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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

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Chris H. Brower

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 Miriam Edwards • Kurt Elison • Wilson Haddock • Reed Hahne • Shani Harper
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 Leo Smith • Tanner Sumens • Nikole York

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GHOST OF JACOB MARLEY / UNDERTAKER	Scott M. Healy (MWF) • Bradley Moss (TTThS)
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST / STREET URCHIN /.....	Chad McKnight (MWF) • Wilson Haddock (TTThS)
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT / OLD JOE / SCHOOL MASTER / POULTERER.....	Zachary Harrison (MWF) • Jarom Christopher Brown (TTThS)
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE / GRAVEDIGGER	Reed Hahne (MWF) • Samuel Lyon (TTThS)
FRED / FEZZIWIG PARTY GUEST	Bronson Dameron (MWF) • Kyle Baugh (TTThS)
FRED'S WIFE / CHARWOMAN / FEZZIWIG PARTY GUEST...	Kelly Cook (MWF) • Nikole York (TTThS)
TOPPER / SOLICITOR 1 / FEZZIWIG PARTY GUEST / MAN PULLING CART	Samuel Wright (MWF) • Geoff Means (TTThS)
TOPPER'S GIRL / MOTHER / FEZZIWIG PARTY GUEST	Madelyn Shearer (MWF) • Lindsay Higbee (TTThS)
YOUNG SCROOGE	Tanner Sumens (MWF) • Skyler Mann (TTThS)
BELLE.....	Aubrey Jackson (MWF) • Miriam Edwards (TTThS)
DICK WILKINS / BEGGAR	Ty Bikman (MWF) • Isaac Moss (TTThS)
FEZZIWIG / SOLICITOR 2 / PREACHER	Daniel Hess (MWF) • Kurt Elison (TTThS)
MRS. FEZZIWIG / LAUNDRESS	Janalee Hess (MWF) • Heidi Scott (TTThS)
MRS. CRATCHIT	Shani Harper (MWF) • Brittini Smith (TTThS)
MARTHA CRATCHIT / MAID / FEZZIWIG PARTY GUEST	Olivia Smith-Driggs (MTThF) • Autumn Bay (TWS)
PETER CRATCHIT / BOY SCROOGE / CHIMNEY SWEEP / FEZZIWIG PARTY GUEST	Max Radebaugh (MWF) • Braden Haddock (TTThS)
BELINDA CRATCHIT / FEZZIWIG PARTY GUEST	Anna Kocherhans (MWF) • Libby Gardiner (TTThS)
MARY CRATCHIT	Ashley Johnson (MWF) • Tessie Smith (TTThS)
LITTLE FAN / CAROL CRATCHIT / WANT.....	Kelsey Plewe (MWF) • Lucy White (TTThS)
TINY TIM / IGNORANCE	Andrew Laudie (MWF) • Leo Smith (TTThS)
SOPRANO 1	Meilina Moore (MWF) • Amanda Frisby (TTThS)
SOPRANO 2	Sheryl Moser (MWF) • Maddie Westover (TTThS)
ALTO 1 / FRED'S PARTY GUEST	Cristina Bean (MWF) • Jenny Cooper (TTThS)
ALTO 2.....	Savannah Hess (MWF) • Liza Gee (TTThS)
TENOR 1 / FRED'S PARTY GUEST	Stephen Morrow (MWF) • Austin Simcox (TTThS)
TENOR 2.....	Collin Larsen (MWF) • Tyler McQuiston (TTThS)
BASS 1	Steve Winters (MWF) • Matthew Peterson (TTThS)
BASS 2	David Kocherhans (MWF) • Eric Manning (TTThS)

**OPENER:
CHRISTMAS EVE DAY, LONDON, 1843**

- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen—*Bob Cratchit, Charwoman, Poulterer & Carolers*
- Scrooge—*Carolers*

**STAVE I:
MARLEY'S GHOST**

SCENE 1: Scrooge's counting house (afternoon of December 24, 1843)

- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen—*Beggar Child*
- Joy to the World—*Carolers*

SCENE 2: The front door of Scrooge's house (that evening)

SCENE 3: Scrooge's bedroom (immediately following)

**STAVE II:
THE FIRST OF THE THREE SPIRITS**

SCENE 1: Scrooge's bedroom (later that night)

SCENE 2: A schoolroom (a Christmas time of the past)

- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen—*Boy Scrooge*

SCENE 3: Fezziwig's warehouse (a few years later)

- Wonderful Time to Love—*Fezziwig Party Guests*

SCENE 4: Scrooge's counting house (1803)

- I Was a Boy—*Young Scrooge & Scrooge*

**STAVE III:
THE SECOND OF THE THREE SPIRITS**

SCENE 1: Scrooge's bedroom (Christmas Eve, 1843)

- Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella—*Carolers*

SCENE 2: The Cratchit home (the next day)

- Good King Wenceslas—*The Cratchit Family*
- I Saw Three Ships—*The Cratchit Family*

SCENE 3: Fred's house (that evening)

- Deck the Halls—*Carolers*

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**STAVE IV:
THE LAST OF THE THREE SPIRITS**

SCENE 1: Scrooge's bedroom (Christmas Eve, 1843)

SCENE 2: A pawnshop in Soho (in the future)

