene One	Scrooge's Bedroom, Christmas Eve, Present
Scene Two	Street outside Scrooge's Counting House,
	Christmas Eve, Present
Scene Three	Cratchit House, Christmas Day, Present
Scene Four Street	outside Cratchit House, Christmas Day, Present
Scene Five	Frederick's House, Christmas Day, Present
Scene Six Street out	tside Frederick's House, Christmas Day, Present

### ACT THREE

Scene One Street outside Scrooge's House, Christmas Eve, Present
Scene Two Street outside Scrooge's House, Future
Scene Three Scrooge's Bedroom, Future
Scene Four Cratchit House, Future
Scene Five Street outside Scrooge's House, Future
Scene Six Scrooge's Bedroom, Christmas Day, Present
Scene Seven Street outside Scrooge's House, Christmas Day, Present
Scene Eight Street outside Scrooge's House, Christmas Day, Present
Scene Nine Street outside Scrooge's House, Christmas Day, Present
Scene Ten The Counting House and Street outside,  Day after Christmas, Present



## In Alphabetical Order by Character

Adagia	Mary Lou Kator
Apple Girl	Lily Snow
Artemis	
Belinda Cratchit	Emily Scorzo
Belle	Alexandra Franks
Bess	
Blind Bingham	
Bob Cratchit	Jim Dohertv
Bridgette	Courtney Nelson
Christmas Future	Allison Hunter-Rosene
Christmas Past	Lisa Silberhorn
Christmas Present	Mike Scorzo
Constance	Bridget Crase
Crackstone	
Mrs. Cratchit	
Mrs. Crow	
Mrs. Dilber	Julia Woodward
Ebby	Isaac Truckenbrod
Fan Scrooge	Rachel Hunter-Rosene
Mr. Fezziwig	
Mrs. Fezziwig	
Frederick	
Gertrude	Sharisse Barnaby
Mr. Grimble	
Hortense	Mandy Paschen
Ignorance	
Maggie	
Marley	
Martha Cratchit	Emily Dilbeck
Narrator	
Nick Cratchit	
Mr. Nutley	
Old Joe	Steve vvright
Peter Cratchit	
Poulterer	Dan Hyde
Prudence	Amy Clark
Sgt. Oliphant	
Scrooge	
Stephano	Mara Kushyaka Julia Mara
Street People	
Tim Cratchit	bylan ivional

Topper
Turkey GirlLauren Chriss
Undertaker's DaughtersLauren Duffin, Sarah Duffin
Urchins Hannah Bullette, Summer McFalls, Becca Roby,
Devine Tobin, Morgan Witmer
Mr. Varney Tim Ball
Want Hanna Chriss
Willard Steven Scheele
Young Dick Steven Scheele
Young Scrooge Jake Wales

### CAROLERS

Dan Hyde, Mark Mackeben, Lana Marten, Kim Moorman, Judy O'Connor, James Pfister, Gary Schwartz, Kristin Taylor



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Technical Director	Bill O'Hagan
Musical Director	Judy O'Connor
Stage Manager	Jennifer Snow
Light Design	Bill Kator
Sound	
Special Effects	Eric Peterson, Tom Grady
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Production Manager	
Properties Joa	nne Landshaft, Janet Rosenberg
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#### Dorian Auld, Mrs. Cratchit

This is Dorian's first show with Stage Coach Players, however, she is no stranger to the theater. She has been singing and acting since age six. Favorite roles include: Glinda the Good Witch in *The Wizard of Oz*, Mrs. Harcourt in *Anything Goes*, Lucifer in *Dr. Faustus*, and the evil Queen in *Snow White*. Most recently she worked behind the scenes as dramaturg-in-residence at Chicago's Organic Theater Company. Dorian is excited to be back on stage and would like to thank her husband Bill for his loving support.

#### Tim Ball, Mr. Varney

Tim has been in many Stage Coach productions, appearing most recently as Carl in *Bus Stop*. In previous productions of *A Christmas Carol*, he's played Fred, Bob Cratchit, Old Joe, and the Narrator. Tim has been involved with Stage Coach since 1989, participating both on stage and in back stage endeavors. He wishes everyone a happy and fruitful Christmas!

#### Sharisse Barnaby, Gertrude

Sharisse is a senior at DeKalb High School. She sends her thanks to Mom and Steve.

