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## Welcome to ACT

"Dickens' moving and delightful tale of the man given a chance to redeem himself, who succeeds in shedding his solitary, selfish path to share his life and gifts with others is perhaps more than ever The Story we need to tell."

Here we are again at one of my favorite times of year at ACT: the advent of A Christmas Carol when the ACT family swells to include audiences of all ages with whom we have grown and ripened throughout the years. We welcome you back to ACT for this beloved holiday classic which grows only more relevant with the increasingly challenging times in which we live.

This year, as we grapple with the very tangible effects of a global recession, as we look for ways to cut back or stretch our resources ever further, it is easy to wonder where we are headed and whether humanity is actually progressing. Is the story of Scrooge's transformation and redemption still applicable to our times? As we see the effects of greed, of a widening gap between rich and poor, and an increasingly polarized population, resulting in an alarming lack of constructive civil discourse, one can't help but ponder whether we are losing our capacity to tackle our problems, never mind in a spirit of humility and generosity.

And yet, the heartbeat of the Dickensian everyman personified by Bob Cratchit can be



heard in every corner of this country and around the globe. People are still doing what they can, still standing up and/or speaking out against oppression, and searching for a better life for themselves and their fellow citizens. And all the facebooking and twittering and technogizmo-wielding in the world cannot replace human contact. Nor can it match the camaraderie and comfort of a good story shared with good friends.

Dickens' moving and delightful tale of the man given a chance to redeem himself, who succeeds in shedding his solitary, selfish path to share his life and gifts with others, is perhaps more than ever The Story we need to tell. And so we at ACT offer it to you again with our very best wishes. May you experience the joy and warmth of the holiday Season.

Thank you for joining us.

That Beat

Kurt Beattie ACT Artistic Director

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# The Company

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London, England, 1843.

**Running Time:** This performance runs 90 minutes. There will be no intermission.

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David Pichette and Jeff Steitzer will alternate playing the role of Ebenezer Scrooge. Understudies never substitute for listed players unless a specific announcement is made at the time of the performance. Check the cast board in the lobby for program changes.

Audience members are cordially reminded to silence all electronic devices such as cell phones, watch alarms, and pagers prior to the performance.

All forms of photography and the use of recording devices are strictly prohibited.

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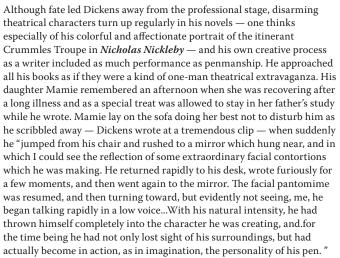
### Cast

(in alphabetical order)

Mrs. Fezziwig/Sister/Mrs. Dilber/Sugarplum Seller Fred/Robin Crusoe/Dick/Grocer/Businessman 2 Bob Cratchit/Jonathan Mr. Fezziwig/Old Joe/Gentleman 2/Poor Man Middle Scrooge/Beggar/Guest 1/Spirit 3 Marley/Bread Lady/Topper/Businessman 1 Spirit 1/Guest 2/Charwoman Belle/Niece Singing Thief/Undertaker's Assistant/Turkey Boy/Master Fezziwig Belinda Cratchit/Lil Fezziwig Elizabeth Cratchit/Fan/Want Ebenezer Scrooge Spirit 2/Gentleman 1/Ali Baba/Ragpicker *Tiny Tim/Ignorance* Mrs. Cratchit/Fezziwig Dancer Charles Cratchit Ebenezer Scrooge Gentlemen's Understudy Peter Cratchit/Young Scrooge Martha Cratchit/Miss Fezziwig Ladies' Understudy