- Hey Old Joe—*Old Joe, Undertaker, Laundress & Charwoman*

SCENE 3: The Cratchit home (a future Christmas time)

- Coventry Carol—*Carolers*

SCENE 4: A graveyard, dead of night (a future Christmas Eve)

- What Child is This?—*Bob Cratchit*
- Am I That Man?—*Scrooge*

**STAVE V:
THE END OF IT**

SCENE 1: Scrooge's bedroom (Christmas morning, 1843)

- Wonderful Time to Love, Reprise—*Scrooge & Belle*

SCENE 2: London Courtyard (immediately following)

- Joy to the World / Wonderful Time to Love—*Carolers*

SCENE 3: Scrooge's office (December 26, 1843)

- Christmas is Coming—*Carolers*
- O Come All Ye Faithful—*Company*



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◇ WHO'S WHO ◇

KYLE BAUGH

Fred (TBS)

Kyle is thrilled to be a part of his first production at HCTO! His recent roles include Shrek in *Shrek: The Musical* and Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast* at the SCERA, as well as Bobby Strong in *Urinetown* and Dennis Shepard/Doc O'Connor in *The Laramie Project* at UVU, where he is a junior working on his BFA in Musical Theatre. "Enjoy the show!"

AUTUMN BAY

Martha Cratchit / Maid (TWS)

Autumn is a sophomore at Timpview High School and is thrilled to be returning to HCTO after playing Little Fan/Carol



Kyle Baugh

Cratchit years ago. Favorite roles include Wendy in *Peter Pan Jr.*, Cinderella in *Into the Woods Jr.*, and a gangster in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. She hopes you all enjoy the show and have a wonderful holiday season!

CRISTINA BEAN

Choir (Alto) / Fred's Party Guest (MWF)

Cristina is thrilled to be back in *A Christmas Carol* for the fifth time. This year she gets to perform with her husband, Stephen! Cristina's favorite credits include Flo in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (Sandy Arts Guild), *Sister Act* (SCERA), and *It's a Wonderful Life* (SCERA). Love to her friends, family, and kitty Luna.

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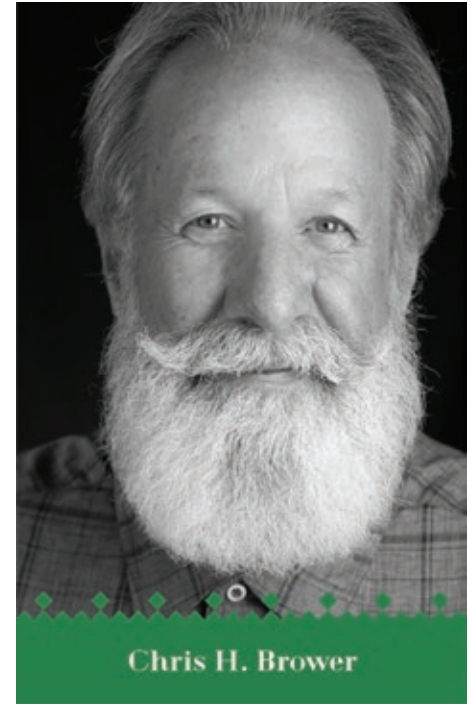
Dick Wilkins / Beggar (MWF)

Ty is very excited to be back performing at HCTO again! He loves this theater and being part of the *A Christmas Carol* tradition and giving people a new experience!

CHRIS H. BROWER

Ebenezer Scrooge (M-S)

"Bah Humbug!"



Chris H. Brower

JAROM CHRISTOPHER BROWN

Ghost of Christmas Present / Old Joe / Poulterer (TBS)

Jarom has an MLitt/MFA in Shakespeare and Performance and has kept active in the arts as a freelance actor, director, and as a UVU theater adjunct. Recent acting roles include Herakles in *Women of Trachis* (Classical Greek Theatre Festival), Ghost of Christmas Present in *A Christmas Carol* (HCTO), Fin in *One Foot* (Wasatch Theater Company), and as a company member of Roving Shakespeare.

KELLY COOK

Fred's Wife / Charwoman (MWF)

Kelly loves this beautiful story and these wonderful people. She earned a master's degree in Applied Theatre in London and teaches at Mapleton Junior High. Favorite roles include Susan in *Wait Until Dark* (Highland City Arts), Milly in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (SCERA), and Mary in *It's a Wonderful Life* (Brigham's Playhouse).

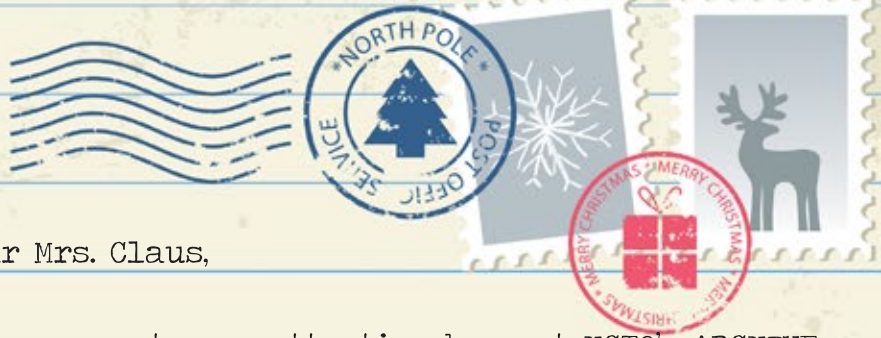
JENNY COOPER

Choir (Alto) / Fred's Party Guest (TBS)