#### Helen Becker, Mrs. Fezziwig

Helen sends thanks to her family, and Peace and Merry Christmas to everyone.

**Gene Bellinger**, Crackstone Gene is thrilled to be appearing onstage at SCP once again.

Andrew Bocklund, Peter Cratchit Andrew was also part of the *A Christmas Carol* cast in 2008. He's in the sixth grade. He thanks his parents for driving him to rehearsals, and Gloria for helping him become a better actor.

#### Hannah Bullette. Urchin

Hannah is a fifth-grade student at Cortland Elementary School. She has always enjoyed performing. Her first play was in kindergarten at Cornerstone Christian Academy, where she played an angel in a Christmas play, *Arch the Angel*. She also played a mouse in *Cinderella* last year with Children's Community Theatre, and is very excited to be involved in *A Christmas Carol*. She would like to thank her friend, Emily Dilbeck, for encouraging her to try out for the play, and her family for supporting her in doing something she loves.



#### Hanna Chriss. Want

Hanna has appeared in Children's Community Theatre's 101 Dalmatians and Cinderella. She is a first-grader at Davenport Elementary School. She loves to dance and have fun! Hanna thanks her big sister Lauren for doing A Christmas Carol with her.

#### Lauren Chriss, Turkey Girl

Lauren has appeared in Children Community Theatre's productions of 101 Dalmatians and Cinderella. She is a third-grader at Davenport Elementary School and she loves to read (currently, the Harry Potter series). Lauren would like to thank her parents and sister for encouraging her to audition for A Christmas Carol.

#### Amy Clark, Prudence

Amy has appeared in two previous productions of *A Christmas Carol*, as Fan in 2008 and as an Urchin in 2006. She has attended the Children's Acting Workshop at Stage Coach since 2006. Amy is an eighth grader at Huntley Middle School. She thanks her parents for their support.

#### Bridget Crase, Constance

This is Bridget's second show with Stage Coach, including an appearance as Elma in *Bus Stop* this September. She thanks her mother for (again) pushing her to audition, and the entire cast and crew for welcoming her and helping continue a wonderful tradition. Enjoy the show!

#### Emily Dilbeck, Martha Cratchit

Emily is a freshman in high school. She has acted in two other Stage Coach productions, *Hello Dolly* and *A Christmas Carol* (2008). She enjoys singing in her youth group and acting in school productions. She thanks her wonderful family and fabulous friends for their support and their never-ending love and encouragement.

#### **Jim Doherty**, Bob Cratchit

Jim is excited to be in his second Stage Coach performance this year. He wishes to thank his family and friends for their encouragement.

#### Lauren Duffin, Undertaker's Daughter/Urchin

Lauren is in second grade at Lincoln Elementary School. This is her second Stage Coach play; she was in *Hello Dolly* this summer. Lauren has two sisters. She thanks her family for their help.





#### Sarah Duffin, Undertaker's Daughter/Urchin

This is Sarah's fourth Stage Coach show, after *Hello Dolly*, *Snow White*, and *A Christmas Carol* (2006). Offstage, Sarah enjoys Irish step-dancing, reading, and playing her tenor sax. She thanks her parents for their patience and chauffeuring, and her friends for their support.

#### Alexandra Franks, Belle

Alexandra greatly enjoyed her high school acting experiences, including appearances in *Tom Sawyer the Musical, High School Musical: On Stage, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,* and *The Sound of Music.* Big "Thank Yous" to her parents, grandparents, and choir director Stephanie Bohms.

#### Kathy Hewitt, Artemis

Kathy works at Crum-Halsted Agency and lives in Sycamore with her two dogs. Previous SCP experiences include roles in *Oklahoma*, *Sound of Music*, and *A Christmas Carol* (2006). Kathy sings in DeKalb Festival Chorus and plays clarinet in the Greater Kishwaukee Area Concert Band.

#### Timothy Hodge, Frederick

Timothy has always enjoyed being dramatic. He was in many church Christmas plays as a child and was a part of *Fiddler on the Roof* in Foxboro, Massachusetts. He enjoys making and acting in video and audio productions. He is currently a home-schooled high school junior. *A Christmas Carol* has always been one of Timothy's favorite stories because of its redemptive message and unique characters. He would like to thank all the cast and crew, his supportive family and friends, and Jesus. Merry Christmas!