### Setting:



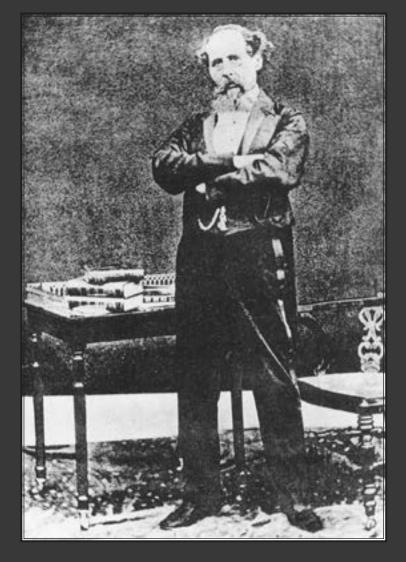


The moment it was published in 1843 A Christmas Carol was seized upon by playwrights looking for a sure-fire success, and by February 1844 no fewer than eight stage adaptations could be seen on the West End — only one of them actually authorized by Dickens — but the most famous and most effective of the Carol's stage performances were still some years off: those given by Dickens himself. He gave his first public reading of A Christmas Carol in 1853 at Birmingham before an audience of nearly 2000 people, an immense crowd for the time. The nervous author supervised the setting of the stage himself, barely hiding his displeasure at the box lectern that had been provided for him and which concealed him completely from the audience except for his head and shoulders. His actor's sense told him that it was imperative for him to be able to use his whole body to establish different characters, and after that first performance (a rousing success, the box notwithstanding) he had his own lectern specially built, a sort of overgrown table with an armrest, slenderlegged and about waist high. He also designed his own lights, and was one of the first people to use an overhead light-bar instead of the then more usual footlights, which cast heavy and sometimes distorting shadows upward onto an actor's face. He even traveled with his own lighting technician, to insure that the gaslight bar would be hung properly and the effect just right.

Despite his raging popularity, in this century before radio and television very few of his devoted readers knew what Dickens looked like or sounded like, and the opportunity actually to see him in person and reading from his own work was an event not to be missed. Dedicated fans would camp in the street outside the auditorium the night before tickets went on sale, as if for a rock concert or the World Series, and although Dickens always made sure that some seats were priced within reach of the working class at just a shilling each, tickets were scalped regularly at prices far in excess of their face value.

And what did they see, these people who waited all night on the pavement? Many in his audience were, at first, disappointed. Dickens was not an imposing figure physically, nor did he have the commanding vocal range of the most notable public speakers of the day. Still, he carried himself well and with a certain panache; what his voice lacked in scope it more than made up in flexibility, resonance and color; and once he began to read, people soon forgot their initial reservations. Beyond his undoubted gifts as an actor, Dickens also had enormous charisma, and an ability to enthrall an audience through sheer force of personality that we would describe now as "star quality." Eyewitnesses describe the energy of his movements as he walked briskly to the podium, his marvelously mobile and expressive face, and most of all the twinkle in his large, deeply set brown eyes as he announced in his rapid, emphatic way "Marley-was-dead-to-begin-with...", as if he were already anticipating the thrills and delights of the story he was about to tell and could hardly wait to get on with it.

After the Birmingham reading, he no longer read the entire original text, but a special version he created particularly for performance: a



# CHARLES DICKENS

As a young man, Dickens hoped to become an actor and actually got as far as scheduling an audition with one of London's premier theatre managers. Unfortunately, on the day of the audition he came down with a bad cold and was unable to attend. Happily for English literature, if perhaps unhappily for the English stage (the evidence suggests that had Dickens become an actor, he'd have been second to none), Dickens didn't pursue his acting ambitions further. However, he remained an avid theatre-goer, extend the stage – no doubt to the dismay of the attending every week for the rest of his life, and

participated enthusiastically in amateur theatricals of all kinds. The most famous of these was *The Frozen Deep* (1857), a melodrama set in the Arctic and written in collaboration with his friend Wilkie Collins (The Moonstone, The Woman in White). It was first performed in the schoolroom of Dickens' house (re-christened "The Smallest Theatre in the World" for the occasion) with some of the windows and part of a wall removed to playwright/star's long-suffering wife!

A rare privately taken photograph of Dickens from the 1860s showing him in a characteristic stance - chest out, shoulders back - which he believed made him appear taller



### "Dickens enters the theatre of the world through the stage door..."

GEORGE SANTAYANA

script. It omitted not only chunks of narrative and character description, much of which was supplied by Dickens' own portrayal of the various characters, but also, surprisingly, Christmas Present's revelation of the tattered children Ignorance and Want, emphasizing the story's holiday message over the social commentary that had been one of his primary reasons for writing it. Presumably Dickens felt that the emotional, human content of the story would be most effective for a live audience; in this forum, his mandate was to entertain, not to preach. An American journalist wrote that to hear Dickens read the Carol was like hearing the very sound of Christmas bells, and in time the readings became a holiday tradition for many people — just as families now go every year to see "The Nutcracker," or watch Frank Capra's American gloss on A Christmas Carol, "It's A Wonderful Life."