Jenny's theater debut! For many years she has enjoyed singing in community choirs, but fell in love with musicals and started dreaming of performing on stage when she was a theater usher 15 years ago. Heartfelt thanks go to her



Jarom Christopher Brown



Dear Mrs. Claus,

It has come to our attention here at HCTO's ARCHIVE COSTUMES that your husband's traditional Christmas Eve outfit is looking a little tattered, tired and work-worn. (Honestly, all of those trips up and down chimneys would wreak havoc on even the most sturdy uniform.)

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mother for introducing her to music, supportive family and friends, and everyone involved for welcoming her into the HCTO family!

BRONSON DAMERON

Fred (MWF)

Bronson is delighted to be part of *A Christmas Carol* this year and to tell such a wonderful story with so many lovely people! Bronson grew up in Orem, attended UVU, and is happy to be back home. In his free time he enjoys running, rock climbing, reading, D&D, and volunteering as Captain America for a local children's non-profit.

MIRIAM EDWARDS

Belle (TThS)

Miriam is a senior in the Music Dance Theatre program at BYU. Some of her favorite roles include Mary Stuart in *Mary Stuart*, Jenny in *Company*, and Anne in the *Diary of Anne Frank*. She's thrilled to be making her debut at HCTO!

KURT ELISON

Mr. Fezziwig / Solicitor 2 (TThS)

Kurt has been on the stage since he was just a little kid. Kurt is excited to be back at HCTO playing a part he loves. This past year Kurt has been busy directing *Damn Yankees* at the Lehi Arts Center. He loves having the many opportunities to work with his dad, Jerry Elison on this show. Kurt is also very thankful to his family and especially his wife, Kathi, who supports him in all he does.

AMANDA FRISBY

Choir (Soprano) (TThS)

Amanda is excited to perform in her first ever HCTO production! She has a background in opera, musical theatre, and ballroom dance, and also enjoys doing princess parties for little kids. She is grateful to her husband and family for their continuous support as she follows her dreams.



Bronson Dameron

ELISABETH "LIBBY" GARDINER

Belinda Cratchit (TThS)

Libby is thankful to return to HCTO's stage for her third appearance in *A Christmas Carol*. She has performed in theatres across the state and was most recently seen in Odyssey Dance Theatre's *Thriller*. Thanks Jerry, Julie, the Swensons, the Hales, the cast and crew for this opportunity. "Love to Dad, Mom, Hailey, Christian and my dog, Jack."

LIZA GEE

Choir (Alto) (TThS)

Liza is thrilled to be participating in her first show at HCTO, and in her first real musical. She is currently teaching choir at Timpanogos High as a student teacher, and graduates from BYU in December with a degree in Choral Education. She has especially enjoyed the last two years singing with her husband, Salmon, in BYU Singers.



Shani Harper

BRADEN HADDOCK

Peter Cratchit / Boy Scrooge (T7&8)

Braden is in 10th grade at Orem HS. He has appeared in several HCTO Youth shows. His favorite role was as Pinocchio in *Shrek*. He is so excited his braces came off in time for him to make his Main Stage debut performance in *A Christmas Carol*, along with his younger brother! Braden loves mountain biking and singing, and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

WILSON HADDOCK

Ghost of Christmas Past / Street Urchin (T7&8)

Wilson is an 8th grader at Canyon View JHS. He has performed in many HCTO Youth productions; his favorite role was as Young Simba in *Lion King*. Now he's thrilled to make his Main Stage debut in *A Christmas Carol*, along with his older brother! He loves mountain biking, piano, sushi, *Harry Potter*, playing with his younger siblings, and mostly—Christmas!

REED HAHNE

Ghost of Christmas Future / Gravedigger (MWF)

Reed loves performing. This is his eighth year in *A Christmas Carol*. Reed works at the Orem City library and in the Provo temple. Some of his favorite plays have been *Guys and Dolls*, *South Pacific*, *Big River*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. He loves the people he performs with and those who direct each play. He has so many people who have helped him and he thanks them.

SHANI HARPER

Mrs. Cratchit (MWF)

Shani is thrilled to be back playing Mrs. Cratchit at HCTO! This is her 4th year performing in *A Christmas Carol*. When not performing onstage, Shani is involved in a local choir, Lux Singers, as both a performing member



Zachary Harrison

and the administrative director. However, her favorite role is mom to two adorable kiddos. "Love to Kyle, Zoe and Heath."

ZACHARY HARRISON

Ghost of Christmas Present / Old Joe / Poulterer (MWF)

Zack is excited to be a part of *A Christmas Carol* at HCTO. He has appeared in this production in the past as Fred. It is Zack's hope that everyone will be touched and moved by the "spirits" of the season. He would like to thank his wife Tanya, and daughters, Erynn and Rylie, for letting him share this season with others.