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#### Allison Hunter-Rosene, Christmas Future

Allison has appeared in every production of Stage Coach Player's *A Christmas Carol*, beginning with the role of Want. She is a 14-year-old freshman at DeKalb High School where she is an active member of the Marching Band, performing as its twirler. She plays clarinet in the concert band, tenor sax in the jazz lab band, and tenor sax for the CS Jazz Band at NIU. She will perform later this month as a troubadour for the 2009 DHS Madrigals.

#### Rachel Hunter-Rosene, Fan Scrooge

Rachel is a sixth-grader at Huntley Middle School. She has appeared in all but the first of SCP's *A Christmas Carol* and has played Tim Cratchit twice. At HMS, Rachel plays flute for both the sixth-grade band and the HMS jazz band. She is a member of the choir and will perform later this month as a beggar for the 2009 DHS Madrigals. Rachel is also active in forensics at HMS.

#### Dan Hyde, Poulterer/Caroler

Dan is married to the lovely Debbie; they have three grown children. This is his first ("hopefully not my last") role at Stage Coach.

#### Mary Lou Kator, Adagia

A long, long, time ago, as a child, when dinosaurs roamed the earth, Mary Lou participated in a children's theater in Indianapolis and loved it. Since moving to Sycamore in 2000, she and her husband, Bill, have been hooked on Stage Coach (with help from Anita Belinsky!) and enjoy working on shows together. Mary Lou has appeared in *Inherit the Wind* and a previous production of *A Christmas Carol*, and has worked backstage on many others. "Thank God for blessing us with His love and life and the friends we have made at Stage Coach."

#### Mara Kuchynka, Street Person

Mara has had a lot of fun working in her first show, particularly with her stepdad, Jim Mitchell. Mara is in varsity choir at DHS. She's looking forward to continuing her education at college next year, studying photography. She thanks her Mom and Ben for all of their support.

#### Michael Landshaft, Stephano

Michael is in eighth grade at Sycamore Middle School. Being in *A Christmas Carol* has become a holiday tradition that Michael has enjoyed for the past four years. He hopes that the play touches everyone with the Christmas spirit. He thanks the cast and crew for all their hard work.

#### John McCue, Mr. Fezziwig

John is a long time Stage Coacher. He performed in his first show for SCP in 1971 and, since then, has acted in nearly 40 shows. He has also designed and built sets and worked back stage. SCP has been a family affair with John, having appeared in shows with his sister, daughter and son. John's wife, Sue, is in charge of ushers and has worked props for many shows.

#### Summer McFalls. Urchin

Summer has appeared in previous Stage Coach productions, twice in *A Christmas Carol* and once in *The King and I*. She attends the fourth grade at Wright Elementary School. She has

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studied Kajukenbo Karate for over four years and currently hold a belt rank of first-degree brown. Summer thanks her parents for their help and support.

#### Jim Mitchell, Blind Bingham

A veteran of this and many other stages, Jim has done just about every job in the theatre. His love of acting keeps him coming back. A recent new love is advocating for the auditorium at the new high school. Jim owns Home James Limousine, is a long term school board member, and looks forward to his next evolution, whatever it may be. This is his second time in *A Christmas Carol* and he sends kudos out to all the cast and crew. A special thanks to Sandi and Mara for putting up will his antics. As Jim says "it ain't easy being me, but it sure is fun."

#### Dylan Mondi, Tim Cratchit

Dylan is excited to be performing once again at the Stage Coach Theatre. Previously he has played Bert in *All My Sons* and Thor in *The Nerd*. He has also performed in *Christmas Story*, *101 Dalmatians*, and *Aladdin* for other local theatre companies. Dylan is the oldest of three siblings and is currently in the fourth grade. When not rehearsing, he enjoys working on his computer and playing video games.

#### Julie Mondi, Street Person

Julie had such a fun time performing with her son in *All My Sons* that she decided to do it again. When not at rehearsals, Julie is a busy wife and mother of three even busier kids. She hopes *A Christmas Carol* puts everyone in the holiday spirit!

#### Courtney Nelson, Bridget

A Christmas Carol is Courtney's second production with Stage Coach Players, having played one of the King's children earlier this year in *The King and I*. Courtney is a senior at DeKalb High School. She looks forward to graduation and then continuing her education with a degree in psychology, specializing in the needs of abused and battered children. Courtney thanks her family and friends for their encouragement and support.