It's not unusual for artists to be gifted in more than one way, but what was unusual about Dickens was the degree to which his two talents were enmeshed. What the writer's imagination conceived, the actor vitalized in solitary performances that the writer translated into literature, which the actor then returned to three dimensions in the many readings from his work that Dickens gave in the final decade of his life. The process also worked in reverse: plaving the role of The Frozen Deep's conflicted antihero, who sacrifices himself to save the life of his romantic rival, directly inspired Dickens to create one of his most indelible characters, the dissolute but ultimately noble Sydney Carton in A Tale of Two Cities. The connective tissue between a writer and an actor, of course, is the drive to tell a story, but writers tell theirs alone, for an audience they can only imagine and may never see. What joy it must have been for Dickens to stand on stage and see the impact of his stories in real time, on the faces of his audiences! It's interesting to note that there are no quotes from him about his writing as vibrant as this one about acting: "I would like to be going all over the kingdom," he burst out one night after a particularly successful performance, "and acting everywhere! There is nothing in the world equal to seeing the house rise at you, one sea of delighted faces, one hurrah of applause!"

So gather round with us again to listen to what Dickens' greatgranddaughter Monica called "the greatest little book in the world," and join us and our actors in celebrating the joys of the season and one of the greatest storytellers who ever lived - off the stage and on it. — Margaret Layne 🔶

Margaret Layne is ACT's Artistic Associate and Casting Director. She holds a B.A Cum Laude in English Literature from Yale University.

# "In a room...

where there was an empty porridge-pot on the cold hearth, with a ragged woman and some ragged children crouching on the bare ground near it —...there lay, in an old egg-box which the mother had begged from a shop, a little feeble, wasted, wan, sick child. With his little wasted face, and his little hot, worn hands folded over his breast, and his little bright, attentive eyes, I can see him now, as I have seen him for several years, looking steadily at us. There he lay in his little frail box, which was not at all a bad emblem of the little body from which he was slowly parting - there he lay, quite quiet, quite patient, saying never a word. He seldom cried, the mother said; he seldom complained; he lay there, seeming to wonder what it was all about. God knows, I thought, as I stood looking at him, he had his reasons for wondering - reasons for wondering how it could possibly come to be that he lay there, left alone, feeble and full of pain, when he ought to have been as bright and as brisk as the birds that never got near him - reasons for wondering how he came to be left there, a little decrepit old man pining to death...as if there were no crowds of healthy and happy children playing on the grass under the summer's sun within a stone's throw of him, as if there were no bright, moving sea on the other side of the great hill overhanging the city; as if there were no great clouds rushing over it; as if there were no life, and movement, and vigor anywhere in the world - nothing but stoppage and decay. There he lay looking at us, saying, in his silence, more pathetically than I have ever heard anything said by any orator in my life, "Will you please to

tell me what this means, strange man? and if you can give me any good reason why I should be so soon, so far advanced on my way to Him who said that children were to come into His presence and were not to be forbidden, but who scarcely meant, I think, that they should come by this hard road by which I am travelling; pray give that reason to me, for I seek it very earnestly and wonder about it very much;" and to my mind he has been wondering about

"Many a poor child, sick and neglected, I have seen..."

it ever since. Many a poor child, sick and neglected, I have seen since that time in this London; many a poor sick child I have seen most affectionately and kindly tended



by poor people, in an unwholesome house and under untoward circumstances, wherein its recovery was quite impossible; but at all such times I have seen my poor little drooping friend in his egg-box, and he has always addressed his dumb speech to me, and I have always found him wondering what it meant, and why, in the name of a gracious God, such things should be!