SCOTT M. HEALY

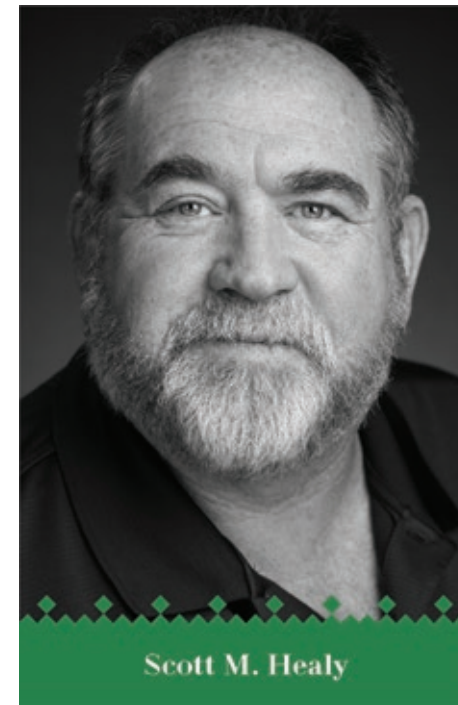
Ghost of Jacob Marley / Undertaker (MWF)

In the fall of 1999 Scott walked into the Hale Theater for the first time to audition for *A Christmas Carol*, not knowing that this would be the start of a 21 year tradition. Scott immediately fell in love with the theater and the people who ran it. Scott has performed in several shows over the years at HCTO appearing as Ozzy in *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, Sgt. King in *No Time for Sergeants*, Sir Sagamore in *Camelot* and John Lambert in *Lilacs in the Rain*, just to name a few. Scott would like to thank the Hales and the Swensons for allowing him the opportunity to be a part of their wonderful family.

DANIEL HESS

Mr. Fezziwig / Solicitor 2 (MWF)

Dan is overjoyed to return to the HCTO stage with his beloved Jan and Vannah in this magical, mystical, and moving production! It portrays perfectly what Charles Dickens wrote to his ten children, "Remember—it is Christianity TO DO GOOD ALWAYS—even to those who do evil to us... It is Christianity to be gentle, merciful, and forgiving, and to keep those qualities quiet in our own hearts." "Merry Christmas!"



Scott M. Healy

JANALEE HESS

Mrs. Fezziwig / Laundress (MWF)

Janalee Hess is thrilled to be in this year's production of *A Christmas Carol* with her husband Daniel and her daughter Savannah. Janalee played Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast* at the SCERA Shell this past summer. She is a private vocal coach here in Orem. Janalee would like to thank Jerry Elison, the Swensons, Hales and all the production team for creating this wonderful show! Janalee loves this story of second chances and the hope it brings of mankind. No one is a lost cause! "Merry Christmas and may this evening put you in the Holiday Spirit that can carry you through this whole year!"

SAVANNAH HESS

Choir (Alto) (MWF)

Savannah is thrilled to be back doing her favorite thing, with her favorite people, during her favorite time of the year. Some



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of her favorite roles include Hannah in *The Spitfire Grill* and Narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. She hopes you enjoy the beautiful message of *A Christmas Carol* and have the most wonderful Christmas.

LINDSAY HIGBEE

Topper's Girl / Mother (TTS)

Lindsay is honored to be working with such a talented cast and crew in her first show with HCTO. Recent regional credits include Amalia Balash in *She Loves Me*, Belinda Blair/Flavia Brent in *Noises Off!*, Penelope Toop in *See How They Run*, and Tansy McGinnis in *The Nerd*. In her spare time, Lindsay enjoys traveling, writing, and collecting books to fill up her ever-expanding library.

AUBREY JACKSON

Belle (MWF)

Aubrey is thrilled to perform in her first production at HCTO. Aubrey graduated from BYU with minors in music and world dance. She has performed as Fiona in *Brigadoon* (SCERA), a gypsy in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Lehi City Arts), and as a member of BYU Women's Chorus and Traditionz, BYU's tier-two folk dance team. "Thank you to my amazing family for your unending support and love."

ASHLEY JOHNSON

Mary Cratchit (MWF)

Ashley is thrilled to be performing on the Main Stage at HCTO. Previously she performed in HCTO Youth Theater's *The Enchanted Bookshop* as Bombalurina and *A Christmas Carol* as Little Fan, and Barlow Arts Conservatory's *Annie* as Molly. She

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is currently in the MDT program at Utah COPA. "Much love and thanks to my personal chauffeurs, Mom and Dad!"

ANNA KOCHERHANS

Belinda Cratchit (MWF)

Anna was most recently seen as Imogene Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (SCERA) and is thrilled to be back on stage as a Cratchit for a second time at HCTO! Favorite past roles at HCTO include Pepper in *Annie*, Brigitta in *The Sound of Music*, and Hyena in *The Lion King*. Other favorite roles include Chava in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Utah COPA) and Ngana in *South Pacific* (SCERA). She has sung with the Utah Children's Choir and performed in the music video "Return to Love" by Motion Coaster. Anna speaks Chinese and loves playing with her new baby brother, Rhone, and her dog, a giant sheepadoodle named Theo.

DAVID KOCHERHANS

Choir (Bass) (MWF)

David is excited to make his seventh appearance in *A Christmas Carol*. He first appeared on the HCTO stage in *The Civil War* and most recently as Robert in *Jane Eyre*. David comes from a large musical family and has performed with local musical bands as keyboardist, guitarist, and vocalist. A web developer by day, David is also an avid hiker and published nature photographer.