#### Mandy Paschen, Maggie/Hortense

Mandy is excited to be appearing in her second year of *A Christmas Carol*, having previously played Mrs. Crow. She also worked in production for the *The Nerd* earlier this year, and had fun learning those parts of the theatre as well. "Thanks to all who support Stage Coach! Enjoy the show!"

#### Braden Paulsen, Ignorance

Braden appeared in Children Community Theatre's production of *Miss Saigon* this summer. He is in first grade at North Elementary in Sycamore. Braden thanks his Mom, Dad and Sister for their love and support. He enjoys meeting new friends at SCP.

#### Chris Porterfield, Narrator

Chris has been involved with Stage Coach Players continuously since 1980. He is a past president, a SCOTY winner, and a recipient of the Lucille Aikens Lifetime Achievement Award. Some of his recent appearances include *Night Watch*, *Earth and Sky*, and *Sylvia*. Chris works at NIU in Admissions and lives in DeKalb with his wife, Susan Azar Porterfield, a poet and English professor at Rockford College.

#### Norm Read, Scrooge

Norm has appeared in and worked on many Stage Coach Players shows, including all five previous productions of *A Christmas Carol*, and he is excited by the opportunity to play Scrooge this year. Other favorite roles include Sheriff Dodd in *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, Mathew in *Anne of Green Gables*, and Buffalo Bill in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Norm received the 2006 Stage Coacher of the Year award. He has been an extra in film and television, playing roles from a prison inmate to a Pope. Norm lives in Kingston with his lovely wife, Winifred, whom he thanks for her patience and support.

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#### Becca Roby, Urchin

Becca is in seventh grade at Sycamore Middle School. She was seen recently in their production of *Les Miserables*. She thanks her Mom and Dad and sister, Krista.

#### Steven Scheele, Young Dick/Willard

Steven appeared in the 2004 Stage Coach production of *A Christmas Carol* as Ignorance, and earlier this year as Jeremy Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. He has been in numerous church plays as well. Steven is a freshman at DeKalb High School.

#### Tracy Schoenle, Mrs. Crow

Tracy is enjoying her fourth role onstage at Stage Coach Players, where she has

previously appeared as Fairy Mae in The Curious Savage, Mrs. Cratchit in A Christmas Carol (2007) and, most recently, as the dinnerware-smashing Clelia in The Nerd. At Stage 212 in La Salle, Tracy acted in nine roles from 2002-2006, her favorite being the gender-neutral Leslie in Sylvia. A native of Iowa, Tracy received her Master's degree in English at Iowa State University and has been in publishing for a dozen years, the past three of which have been as an editor at Northern Illinois University Press/ Switchgrass Books.

Aaron Schryver, Mr. Nutley
Aaron has previously appeared in *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*, *All My Sons*, and
several productions of *A Christmas Carol*. He lives in Sycamore and works
for First Student DeKalb. He thanks
those who have supported him to do his
best in this production.

Emily Scorzo, Belinda Cratchit
Emily is thrilled to be appearing in her
third production with SCP. She was last
seen in the chorus of Hello Dolly! and
was also in A Christmas Carol in 2007.
She has appeared in many musicals
with Children's Community Theatre,
including Peter Pan, Beauty and the
Beast, and Annie. Emily is a sixthgrader at Clinton Rosette Middle School
and has taken dance lessons for ten
years at Debbie's Dance Dimensions.
She is also involved in 4-H. She is
happy to be in a production with her dad
again.





#### Mike Scorzo, Christmas Present

Mike has been involved in music and theatre since he bounced across the stage, literally, as a bouncing ball when he was five. Some of his favorite roles include Juan Peron (*Evita*), Charlie Cowell (*Music Man*), Captain Von Trapp (*The Sound of Music*), and Ali Hakem (*Oklahoma*). He has performed in numerous shows with Stage Coach, Children's Community Theatre, Rock Valley College, and in a few commercials for Farm and Fleet. Mike would like to thank his wonderful wife of 21 years, Nonnie, and their daughters, Emily and Amy, for patience and love during this production.

#### Lisa Silberhorn, Christmas Past

Lisa was seen recently as Titania in Mind the Gap Production's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Lisa graduated with a BA in Vocal Music from North Central College in 2005 and currently teaches at Clinton Rosette Middle School. She thanks friends and family for coming to see her.