— Charles Dickens, Speech at the Anniversary Festival of the Hospital for Sick Children, February 1858

Dickens wrote fiercely

and pertinently about the abuses of his day, which are not, alas, so different from the abuses of ours. He attacked imbalances in income, indifference to mental suffering, the venality of lawyers, the heartlessness of capitalists, the death of the soul and the rape of the child. But it is not for this alone that we read him now; not even for the great generous heart, or for the unique literary voice. It is for his huge populist energy that we love him and need him, for his assertion of the glorious vitality of human life and the united diversity of society, for his denial of uniformity and his exploration of the unbounded manifestations of man and woman, both peccable and sublime. Dickens, the hero of his own age, reaches out to a tradition and culture which long precedes it, which even antedates the Elizabethan period, and asserts, for our own age in which the twin horrors of globalization and fundamentalism - both tending towards the standardization of human experience - threaten to overwhelm us, the glorious, contradictory and unsupressible bounteousness of the human experience. — *Simon Callow* 

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### Who's Who in A Christmas Carol

# Anne Allgood

(Mrs. Fezziwig/Sister/ Mrs. Dilber / Sugarplum Seller) was most recently seen in the title role of Mary Stuart here at ACT. In addition to credits on Broadway, at

recently acted with Strawberry Theatre regional theatres nationwide, and at every Workshop (Inherit the Wind, The Elephant major theatre in Seattle, she's appeared in numerous productions here at ACT over the last decade, beginning with A Christmas Carol (as Mrs. Cratchit) in 2001. She's delighted to return to this treasured production, with Allison Narver and this wonderful company, and to be able to wish you "Merry Christmas!" every day for a whole month! Watch for her in February in Oklahoma at The 5th Avenue Theatre. at Lakeside School for twenty-five years. Burgess added playwright to his theatre

### Eric Ankrim



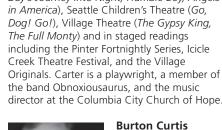
(Fred/Robin Crusoe/ Dick/Grocer/ Businessman 2) After getting his feet wet with two workshops this summer

Date), Eric is honored to be making his fully produced ACT debut in this show! Seattle credits include: The Rocky Horror Show, Miss Saigon, Into the Woods (The 5th Avenue); The Time of Your Life, Rejoice! (Seattle Repertory Theatre); Annie, The Secret Garden, Girl of My Dreams, The Gypsy King (Village Theatre); Peter Pan (Seattle Children's Theatre); Dr. Horrible's Sing-a-Long Blog (Balagan Theatre). Upcoming - The 5th Avenue's Oklahoma! and the fully produced version of First Date, here at ACT in the Falls. Thanks to Allison for believing in me, and eternal love to my wife and family.



Ian Bell (Bob Cratchit/ Jonathan) is delighted to be returning to ACT Theatre's A Christmas Carol for his sixth season. Past roles played in A Christmas Carol include Mr.

Fezziwig, Topper, and Fred. Other recent credits include Pod in The Borrowers (Seattle Children's Theatre), James Link in Glengarry Glen Ross (Seattle Repertory Theatre), and the Houston Ticket Agent in The Trip to Bountiful (ACT Theatre). Bell can also be seen at ACT as the host and creator of Central Heating Lab's guarterly series Seattle Confidential – using actors and graphs to examine our individual, yet universal experiences through anonymously submitted stories and surveys (go to SeattleConfidential.org for more information). Bell is a Bennington College graduate, with a B.A. in Drama.





Burton Curtis (Marley/ Bread Lady/Topper/ Businessman 1) has been acting/directing/ choreographing in Seattle and around the country for over 25 years. His work ranges from classics (Don Juan at Seattle Repertory Theatre, the McCarter, San Diego's Old Globe, Shakespeare Theatre of D.C.; *Triumph of Love* at Seattle Repertory Theatre, Long Wharf and Missouri Rep; Agamemnon at the Getty Villa) to new works (Texarkana Waltz at Empty Space and Circle X, L.A.; Valley of the Dolls at Empty Space; and Wuthering! Heights! The! Musical! at Empty Space and Actors' Theatre of Louisville). He has enjoyed playing several roles in ACT's popular reading series Pinter Fortnightly, and is happy to be back at ACT.

### **Rob Burgess**

(Mr. Fezziwig/Old Joe/ Gentleman 2/Poor Man) has been an actor, director, lyricist, partner and dad in the Seattle area for - well, a lifetime. He has most Man), Theater Schmeater (Twilight Zone: LIVE!), and Our American Theatre Company (Angels Fall). Burgess wrote the lyrics for Harold and the Purple Crayon at Seattle Children's Theatre, for whom he has also played all the big animals (Wilbur, Puss in Boots, Harold the Dog, and Swifty the Wonderhorse). He has directed plays credentials with Ashes to Ashes, written on behalf of StrawShop for Arts Crush 2010. He is also a jazz vocalist and music freak, and the man knows how to dance. Burgess sends his love to Melanie, Madison, and Lily.

