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## Harlequin's unique adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* returns to the State Theater

**Olympia, WA** – November 6, 2024 – Harlequin Productions presents Producing Artistic Director Aaron Lamb's adaptation of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, November 29 – December 24 at the State Theater in downtown Olympia, WA. Mr. Lamb will direct.

*Hailed as the greatest ghost story ever told, we continue our holiday tradition at Harlequin with Artistic Director Aaron Lamb's fresh adaptation of Charles Dickens's classic story of transformation, absolution, and grace. Join us in 2024 for a holiday classic that's sure to please, packed with carols, a healthy dose of cheer, and the kind of ghostly special effects that only Harlequin can deliver. Grab the family, perhaps a hot-buttered rum, and join us for true holiday spirit.*

What can audiences expect this year? Like the best holiday traditions, Lamb's intention is to keep the production "fresh yet familiar". The overall production design and much of the cast will return from last year's production, allowing the show to grow and mature. Terry Edward Moore\* will return in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge. Also reprising their roles: Nathan Rice as Bob Cratchit, Victoria Austin as Belle/Mrs. Cratchit, Larry "LJ" Bevan as Young Scrooge/Tiny Tim, and Izumi Huff as Little Fan/Martha Cratchit. Teri Lee Thomas, who played The Ghost of Christmas Present/Fezziwig last year, will play Jacob Marley. Scott C. Brown, who played Jacob Marley last year, will play The Ghost of Christmas Present/Fezziwig. Other Harlequin veterans include Heather Matthews in the role of The Ghost of Christmas Past and Cosette Yanasak as Little Fan/Martha Cratchit. Two actors are celebrating their Harlequin debuts: Ejay Amor as Fred, and Evan Grinnell-Holderman as Young Scrooge/Tiny Tim.

One significant change will be in the house. With the renovation of the State Theater backstage now complete, audiences will see dedication plaques in place on the armrests of the newly installed seats.

Says Lamb, "We all need a little Christmas Carol in our lives, now more than ever. Like Little Fan with her lantern, we all need that little light of hope to guide us through the darkness. *A Christmas Carol* has all the best elements of live theatre. The different things we can do with the same story are limitless; it's Shakespearean in that way. The ghost story lets us as a theater company flex our technical muscles and pull out the stops where we excel. The redemption story gives the actors the purest character arc in all of theater. So you may have seen it before, but I promise you've never seen this one. We *will* surprise you!"

Link to publicity photos here: <https://harlequinproductions.org/a-christmas-carol-2024-publicity-photos/>

Link to the Christmas Carol 2024 show page here: <https://harlequinproductions.org/show/a-christmas-carol-5/>

### Production Information

**WHAT:** Harlequin Productions presents *A Christmas Carol*, based on the Dickens classic, adapted and directed by Artistic Director Aaron Lamb.

**WHEN:** November 29 – December 24, 2024

**WHERE:** State Theater, 202 4<sup>th</sup> Ave East, Olympia, WA 98501

**TICKETS:** Tickets are available online at [harlequinproductions.org](https://harlequinproductions.org), by phone at **360-786-0151**, or in person **12-5:30 pm, Tuesday-Saturday** at both the **Washington Center** and the **newly-reopened State Theater Box Office**, and **beginning 2 hours before performances at the State Theater Box Office.**

General admission tickets are \$55

Senior 60+/Military \$52

Student/Youths Under 25 \$33

Rush Tickets (half-hour prior to showtime) \$25; Teens/Under 20 \$5

#### **SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE:**

**Opening Night:** Friday, November 29 at 7:30 pm

**Pay-What-You-Can:** Three performances TBA prior to Opening

**CATEGORY:** Holiday

**AGE RECOMMENDATION:** All ages with guidance

#### **CAST:**

Terry Edward Moore*	<i>Ebenezer Scrooge</i>
Scott C. Brown	<i>Player 1 (Ghost of Christmas Present/Fezziwig/Others)</i>
Heather Matthews	<i>Player 2 (Ghost of Christmas Past/Others)</i>
Nathan Rice	<i>Player 3 (Bob Cratchit/Others)</i>
Teri Lee Thomas	<i>Player 4 (Jacob Marley/Others)</i>
Victoria Austin	<i>Player 5 (Belle/Mrs. Cratchit/Others)</i>
Ejay Amor	<i>Player 6 (Fred/Others)</i>
Izumi Huff	<i>Girl (Little Fan/Martha Cratchit/Others)</i>
Cosette Yanasak	<i>Girl (Little Fan/Martha Cratchit/Others)</i>
Larry "LJ" Bevan	<i>Boy (Young Scrooge/Tiny Tim/Others)</i>
Evan Grinnell-Holderman	<i>Boy (Young Scrooge/Tiny Tim/Others)</i>

\* Indicates membership in the Actor's Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.

*Harlequin Productions is a professional not-for-profit theater company in Olympia, WA. We seek to invigorate, educate, and empower our community and all people to feel more, think more, play more, and judge less through the mirror of real live theatre.*

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