

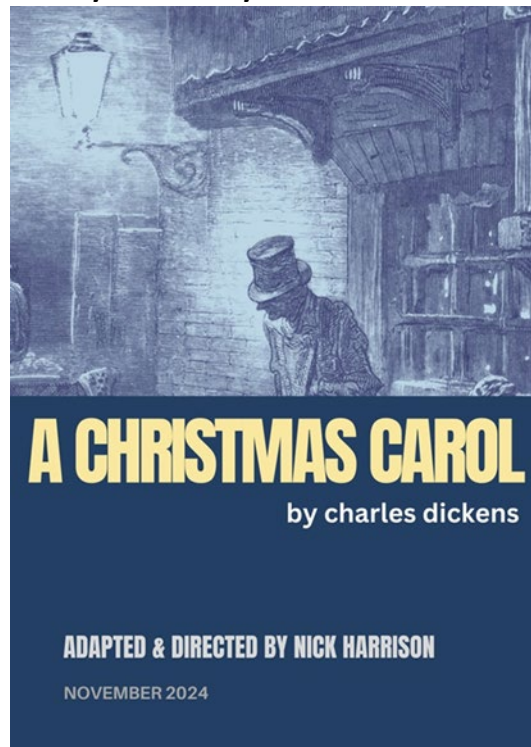
BlueShore Financial
CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

Visual Story for the Relaxed Performance
Saturday November 16th at 2pm

This visual story is designed for visitors to the Relaxed Performance of *A Christmas Carol*. It contains information and images to help prepare you for your visit.



The BlueShore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts at Capilano University. Also known as BlueShore at CapU

- The play is being performed at the BlueShore at CapU. Here are two photos of the outside of the theatreso you know what it looks like:



- When you come into the building there is a café with several tables, a concession and a box office (where you can pick up your tickets). It may be busy as there will be a lot of other people coming to see the play.

It will look like this picture



- This is the auditorium where the play is performed. The audience (that's you) sit down to watch the play. It will be full of people and quite noisy.

This is a picture of the auditorium:



- The stage is where the actors perform the play.

Here is a picture of the stage.



How long is the play?

The play is 2 hours long with an intermission after the first 45 minutes. You will still be able to leave the theatre if you need.

Chill-Out Area

If you want to have a break during the play you can go to a chill-out area. You can ask an usher to show you where it is.

Here is a picture of a chill out area.



This is usually a board room and will look a little different on performance day.

Feel free to bring a sensory kit for use in the theatre and/or the chill-out area.

Ushers and Front of House Staff

Ushers are people who check your tickets for the theatre. If you need help or have a question you can ask them. Here is a picture of a Front of House Manager.



Pre Show Session

At the start of the show the actors will come on stage for 5 minutes to talk about what will happen in the show. They will be wearing their costumes.

What is the play about?

On Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by a series of ghosts, starting with his old business partner, Jacob Marley. The three spirits which follow, the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come, show Scrooge how his mean behaviour has affected those around him. At the end of the story he is relieved to discover that there is still time for him to change and we see him transformed into a generous and kind-hearted human being.

The characters in the play

Below are descriptions of the characters. Some actors play more than one character, so that they look different, they change the way they move and talk and they change their costume (a costume is the name for the clothes actors wear onstage).

Ebenezer Scrooge

Scrooge is an old, lonely man who cares more about money than people. He starts out cold and unkind but changes when he learns the value of love and kindness.

Jacob Marley

Marley is Scrooge's old business partner who comes back as a ghost. He warns Scrooge to change his ways, rattling chains and appearing in a spooky, serious way.

Ghost of Christmas Past

This ghost is soft and gentle, glowing with a bright light. It shows Scrooge memories from his past to remind him of better times and lost opportunities.

Ghost of Christmas Present

The Ghost of Christmas Present shows Scrooge how others are celebrating Christmas with warmth and joy, even in hard times.

Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come

This ghost is silent, dark, and scary. It shows Scrooge what the future will be like if he doesn't change, focusing on fear and regret.

Bob Cratchit

Bob is Scrooge's kind-hearted employee who works hard to support his family. Even though he's poor, he loves Christmas and always stays hopeful and loving.

Mrs. Cratchit

Mrs. Cratchit is Bob's hardworking wife, who loves her family and does her best to make Christmas special. She's strong and protective of her family.

Tiny Tim

Tiny Tim is Bob Cratchit's young son who is very sick but full of love and faith. He believes in the goodness of people and always says, "God bless us, everyone!"

Fred

Fred is Scrooge's cheerful and optimistic nephew. He invites Scrooge to celebrate Christmas with him, believing that family and love are more important than money.

Fezziwig

Fezziwig is Scrooge's old boss from when he was young. She is joyful and generous, showing Scrooge how to be a good employer by treating people with kindness.

Ghostly Trio

The ghostly trio is a group of three "other worldly" characters who help us navigate the play by providing live sounds and singing throughout the play. They are ghostlike, and only the Narrator really sees who they are. They are invisible to the other characters in the show.

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones is a woman who has been late paying her rent to Mr. Scrooge, and faces being evicted on Christmas because of his cruel demands for money. She is kindly and meek.

Spoiler Alert! The notes below are provided for those who would benefit from being prepared for some of the more dramatic or scary elements of the performance.

- During the performance, there will be some nontoxic fog or haze. It is safe for you in the theatre. During the performance some characters will come in on the walkways, or come in through the audience.

Content Warning

This play includes some heavy themes and scenes that might be distressing for some viewers, including:

- **Death and Grief:** It touches on mortality and the profound effects of loss on families and individuals.
- **Poverty and Struggle:** You'll see characters facing serious financial challenges and the harsh realities of social inequality.
- **Child Neglect and Abuse:** There are references to the mistreatment of children and the fallout from neglect.
- **Physical Abuse:** Expect some intense moments featuring physical confrontations, including characters hitting or confronting one another.

While the story ultimately carries a message of redemption and hope, it's important to be aware of these elements. Viewer discretion is advised.