### Joshua Carter

(Middle Scrooge/ Beggar/Guest 1/Spirit 3) was last seen at ACT as Mortimer in Mary Stuart. Formerly performed as Carter J. Davis as Siegfried/ Alberich in Das Barbecü (ACT). He's been seen at The 5th Avenue Theatre (Guys and Dolls), Intiman Theatre (Titus Andronicus, Richard III, Uncle Vanya), Actor's Repertory Theatre (Long Day's Journey Into Night, Humble Boy, Angels

### Burton Curtis



### Sylvie Davidson

(Spirit 1/ Guest 2/ *Charwoman*) returns to ACT with great joy, having played Elizabeth in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. *Hyde*, and both Belle and Spirit 1 in past

productions of A Christmas Carol. A graduate of Knox College, her local credits include Willa Jo in the Seattle Children's Theatre's Getting Near to Baby, the title role in Jane Austen's Emma and Estella/Biddy in Great Expectations, both at Book-It Repertory Theatre. A singer/ songwriter and member of the band Waiting for Lizzie, Sylvie can next be seen at the Laguna Playhouse, embodying such folk music legends as Mary Travers and Sylvia Tyson in the Rubicon Theatre's new folk-music musical Lonesome Traveler.



### Khanh Doan

(Belle/Niece) is very happy to spend the holidays with such a lovely group of artists, retelling this timeless story. This is her first appearance on the

mainstage, having done several staged readings at ACT, including You for Me for You (ICTF), Extraordinary Chambers, and Language Rooms. She has also performed at Seattle Children's Theatre (Harold and the Purple Crayon, Lyle The Crocodile, Peter Pan, Sleeping Beauty), Village Theatre (Jesus Christ Superstar). The 5th Avenue Theatre (Miss Saigon), Wooden O (Macbeth, Julius Caesar), Island Stage Left (The Tempest), Portland's Profile Theatre (Redwood Curtain), and various productions of 14/48 The World's Quickest Theatre Festival. Next up, she will be taking SCT's Harold and the Purple Crayon to the Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis.



### Brandon Engman

(Singing Thief/ Undertaker's Assistant/ Turkey Boy/Master Fezziwia) This is Engman's fifth appearance in A Christmas Carol at ACT.

He has also appeared previously as Charles and Master Fezziwig. Engman is inspired by his aunt - Broadway veteran, Mary Ann Lamb, and credits his first director, Victoria Zalewski, for igniting his love for acting. When he's not on stage, he loves participating in sports and is a rabid Husky and Sounder FC fan! He wants to thank his Mom and Dad, sister, Kaila, and brother, J.J., for all their support over the years.

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Montserrat Fleck (Belinda Cratchit/ Lil Fezziwig) is thrilled to have the privilege to perform with ACT. Monti recently portrayed Marta in The

Sound of Music at the ManeStage Theater in Sumner. She regularly performs with the singing group Listen Up! at various fairs in the Seattle area. Monti is currently also perfecting the art of sibling aggravation. Monti thanks her family and friends for their support of her passion. She would also like to thank Martin and Shelly for their very generous guidance.



Diana Huey (Ladies' Understudy)

is a Cornish grad and happy to be spending another Christmas Season with ACT! Recent favorites: Take Me America (Village

Theatre), Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along-Blog (Balagan/ACT), The Yellow Wood, Zanna, Don't! (Contemporary Classics), two Adventure *Musical Theatre* touring shows (5<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and The Yellow Wood at the National Alliance of Musical Theatre in New York (dir. Brian Yorkey). TV: Leverage (episode 15, airing this season; dir. Jonathan Frakes), The Glee Project (semifinalist). Love to her family, friends and to MC for all the kindness that will never be forgotten.



### Heidi Mvrick

(Elizabeth Cratchit/Fan/ Want) is excited to be making her ACT debut in A Christmas Carol! She is eleven years old and has been performing since she

was four. Her favorite play was Annie, in which she played "Duffy." Besides theatre, she also likes being on camera, and has been a principal in two commercials. Most recently, she played "Heather" in the webisode series "The Breakfast Table of Terrors, " coming soon to Disneyfamily.com/CeReality. She studies Hip Hop, acting, and singing, and loves to play soccer. She wants to thank her mom and dad for loving her, encouraging her to follow her dreams, and taking her to all of her lessons and activities, and also her acting and singing coach Richard Liedle for teaching her so much.



