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11/14–11/16 at 7 PM

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Methacton High School Theatre Company Presents:



Adapted by Michael Paller from the story by Charles Dickens

Little Christmas Child, Words by Thomas Q. Fulton, Music by Michael Griffith
Performed by arrangement with Robert Wendel Music, NYC

Director/Producer
Mary Fitzgerald

Assistant Director
Denise Naylor

Student Choreographer
Alex DePiano

Student Director
Evie Sullivan

Assistant Student Director
Eli Huges

Dance Captain
Amelia Syx

Student Stage Managers
Abby Drummond-Alston, Jude Remaley

Assistant Student Stage Managers
Paxton Boxman, Zarrina Damavandi

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Scenes

Prologue

Christmas Eve, 1843 - Charles Dickens' Study

Act 1

Christmas Eve, 1843 - Charles Dickens' Study
Christmas Eve, Our Story Intro - Scrooge's Office & Home
Christmas Past - Schoolhouse, Fezziwig's Party, Young Scrooge's Office
Christmas Eve, 1843 - Charles Dickens' Study

Act 2

Christmas Eve, 1843 - Charles Dickens' Study
Christmas Present - Cratchit House, Fred's House, Churchyard
Christmas Yet to Come - The Exchange, Cratchit House, Churchyard
Christmas Day - Scrooge's Home, Streets of London, Scrooge's Office
Christmas Eve, 1843 - Charles Dickens' Study

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Cast List

(In Order Of Appearance)

Charles Dickens	Natalie Rydzewski
The Child	Sawyer Wheeler
Mark Lemon	Margot Ferrara
Frederick Dickens	Kendall Csonka
Clarkson Stanfield	Maddie Ladley
Helen Hogarth	Lexi Chesney
Charley Dickens	Hank Vande Berg
Rebecca Stanfield	Brianna LaFreeda
Catherine Dickens	Leah Thress
John Forster	Amelia Heiser
Scrooge	Abby Drummond-Alston
Bob Cratchit	Hunter Maertzig
Fred	Jude Remaley
First Portly Gentleman	Andrew Filshill
Second Portly Gentleman	Tori Lozinak
Carolers	Althea Underwood, Francesca Marchese, Josslyn McGrann, Liam Whitney, Lulu Ferrara, Rachel Fitzgerald
Jacob Marley	Leighton Castellano
Ghost of Christmas Past	Talia Smerecki
Young Ebenezer	Liam Forant
Fan	Zoe Alai
Fezziwig	Josh Steiner
Young Scrooge	Gavin Karlinsey
Dick Wilkins	Shira Roizman
Belle	Chloe Whitney
Mrs Fezziwig	Leah Arnone
Ghost of Christmas Present	Aubrey Wheeler
Betsey Cratchit	Samantha Cranmer
Belinda Cratchit	Caroline Fitzgerald
Peter Cratchit	Paxton Boxman
Martha Cratchit	Kira Sands
Tiny Tim	Alex Zawadzki
Jenny	Cece Montalbano
Dora	Ava Nascimento
Topper	Tom MacNeel
Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come	Weronika Luczaj
Man with the Handkerchief	Emma Ryan
Fat Man	Olivia Schnaars
Thin Man	Marisa DiPaolo
Mrs Dilber	Evie Sullivan
Charwoman	Danica Murray
Undertaker	Ali Sabinske
Old Joe	Mandi Chesney
Principal Dancers	Alex DePiano, Amelia Syx, Aubrey Wheeler, Carmen Bibian, Emma Sutera, Danica Murray, Jenna Anuzelli, Leah Arnone, Lily Mens, Talia Smerecki
Victorian Ensemble	Chloe Sipes, Emma Ryan, Gabby Rayon-Martinez, Gavin Karlinsey, Germayoni Vazquez Arreola, Jayden Matozzo, Josh Steiner, Julia Vecchio, Lillian Fiorella, Marisa DiPaolo, Milana Cheberaichko, Olivia Schnaars, Shira Roizman, Starr Houghton, Zoe Alai

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Children's Ensemble ..... Allison Chesney, Ashlyn Landry, Althea Underwood, Aubrey Polonsky, Bryson Dirks, Cayson O'Neill, Evelyn Jarkowsky, Fiona O'Hagan, Francesca Marchese, Katharina Jarkowsky, Liam Whitney, Lulu Ferrara, Marley Spampanato, Rachel Fitzgerald

Ghost Children ..... Allison Chesney, Ashlyn Landry, Aubrey Polonsky, Bryson Dirks, Fiona O'Hagan, Liam Forant