COLLIN LARSEN

Choir (Tenor) (MWF)

Collin is thrilled to make his debut on the HCTO Stage! He is currently training at Utah COPA and is so grateful for all his wonderful teachers and instructors! He couldn't be more excited to perform this show and wants to let every one of his friends and family know that he loves them dearly!

ANDREW LAUDIE

Tiny Tim / Ignorance (MWF)

This is Andrew's very first play, and he is so excited to be at HCTO! Andrew lives in Pleasant Grove and is in the second grade. Andrew loves to read, play baseball, build with Legos, and play video and computer games. When he grows up, Andrew wants to be a paleontologist and a baseball player for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

SAMUEL LYON

Ghost of Christmas Future / Gravedigger (TThS)

Samuel is excited to be making his debut in the HCTO Main Stage production of *A Christmas Carol*. Recent credits include *Beauty and the Beast* (SCERA), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Les Misérables* and *Aladdin*. Samuel currently trains at Utah COPA and is a member of the HCT Stars Choir. He would like to thank his family for their support.

SKYLER MANN

Young Scrooge (TThS)

Skyler is so excited to be returning to the HCTO stage as Young Scrooge! It's definitely one of his favorite venues! He most recently played an ancestor in *The Addams Family* (HCT). Previous credits include Race in SCERA Shell's *Newsies*, Morris Delancey/Sniper in HCTO's *Newsies*, and Young Scrooge in HCTO's *A Christmas Carol*. "Thank you to the Hale team for providing an awesome space to share our talents! And thank you family/friends for being a constant support! Merry Christmas!"

ERIC MANNING

Choir (Bass) (TThS)

Eric is glad to be back for his Christmas-time tradition. Thanks to all those who continue to support him in this hobby of his, especially his lovely wife and family. "God bless us, everyone, indeed!"

CHAD McKNIGHT

Ghost of Christmas Past / Street Urchin (MWF)

Chad has been a participant of SCERA summer theater workshops. He played Young Simba in *Lion King Jr.*, Jafar in *Aladdin Jr.*, and LeFou in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Being the youngest of six brothers, his dramatics and ability to project was discovered early on. He was born for the theater. "Thank you HCTO for this opportunity."

TYLER McQUISTON

Choir (Tenor) (TThS)

A Christmas Carol marks Tyler's HCTO debut! Recent past credits include Davey in *Newsies*, Harold Hill in *A Music Man*, Enjolras in *Les Misérables*, and Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Tyler would like to thank his family for their constant support in his passion on the stage, and invites all to remember the true meaning of Christmas!

GEOFF MEANS

Topper / Solicitor 1 (TThS)

Geoff is grateful to be back among his HCTO family and to be a part of such a wonderful production! He was recently seen as Felix Unger in HCTO's production of *The Odd Couple*. Other favorite roles include Albert Kummer, *Dear Ruth* (HCTO) and Rev. Lionel Toop, *See How They Run* (HCTO). "Thank you family and friends for your support!"

MEILINA MOORE

Choir (Soprano) (MWF)

Meilina is thrilled to make her debut at HCTO. Most recently, she performed in *Beauty and the Beast* at the SCERA. She has a degree in Elementary & Music Education from Brigham Young University, where she sang in Women's Chorus and Concert Choir. Currently, she sings as an alto with Lux Singers and teaches third grade.



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STEPHEN MORROW

Choir (Tenor) / Fred's Party Guest (MWF)

Stephen's love for music and theater started at a young age, developed and encouraged by a loving mother and grandmother. His love continued to deepen and expand as high school brought many opportunities to indulge in these passions, including a chance to play Scrooge. Stephen would like to thank his talented mom, Melanie, and his loving wife (with whom he shares this experience), Cristina.

SHERYL MOSER

Choir (Soprano) (MWF)

Sheryl loves performing on stage. She has performed in many operas and musicals. Being a part of *A Christmas Carol* at HCTO is a dream come true. She is so excited to share her love of performing and the Christmas season with all of you, and hopes you enjoy the show!

BRADLEY MOSS

Ghost of Jacob Marley / Undertaker (TThS)

Bradley is thrilled to be back as Marley this year for a fourth time. He was most recently seen as Constable Joe in *Tuck Everlasting* here at HCTO, Governor Roosevelt in *Newsies* (Hale Centre Theatre Sandy) and opposite his wife as William Shakespeare in *The Drown'd Book* (Zion Theatre Productions). Bradley teaches theatre and film at Mountain Ridge High School in Herriman. Love to S, A, I, and B.

ISAAC MOSS

Dick Wilkins / Beggar (TThS)

Isaac is a junior in high school and is delighted to return to HCTO for his 4th year of *A Christmas Carol*! Recent credits include The Baker in *Into the Woods Jr.*, Porthos in *The Three Musketeers*, Mendel in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Eddie in *Sister Act*. Isaac enjoys performing as an actor and as a freelance magician.