#### Lily Snow, Apple Girl

Lily is excited to be appearing as the Apple Girl in her first speaking role. Previously, Lily has appeared as one of the King's children in *The King and I*. She thanks everyone for coming, and hopes you enjoy the show.

#### Devine Tobin, Urchin

Devine is in middle school in Sycamore. This is her second appearance in SCP's *A Christmas Carol*. She thanks her mom for bringing her to rehearsals.



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#### Jake Wales, Young Scrooge/Sgt. Oliphant

Jake is excited to be a part of this production. He is currently studying acting at Kishwaukee College. He was last seen in DeKalb High School's production of *Les Miserables* and Stage Coach Player's production of *Hello Dolly*. He would like to thank his parents for all of their support.

#### Jeff Whelan, Marley

Jeff did a little play in the 8th grade called *The Lizard of Oz* and he's been hooked on theater ever since. Jeff performed in three or four productions a year during high school and has also performed with the Children's Community Theater, Kishwaukee College and NIU. The past 16 years have been devoted to Stage Coach Players, where Jeff has appeared in such productions as *The Elephant Man, Dracula, Sylvia, The Crucible, Fools, Visit to a Small Planet, Nuts, I Hate Hamlet, The Petrified Forest, Earth and Sky, Communicating Doors and <i>The Nerd.* Jeff sends his deepest thanks to Amy, Liam and Donovan for their constant love, patience and support during his first performance of *A Christmas Carol.* 

#### Julie Woodward, Mrs. Dilber

Julie joined Stage Coach Players in 1987 with a part in the *The Front Page*. Since then, she has enjoyed acting and being part of many SCP shows, most recently as Marilla in *Anne of Green Gables*. Julie and her husband, Woody, live the farmette life in rural Kirkland and are making the transition to empty-nesters, having this fall sent their youngest child to college in Arizona (which according to Julie, is "way too far away!").

#### Steve Wright, Old Joe

Steve is a librarian at NIU. His recent roles at Stage Coach include Dr. Lyman in *Bus Stop* (2009), Frank in *Over the River and Through the Woods* (2008), Judge Hathorne in *The Crucible* (2007), Dr. Bonney in *It Runs in the Family* (2007), and Elijah in *Inherit the Wind* (2006). He has appeared in three previous productions of *A Christmas Carol*, playing Scrooge in 2008 and 2005, and Bob Cratchit in 2007. Steve is a member of the SCP Board, and received the Stage Coacher of the Year award for 2008. When not acting, Steve is the bass clarinetist in the DeKalb Municipal Band, and can be seen at their weekly concerts during the summer months. Steve thanks his wife and family for their continued support!

#### Gloria Dennison, Director

Gloria is excited to be directing *A Christmas Carol*. Probably best known for her directing, Gloria has directed: *High School Musical* (March 2007), *Suessical, the Musical* (March 2006), *The Odd Couple* (2004), *Clue the Musical*, *The Heidi Chronicles*, *Blithe Spirit*, *Lend Me a Tenor* and *Rumors*, Gloria also directed *Honk!* at Kishwaukee Community College. Also working at DeKalb High School, Gloria directed *Les Mis* (May 2009) and *Beauty and the Beast* (May 2008). Besides working on and backstage at SCP for more than 15 years, Gloria has been involved in theatre in Rockford and the suburbs. She holds a BA in Theatre from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and a Masters Degree in Theatre from NIU. Gloria has performed in *A Christmas Carol* four times and was most recently seen as Christmas Past in *A Christmas Carol* (2008). Thanks to Tom for all the support and understanding the missed dinners. Gloria loves being involved in a Christmas show; it reminds her to keep Christmas in her heart. Happy Holidays!

Judy O'Connor, Music Director/Caroler

Judy has been directing music for Stage Coach since 2000; A Christmas Carol marks her 17th show. There are too many favorites to list, but some are: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Les Mis, Schoolhouse Rock, Seussical, High School Musical, Bye Bye Birdie, and last summer's Hello Dolly. She is a SCOTY award recipient. Many thanks to her wonderful carolers who make her job as director so joyful and fulfilling with their high level of musicianship and dedication. A very special thank you to Gary Schwartz who has contributed many fantastic arrangements to the group.



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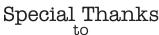
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