Musicians .....Lulu Ferrara, Margot Ferrara

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Assistant Student Director ..... Eli Hughes
Student Stage Managers ..... Abby Drummond-Alston, Jude Remaley
Assistant Student Stage Managers ..... Paxton Boxman, Zarrina Damavandi
Dance Captain ..... Amelia Syx
Costume Designer ..... Heidi Swartz
Student Costume Assistants ..... Ella Wingerter, Emma Ryan
Prop Master ..... Heidi Swartz
Student Prop Master ..... Tom MacNeel
Student Prop Assistant ..... Ella Wingerter
Hair & Makeup Coordinator ..... Denise Naylor
Hair & Makeup Assistants ..... Delaney Sands, Lacie Pennington, Erin Cavanaugh, Leah Thress, Kira Sands, Zarrina Damavandi
Set Design & Coordinator ..... Michael Fitzgerald
Set Construction & Painting ..... Cast, Crew, Parents, and Guardians of A Christmas Carol
Light Design ..... Michael Fitzgerald
Music & Sound Design ..... Denise Naylor, Andrew Meehan
Logo Artist ..... Mandi Chesney
Poster Design ..... Gigi Tang
Program Cover Design ..... Samantha Cranmer
Headshots ..... Paxton Boxman, Zarrina Damavandi
Senior Tech Director ..... Kathleen Kenny
Backstage & Tech Crew ..... Abby Peffer, Aileen Kim, Ava Karlinsey, Carlia Johnson, Delaney Sands, Ella Wingerter, Ethan Corbin, Evie Salotti, Gauri Harsha, Isaac Graham, Janet James, Jonathan Subranni, Karma Elshafei, Kathleen Kenny, Katie Tress, Matthew Peffer, Mia Harrison, Navisha Rastogi, Ryan Stender, Will Groschopp, Zarrina Damavandi
Program ..... Denise Naylor, Gigi Tang, Mary Fitzgerald, Samantha Cranmer
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WHO'S WHO

Abby Drummond-Alston (Scrooge / Student Stage Manager) - Abby is so excited and grateful to be playing Scrooge. She'd like to thank her family, friends, and Michael Caine- she hopes you like the show. Bah humbug.

Abby Peffer (Crew) - Abby Peffer is participating in her 6th show and is excited to be back on the sound board. She is sad that this is one of her last shows of her senior year but is excited to make these memories.

Aileen Kim (Crew) - Aileen is ready to help with the play of A Christmas Carol!

Alex DePiano (Principal Dancer / Choreographer) - Alex is super excited to be in this year's fall play! She choreographed last year's play and musical and is so grateful to be able to do it again this year! Have a great show everyone!

Alex Zawadzki (Tiny Tim) - Alex is an accomplished veteran of stages far and wide, with experiences dating all the way back to July of this year. He has loved working with the cast and crew. God bless us, every one!

Ali Sabinske (Undertaker) - Ali is excited to be in their first high school show! He has done many other shows including Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr (Grandpa) and Frozen Jr (King Angarr). He loves reading and volunteering.

Allison Chesney (Children's Ensemble / Ghost Child) - Allison Chesney is making her debut performance on the big stage! She is very excited to be a part of the show.

Althea Underwood (Caroler / Children's Ensemble) - Althea has done four plays including this one. Past plays she has done are James and the Giant Peach Jr, Jungle Book Jr, and Lion King Jr. Althea also does dance at Aspire.

Amelia Heiser (John Forster) - Amelia is excited to be in this production. Some of her favorite roles include Paulette in Legally Blonde Jr, and Mrs. Peterson in Bye Bye Birdie YE. She would like to thank Evie for being the best.

Amelia Syx (Principal Dancer / Dance Captain) - Amelia is ecstatic to have another opportunity to perform with her friends! You may recognize her from her role in Chicago as Merry Murderess Mona. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Andrew Filshill (First Portly Gentleman) - This is Andrew's 2nd performance at MHS. Last Spring, he was in Chicago and he's back for more. He is eagerly working his way up to playing his dream role of Javert in Les Miserables. Hint Hint!!

Ashlyn Landry (Children's Ensemble / Ghost Child) - Ashlyn is a 4th grader at Arrowhead E.S., where she participates in chorus, band, orchestra & broadcast news. Ash also loves being a gymnast. She wants to thank her family for always supporting her!

Aubrey Polonsky (Children's Ensemble / Ghost Child) - Aubrey Polonsky is a 2nd grade student at Arrowhead Elementary. This is her first ever production. She comes from a family of performers and is excited to carry on the legacy.

Aubrey Wheeler (Ghost of Christmas Present / Principal Dancer) - Aubrey Wheeler is thrilled to return to the Methacton High School stage! You may have seen her as Lysander in A Midsummer Night's Dream last year. She hopes you enjoy this amazing production!

WHO'S WHO

Ava Karlinsey (Crew) - Ava is a junior and a first-time crew member! She is excited to support her brother, Gavin, from backstage.