David Pichette (Ebeneezer Scrooge) is

performing in his 12th A Christmas Carol production at ACT; two were as Cratchit, one was as Marley, and this will be his ninth

Scrooge. His association with ACT goes back to his first job in Seattle, playing Odysseus in Greg

Falls' production of The Greeks in 1982. In the succeeding years, he has been a familiar face onstage at ACT, appearing in more productions here than at any other theatre in his career. Some of his favorites are Mavdavs. Red Noses, Jumpers, The Woman in Black, Enchanted April, and Quills. He recently teamed up with R. Hamilton Wright to adapt Double Indemnity for the stage.



Piggee (Spirit 2/ Gentleman 1/Ali Baba/ Ragpicker) has proudly appeared at ACT in The Mojo and the Sayso, Wintertime, Blues for an Alabama Sky and

has played Marley in a few incarnations of A Christmas Carol. Most recently, he appeared in Catch Me If You Can on Broadway. Locally he has appeared at Seattle Repertory Theatre, Intiman Theatre, The 5th Avenue Theatre, Village Theatre, Seattle Children's Theatre and The Empty Space Theatre, among others. Regional credits include roles at Arizona Theatre Company, Denver Center Theatre Company, Missouri Repertory Theatre, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Pioneer Theatre Company and Portland Center Stage. He is Associate Professor at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle.



lead characters in a soon-to-be-released and much anticipated video game for Seattle-based Big Fish Games. In addition to acting, Sarah loves singing, gardening, and Girl Scouts. She thanks everyone for coming and hopes the show makes your holiday even merrier.

### Morgan Rowe

(Mrs. Cratchit/Fezziwig Dancer) Rowe is thrilled to be back for her 8th go-around in A Christmas Carol. A graduate of The Theatre School in Chicago,

Rowe has acted around the country but has called Seattle home-base for the last 15 years. Besides A Christmas Carol, you may have seen Rowe in The Female of the Species here at ACT. Other favorite theater adventures include numerous productions at Seattle Children's Theatre and several outings at 14/48: The World's Quickest Theater Festival. Rowe is currently working on a solo show about India, love, chaos, and the courage to embrace them all, which she will workshop in ACT's new Eulalie Scandiuzzi Space in the Spring of 2012.

### Van Senseney

(Charles Cratchit), is a 5th grader at Epiphany School in Seattle. He is 10 years old and likes acting, all sports, pogo sticks and hanging out with his friends. His

career includes the Broadway Bound shows: Charlie in Willy Wonka; Chad in High School *Musical*; and in his youth he was a flying monkey and a tough boy in the Wizard of Oz. Van thanks his family for making this happen (mom, dad and brother James!) and his teachers for supporting him during productions. Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!



## (Ebenezer Scrooge) has

appeared on Broadway (Inherit the Wind with Christopher Plummer and Brian Dennehy, Mary Poppins), off-Broadway (Mint Theater

Company), in Regional Theaters (most recently in Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Suicide Club at Arizona Theatre Company; also The Old Globe, Geva Theatre Center, Long Wharf Theatre, Yale Repertory Theatre, Utah Shakespearean Festival, just about every theater in Seattle), film (The Beaver, Jodie Foster, director; Georgia; The Beans of Egypt, Maine), TV (Law & Order, 30 Rock, The Fugitive, The Cleveland Show) and has been heard on radio, in numerous commercials and in computer games including Halo.



John Ulman (Gentlemen's Understudy) Originally from Bakersfield, California, Ulman received his B.A. degree in drama from UC Irvine. Ulman has

performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. He has also toured nationally in several productions with California Theatre Center. Locally, Ulman has been seen in ACT's Mary Stuart, ArtsWest's The Vertical Hour and Sunlight. Book-It Repertory Theatre's Bud, Not Buddy; Rhoda: A Life in Stories, and My Antonia, Seattle Shakespeare Company's A Midsummer Night's Dream, All's Well That Ends Well and Wooden O's The Taming of the Shrew. When Ulman's not acting, he works as a photographer.