MATTHEW PETERSON

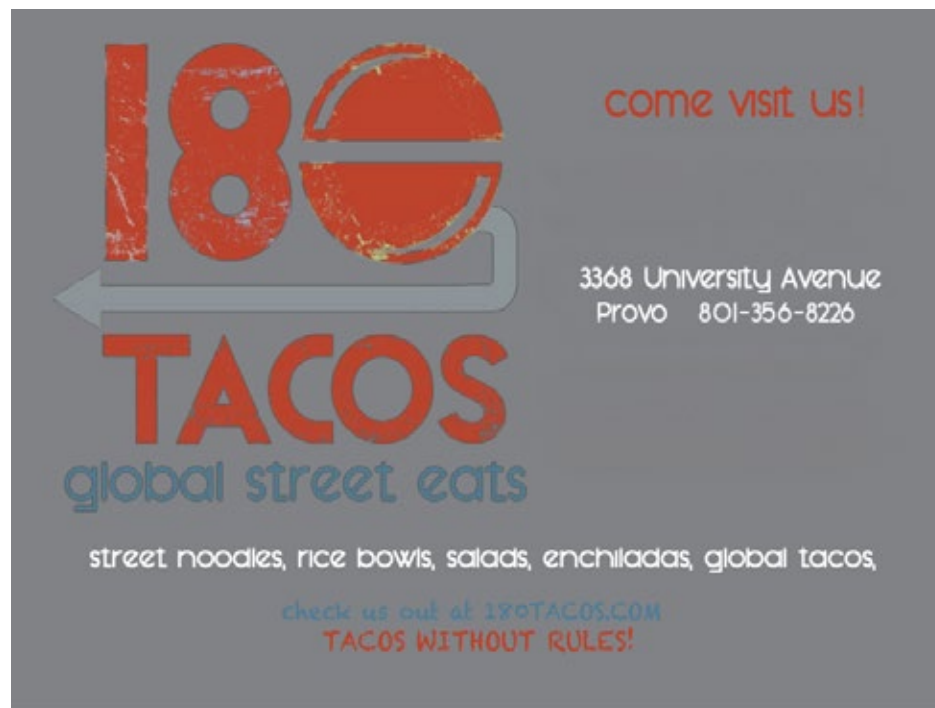
Choir (Bass) (TThS)

Matthew is so excited to be in his first show at the HCTO! Some of his previous credits include Henry in *Newsies* and Levi/Baker in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He is a sophomore at BYU studying Applied and Computational Mathematics. In his spare time he enjoys reading, running, and cycling.

KELSEY PLEWE

Little Fan / Carol Cratchit / Want (MWF)

Kelsey is grateful to return to the HCTO stage in her second year of this Christmas tradition. Kelsey previously played the young orphan Molly in *Annie*. Kelsey loves 5th grade. She loves a good story whether devouring a book or acting on stage. She wishes you a Merry Christmas and hopes you feel the true meaning of this story!



MAX RADEBAUGH

Peter Cratchit / Boy Scrooge (MWF)

Max is excited to perform in his first HCTO Main Stage show! He has had years of experience performing in the Hale Center Academy Youth shows, starting with Tiny Tim seven years ago. His favorite characters include Young Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol, Youth Edition*, Donkey in *Shrek, Jr.* and Timon in *The Lion King, Jr.* Max would like to thank the Hales, Swensons, Julie and Jerry for this amazing experience. He would also like to thank his dad for introducing him to the stage and showing him the love of performing.

HEIDI SCOTT

Mrs. Fezziwig / Laundress (TThS)

Heidi is delighted to have been invited to join the Hale Theater family! Hailing from the UK, she has had a long career in the arts, having belonged to several societies,

playing leading roles and character parts. She has also been an active member of various singing groups and choirs. Since emigrating, she has appeared as Madam Arcarti in *Blithe Spirit*, Miss Prism in *The Importance of Being Ernest*, and Jack's Mum in *Into the Woods*. In her spare time, Heidi loves skiing and exploring Utah with her husband on their Harley.

MADELYN SHEARER

Topper's Girl / Mother (MWF)

Maddy has been involved in many productions throughout her 15 years studying music and theater. She majored in Vocal Performance at the U of U where she was a member of their nationally acclaimed chamber choir, and now enjoys working as an elementary school choir director and private vocal coach. It's a dream come true for her to be part of this beautiful Christmas tradition!

AUSTIN SIMCOX

Choir (Tenor) / Fred's Party Guest (T1Bs)

Austin grew up in Columbus, Ohio and moved to Provo to attend BYU. After graduating, he stuck around and now teaches high school history at the Walden School of Liberal Arts. He enjoys traveling when he can. He also enjoys good books, video games, and cooking. Austin is thrilled to be working with HCTO for the first time.

BRITTNI SMITH

Mrs. Cratchit (T1Bs)

Brittni is happy to be back on the stage, this time with her sweet little family! Former favorite roles include Tansy in *The Nerd*, Sarah in *Guys & Dolls*, Cinderella in *Into the Woods*, and Kitty in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Brittni holds a BFA in Acting, teaches Theater at Mountain Ridge Jr. High and directs Youth Theater around the valley. "Merry Christmas!"



Brittni Smith

DAVID MATTHEW SMITH

Bob Cratchit (MWF)

David is excited to be back this Christmas for *A Christmas Carol*. David was last seen in UVU/Utah Repertory Theater Company's *Sweeney Todd*. Past credits include Beast in *Beauty and the Beast*, Cornelius Hackle in *Hello, Dolly!*, Tarzan in *Disney's Tarzan*, Bob Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol*, Rochester in *Jane Eyre*, and Enjolras in *Les Misérables*. "Enjoy the show, and Merry Christmas!"

