



DENNIS GARNHUM, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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THE TRADITION CONTINUES AS THEATRE CALGARY  
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# A CHRISTMAS CAROL

DECEMBER 2 - 26, 2010

**Calgary, AB...** Theatre Calgary is pleased to present its annual production of Calgary's favourite holiday tradition...Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Jerry Patch. Expect the unexpected in this timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge and the magical Christmas Eve that transforms his dark and lonely world into one full of joy, love and redemption. The 2010 production is the 22nd consecutive presentation and the 24th time that Theatre Calgary has staged the Dickens' classic in its history.

This year's production of *A Christmas Carol* is highlighted by actor **STEPHEN HAIR**'s 17th consecutive season playing Ebenezer Scrooge, and his 22nd production of *Carol* for Theatre Calgary. Stephen is once again excited to play the most famous fictional miser and take the audience on a reflective journey. *"I've had people come to me in tears saying that their lives have been just like Scrooge's and they see what can happen if they change their lives. There's also a lot of stuff in the story about sharing with those less fortunate, giving of yourself and not just keeping everything for "me, me, me." I think the most important message people get is: "I can change my life if I've been a bad person. If I've made bad choices, I can change it." I think that's important. That's what they tell me they get out of it"*, says Hair.

2010 also marks the return of the acclaimed set and costumes. The set, first introduced in 2006, was designed by New York-based scenic designer **ALEXANDER DODGE** to our stage to give *A Christmas Carol* its new look. His work balances analytical, architectural thinking with an almost boundless sense of imagination, aesthetic maturity and understanding of theatre. The costumes are designed by the Shaw Festival's **KELLY WOLF**, whose work will also be seen later this season in *Much Ado About Nothing*. The lighting design is by the Shaw Festival's **KEVIN LAMOTTE** and original music and sound design by New York's **SCOTT KILLIAN**, both of whom have many credits with Theatre Calgary.

This year's production will once again see a tandem of directing from Artistic Director **DENNIS GARNHUM** and Associate Director **BARRY THORSON**. Joining Mr. Hair in the cast this year are (in alphabetical order) **BEN ARTHURS**, **DEAN BINFET**, **JESSE BOWEN**, **SHAWNA BURNETT**, **HANNAH DUKE**, **CHRISTOPHER DUTHIE**, **CHRIS ENRIGHT**, **TONY EYAMIE**, **CAITLIN HERRING**, **CHERYL HUTTON**, **BRIAN JENSEN**, **KATHRYN KERBES**, **CHRISTIAN LAURIAN KERR**, **ELIZABETH KIRKLAND**, **NATALIE MACK**, **ERIC NYLAND**, **KEVIN ROTHERY**, **MYLA SOUTHWARD**, **JOSEPH ALLAN SUTHERLAND**, **DAVID TRIMBLE** and **RYLAN WILKIE**. Stage managing are **MARYLU MOYER** and **KELLY LUNN**, assistant stage managing are **STACEY KOTLAR** and **EMMA BRAGER**.

- *Showtimes are evenings at 7:00pm, matinees at 2:00pm. Due to an irregular performance schedule, please visit [theatrecalgary.com](http://theatrecalgary.com) or call 403-294-7447 for detailed showtime information and to purchase tickets.*
- *Single ticket prices range from \$25 to \$80.25. Rush tickets may be available at the box office, one half hour prior to showtimes for \$20.00.*
- *Four ticket family packs start as low as \$165, available till Dec. 19th.*
- *The Pay-What-You-Can matinee is Saturday, December 4th, at 2:00pm.*
- *All performances take place in the Max Bell Theatre in the EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts.*

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