### Williams (Peter Cratchit/Young Scrooge) Jamie Williams has studied acting for the past three years with the Seattle

Children's Theatre, Taproot and Stone Soup theatres. Most recently

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he played "Rat" in SCT's 2011 Summer Season Student Production of A Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame. Jamie is honored and thrilled to be making his debut with ACT Theatre in A Christmas Carol. Offstage, he is a seventh grader at Hamilton International Middle School in Seattle. He is thankful to his family for all their support.

### Waverley Woodley



Miss Fezziwig) is excited to be back at ACT where she played Belinda Cratchit in the 2006 production of A Christmas Carol. She

has also appeared in many Youth Theatre Northwest productions including Oliver!, The Wizard of Oz. and 101 Dalmatians. Waverley is currently studying vocal and improvisation at Seattle Academy. When she's not on the stage, she enjoys skiing, sailing, crew, and spending time with her friends and family. Waverley thanks her Mom and Dad for their support and appreciates this opportunity. Happy Holidays to the cast and crew!

Allison Narver (Director) is delighted to be back at ACT and so happy to work on A Christmas Carol. In addition to ACT, Narver has directed locally at The 5th Avenue Theatre, The Empty Space Theatre, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Seattle Children's Theatre, Book-It Repertory Theatre, Annex Theatre, Alice B. Theatre and New Century Theatre Company, Regional and New York credits include Portland Stage Company, Circle X Theatre, ASK Theater Festival, Boise Theater Company, REDCAT, Yale Repertory Theatre, Portland Center Stage, Cherry Lane Theatre, The New Victory Theater, Women's Project, The Kirk Theatre, City Theatre and Walt Disney Theatrical Productions. Narver has served as the artistic director of Annex Theatre, the Yale Cabaret and The Empty Space Theatre.

Shelley Henze Schermer (Scenic Designer) has been associated with ACT designing props, scenery, and costumes for the mainstage. cabaret and children's productions since 1971 including: A Moon for the Misbegotten, Later Life, Custer, Amadeus, Fool for Love, On the Razzle, Little Shop of Horrors, Laughter on the 23rd Floor, and two versions of A Christmas Carol. Her design work, locally, nationally and internationally, includes theatre scenery, interactive museum exhibits, special events, conventions and interior design, including that of ACT here at Kreielsheimer Place. She has also developed and produced shows locally.

**Deb Trout** (*Costume Designer*) recent designs include: ACT's The Prisoner of Second Avenue, Seattle Repertory Theatre's Of Mice and Men and God of Carnage, Seattle Opera's Lucia di Lammermoor, and Seattle Children's Theatre's The Brementown Musicians. Other theatre

credits include: Actors Theatre of Louisville, Alliance Theatre (Atlanta), Arizona Theatre Company, Denver Center Theatre Company, Intiman Theatre, Children's Theatre Company (Minneapolis), Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Perseverance Theatre (Juneau), Portland Center Stage, Shakespeare Santa Cruz. Syracuse Stage, and Yale Repertory Theatre. Trout co-founded the New York millinery company Mackey and Trout, holds an MFA from the Yale School of Drama, and teaches design at the University of Washington.

**Michael Wellborn** (Lighting Designer) is pleased to return to ACT Theatre for A Christmas Carol. Other designs at ACT have included Eurydice, The Clean House, Night of the Iguana, Bach at Leipzig, Avenue X, and Das Barbecü in 1995. Wellborn has also designed lighting for Portland Center Stage. Seattle Repertory Theatre, Intiman Theatre, Seattle Children's Theatre, Tacoma Actors Guild, Tacoma Opera, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival and the American University in Cairo (Egypt). With Spectrum Dance Theater and the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, his work has toured the U.S., Mexico, Northern Europe, and Southeast Asia. Wellborn is production manager at Seattle Children's Theatre.

**Brendan Patrick Hogan** (Sound Designer) Favorite designs for ACT include Mary Stuart, Double Indemnity, Yankee Tavern, Pilgrims Musa and Sheri in the New World, Rock 'n' Roll, Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, The Lieutenant of Inishmore and Below the Belt. Other local designs and compositions for stage include: *RoboPop!*, *Titus*, *God's* Ear, Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom, Mr. Marmalade (Washington Ensemble Theatre); *Demonology* (Next Stage); *Chamber* Cymbeline (Seattle Shakespeare Company); The River Why (Book-It Repertory Theatre). His original music will appear in an upcoming short film for Amnesty International. When not editing audio files in a dark room, Hogan performs with local bands Miss Mamie Lavona the Exotic Mulatta and Her White Boy Band and The Bad Things. He is married to actress Samara Lerman.