DAVID PAUL SMITH

Bob Cratchit (T1Bs)

David is the Artistic Director of the Education Department here at HCTO. Recent credits at HCTO include Jerry Lee Lewis in *Million Dollar Quartet*, Jervis Pendleton in *Daddy Long Legs*, and Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*. Thanks to the production staff for letting him share the stage with his



David Matthew Smith

whole family for the first time—Britt, Tessie, Leo, and Daisy—just the way Christmas should be spent!

LEO SMITH

Tiny Tim / Ignorance (T1Bs)

Leo is excited to be making his debut to the Main Stage here at HCTO after playing Ignorance in *A Christmas Carol, Youth Edition* for the last two years. Leo also enjoys singing, dancing, soccer, and making up songs and lyrics when he's not on stage. Leo is so happy to be sharing the stage with his whole family this year!

TESSIE SMITH

Mary Cratchit (T1Bs)

Tessie is excited to be making her debut to the Main Stage here at HCTO after playing Want in *A Christmas Carol, Youth Edition* for the last three years. Tessie was also seen as Young Nala and a Chimney Sweep in *The*



David Paul Smith

Lion King and *Mary Poppins* Mini-Musicals this year on the HCTO stage. She's thrilled to play with her family in this production of *A Christmas Carol*!

OLIVIA SMITH-DRIGGS

Martha Cratchit / Maid (MT1F)

Olivia, currently a sophomore at BYU, is excited to be playing Martha Cratchit again at HCTO! Olivia has performed all over the valley, but some of her favorite venues have been Pioneer Theatre, HCT, and HCTO. She wishes to thank her family, friends, and the production team for supporting her! "Merry Christmas!"

TANNER SUMENS

Young Scrooge (MWF)

This is Tanner's first performance here at HCTO. He has recently been seen in *Cinderella* as well as *The Scarlet Pimpernel* at Hale Centre Theatre Sandy. Other credits include Beadle in *Sweeney Todd*, Dusty in *Bandits!*, Cornelius Hackl in *Hello Dolly!*, and Enjolras in *Les Misérables*. Tanner has also choreographed shows for FHMS as well as multiple music videos. He's currently a teacher at Center Stage Performing Arts Studio.

MADDIE WESTOVER

Choir (Soprano) (T1Bs)

Maddie is a student at Brigham Young University studying music. She's been singing for her entire life, earning the titles of Superior Soloist and Ensemble Member at the state level. She's participated in many choirs and stage productions, is thrilled to be in her first show at HCTO, and is hoping to be in many more in the future!

LUCY WHITE

Little Fan / Carol Cratchit / Want (T1Bs)

Lucy is 10 years old going on 16. She recently played the title role in *Matilda* at HCT



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Sandy. Reading by the heater and sticking her head out the car sunroof brings her joy! She enjoys singing with Rise Up Children's Choir and Hale Stars Choir. She has also performed in *Aladdin Jr.*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Lion King Jr.* She is represented by Talent Management Group. Many thanks to HCTO, family, friends, and the audience for the opportunity to share this Christmas favorite!

STEVE WINTERS

Choir (Bass) (MWF)

This is Steve's 13th year in this amazing production and he feels so blessed to be back again! Steve was last seen as Wiesel in *Newsies* at the SCERA Shell this past summer. Steve's biggest role however, is that of husband, father and grandfather. Steve is a passionate mountain biker, fatbiker, x-country skier and volunteer trail worker for US Forest Service up American Fork Canyon.

SAMUEL WRIGHT

Topper / Solicitor 1 (MWF)

Samuel is thrilled to be making his HCTO debut. He most recently appeared as Lumiere in the SCERA Center's production of *Beauty and the Beast*, and regularly performs with ImprovBroadway in Provo.

NIKOLE YORK

Fred's Wife / Charwoman (Tues)

Nikole is a second-year musical theatre student at BYU, and a graduate of Las Vegas Academy of the Arts in theatre. Her recent credits include Miss Watson in *Big River* at the Jackson Hole Playhouse, the Queen of Hearts in *Wonderland*, Joanne in BYU Contemporary Voices Festival's production of *Company*, and the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*. She is thrilled and grateful to be a part of the Hale family!

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◇ INTERESTING FACTS ◇

Written by HCTO dramaturg Dr. Christopher Clark

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is so beloved that it's appeared as theatre, television, film, radio, and even as a graphic novel. What is there left to learn about this story? A lot, actually. And I'm here to answer your burning questions!

What are these people talking about?

The word *humbug* is good place to start. In Dickens' day, *humbug* meant nonsense. Gibberish. Foolishness. Certainly apt for the way Scrooge describes Christmas and those who celebrate it. Dig a little deeper, though, and the word has ghostlier origins. *Hum* comes from the Norse word meaning "night" or "shadow." *Bug* is a variant of the word *bugge*, meaning "apparition." In using the word *humbug*, Ebenezer is calling Christmas a hoax. But is he also unknowingly predicting the ghoulish spectres who will soon appear in his bed chamber?