Adam Stern (Composer) is currently the Music Director and Conductor of the Seattle Philharmonic and the Port Angeles Symphony. When not conducting, he is active as a pianist, composer, lecturer, writer and teacher; he is currently on the faculty at Cornish College of the Arts where he teaches conducting and composition. He has written the incidental music for a handful of ACT productions over the years, including Double Indemnity, The Pillowman, Alki, The Red and the Black, and A Christmas Carol, the score of which has been heard at ACT every December since 1996.

JR Welden (Stage Manager) Welden has stage managed Mary Stuart, The Prisoner of Second Avenue, The Lady With All the Answers, The

Female of the Species, Eurydice, A Marvelous Party, Souvenir, The Underpants, Mitzi's Abortion, Miss Witherspoon, and A Christmas Carol at ACT. For 10 seasons, he stage managed at Intiman Theatre on many productions, including The Grapes of Wrath, The Mystery of Irma Vep, The Dying Gaul, The Servant of Two Masters, Nickel and Dimed (also Mark Taper Forum, Los Angeles), The Chairs, The Last Night of Ballyhoo, Full Gallop, and The Mandrake *Root* with Lynn Redgrave. At Seattle Repertory Theatre, his credits include Betrayal, Blue Door, The Chosen, Stop Kiss, Things Being What They Are, The Beard of Avon, Game of Love and Chance, Golden Child, Design for Living, and Pygmalion.

Erin B. Zatloka (Assistant Stage Manager) is glad to be back at ACT where she last assistant stage managed Mary Stuart. She also stage managed Pilgrims Musa and Sheri in the New World this season. Other favorites at ACT as an assistant stage manager include The Lieutenant of Inishmore, Rock 'n' Roll, and Eurydice. Nothing in her life could happen without friends and family. Love to Greg and Zoey.

Kurt Beattie (Artistic Director) Beattie's past productions at ACT include The Lieutenant of Inishmore, Rock 'n' Roll, Becky's New Car, Intimate Exchanges, First Class, The Pillowman, Mitzi's Abortion, The Underpants, Vincent in Brixton, Bach at Leipzig, Black Coffee, Alki, Fuddy Meers, Fully Committed, Via Dolorosa and A Christmas Carol. Elsewhere he has directed at Seattle Repertory Theatre. The Empty Space Theatre, Intiman Theatre, the Hugo House, and the University of Washington. As an actor, he has appeared in leading and major roles at ACT, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Intiman Theatre and The Empty Space Theatre. Beattie was the co-recipient of the 2004 Theatre Puget Sound Gregory A. Falls Sustained Achievement Award. This season he also directed In the Next Room, or the vibrator play and the world premiere of Double Indemnity.

Gian-Carlo Scandiuzzi (Executive Director) is a founder of Agate Films and Clear Pictures, producing such films as Prototype. Dark Drive, Outpatient and The Flats, and Indieflix, a distribution company. In 1979, Scandiuzzi started Modern Productions, bringing to Seattle such legendary bands as The Police, Devo, Nina Hagen, Iggy Pop, The Ramones, John Cale, Robert Frip, James Brown, Muddy Waters and many more. He performed in several plays at The Empty Space Theatre including Aunt Dan and Lemon, The Return of Pinocchio and Dracula. In the early '80s, he collaborated with many Seattle performance artists such as Norman Durkee, Alan Lande and Jesse Bernstein. He also acted in various films including Bugsy, The Public Eye, Another You, Casanova's Kiss and Killing Zoe. He graduated from the Ecole Superieure D'Art Dramatique of Geneva.

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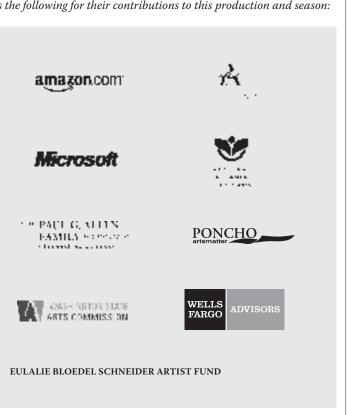
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