Dickens describes Jacob Marley, in one of the most famous opening lines ever written, as being "dead as a doornail," a phrase we

still use today. But Dickens didn't coin the phrase. Shakespeare had used it two centuries earlier in *King Henry VI, Part Two*. But here's a surprise...Shakespeare didn't coin it either. The phrase has been in use since the 1300's, when coffinmakers pounded the nails in lids twice: both vertically and horizontally, for a more secure, tighter fit. So Jacob Marley is not only dead, he's super dead.

Here's a few more. The narrator tells us that Ebenezer Scrooge keeps his office so cold that he even "iced it in the dog-days," meaning his office was frigid even in sweltering August.

Fezziwig tells Dick and Ebenezer to put up some shutters "before a man can say Jack



Robinson." Who, now? Jack Robinson was a lawyer who was famous for convicting men, transferring them to jail, and executing them all in the same day. Fezziwig is telling the boys to be speedy.

What is everybody eating?

Goose. A lot of goose. Why not turkey? It's simple. Turkeys are American. OK, not American per se, but native to North America. In Europe, geese have been eaten at special events for centuries. Following the fall harvest, after they've gobbled up all the grain left behind by the reapers, geese are at their fattest and tastiest. And what do you serve with goose? Straight from the copper pot, Mrs. Cratchit serves plum pudding, a moist cake made with thirteen ingredients

Near the end of the play, Scrooge delights in playing in a "capital joke" on Bob Cratchit. In this case, *capital* means splendid.

to symbolize Jesus and the twelve apostles. She pours brandy over the cake and lights a match; the pudding hisses and flames. They might also drink smoking bishop, a wassail made from port, red wine, lemons, oranges, sugar, and cloves.

Meanwhile, in the Scrooge home, Ebenezer is eating gruel, a thin porridge made from barley and water. He has a head cold, and gruel was notorious for treating the sick in the cheapest possible way.

Where are we?

London, obviously. But even in 1843 London was a big place. Scrooge and Marley's counting house is most likely located in Newman's Court, near St. Paul's Cathedral. The Cratchits live in Camden Town, four and a

half miles away. To get to and from work, Bob would have walked over an hour each way. Scrooge has a shorter walk. Although the tavern is never named, Scrooge likely dined and relaxed at Simpson's Tavern, one





minute's walk away from the counting house. From there, it's a four minute walk along twisting alleyways to Lime Street, where it's believed that Scrooge lived. He would have

passed through Leadenhall Market, where poulterers would have hung their finest geese in the shop windows.

How much money are we talking about?

The sum of Scrooge's wealth we will probably never know. But there are a few specific sums that do pop up, revealing a lot about the characters. For example, we know that Bob Cratchit brings home fifteen shillings a week. In today's money, that's about \$95. He's paid roughly \$2.35 an hour. Fred

wishes Scrooge would give Bob a salary of, at minimum, £50 a year, roughly \$6500 today. Considering they're providing for eight, the Cratchits certainly have to scrimp. The generous Fezziwig, however, spends about \$600 for his Christmas party.

Any other bits and bobs?

A few!

The name Ebenezer comes from the Hebrew word for stone.

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, Ebenezer's favorite book, is about a boy who discovers a cave full of riches.

Bob Cratchit says that Tiny Tim is buried beneath a yew tree. The yew is a symbol for rebirth and starting again. A fitting tribute to both the boy who is saved, and the man who saves him.



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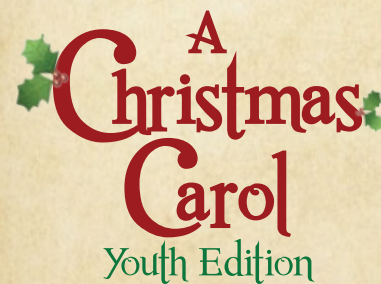
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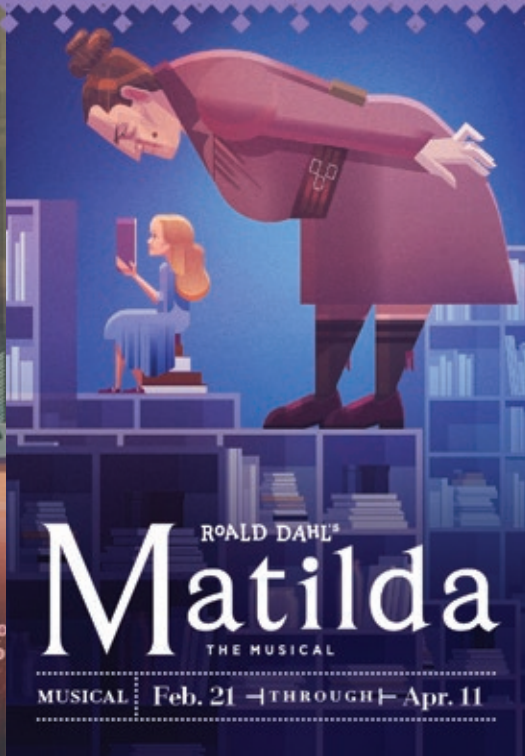
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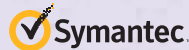
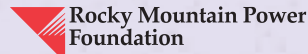
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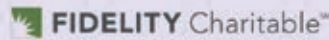
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