Ava Nascimento (Dora) - Ava is very excited to be in this year's production of A Christmas Carol! She is a senior at MHS. Ava is a secretary for the Theatre Company and has participated in shows here since freshman year.

Brianna LaFreeda (Rebecca Stanfield) - Brianna is a senior this year and it's her final play! Last fall, she was Hermia in "A Midsummer Night's Dream". In the spring, she was Kitty in "Chicago". She thanks her family for all their support!

Bryson Dirks (Children's Ensemble / Ghost Child) - Bryson Dirks is in chorus, orchestra, and band. Bryson has been in Charlie Brown and Princess and the Pea. He is very excited to join A Christmas Carol.

Carlia Johnson (Crew) - This is Carlia's first year doing theater, and she hopes to do creative things with the cast. She also enjoys to be surrounded by musical theaters.

Carmen Bibian (Principal Dancer) - Carmen Bibian is a junior this year and this is her fifth MHS Theatre Company production. She is excited to show the cast and crew's hard work, and cannot wait to perform with fellow cast members.

Caroline Fitzgerald (Belinda Cratchit) - Caroline is excited to be part of A Christmas Carol at the High School. For fun, Caroline enjoys coaching and skating. She would like to thank her friends, family, and teammates for supporting her.

Cayson O'Neill (Children's Ensemble) - This is Cayson's first time performing in a play! He is very excited. His big sister Jayden is also performing so it's nice that they'll be on the stage together!

Cece Montalbano (Jenny) - Cece is so excited to be a part of "A Christmas Carol". She has most recently been on stage in Methacton's production of "Chicago" last year. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her.

Chloe Sipes (Victorian Ensemble) - Chloe Sipes is very excited to work for her first Methacton High School theater production, "A Christmas Carol" and can't wait to see the final production with the amazing cast!

Chloe Whitney (Belle) - Chloe Whitney is a junior, this is her fifth show with the MHSTC. She is so excited for this show and would like to thank her family and friends for all their support!

Danica Murray (Charwoman / Principal Dancer) - Danica is very excited to be doing A Christmas Carol. Her previous roles/productions were adult ensemble in Footloose her sophomore year, and principal dancer in Chicago her junior year.

Delaney Sands (Crew) - Delaney is very excited to be coming back to do her 4th show as crew with MHSTC. She is currently a junior at MHS and is grateful she gets to have another amazing year doing stage crew.

Eli Hughes (Assistant Student Director) - A Christmas Carol is Eli Hughes' fifth production with MHSTC, and his first as a member of the production staff. He is very proud of every actor and cannot wait to see everyone enjoy the show.

WHO'S WHO

Ella Wingerter (Crew) - Ella Wingerter starred in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr. as stage crew. She is a skilled and talented musician and artist, and is helping with making the props come to life in A Christmas Carol.

Emma Ryan (Man with the Handkerchief / Victorian Ensemble) - Emma is excited to play a role in her first play. She has been in two other musicals, Frozen Jr (Ensemble) and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (Mr. Coggins). Her hobbies include sewing and Girl Scouts.

Emma Sutera (Principal Dancer) - Emma is so excited to finally be performing on the Methacton High School Stage and is happy to have met so many amazing and talented people.

Ethan Corbin (Crew) - Ethan is very excited to be working on Methacton's adaptation of A Christmas Carol. This is Ethan's first play at the high school, but Ethan has worked on several musicals in the past.

Evelyn Jarkowsky (Children's Ensemble) - Evelyn is very excited to be doing her first show at the high school! She is happy that she gets to work with her sisters, as well.

Evie Salotti (Crew) - Evie Salotti is a ninth grader who is working on tech crew with the lights. She previously worked the lights in eigth grade for Arcola's Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Evie Sullivan (Mrs Dilber / Student Director) - Evie is excited for her last year in the MHSTC! She has loved doing theater and is very excited to be in the show and has enjoyed being able to help direct by being a student director.

Fiona O'Hagan (Children's Ensemble / Ghost Child) - This is Fiona's first production and she is so excited to be on stage. Fiona loves to perform, sing and dance. She is a member of the Worcester chorus and sang her first solo last year.

Francesca Marchese (Caroler / Children's Ensemble) - Francesca Marchese is in 7th grade at Arcola. She dances competitively, and has done many productions, most recently James and the Giant Peach (James). She is grateful for this opportunity!

Gabby Rayon-Martinez (Victorian Ensemble) - Gabby is looking forward to her first MHS theatre production and is excited to work with the rest of the amazing cast and crew this year!

Gauri Harsha (Crew) - Gauri is really excited to be a part of A Christmas Carol. She has been a part of tech and backstage crew since eighth grade during Xanadu. Gauri wishes the cast and crew a great show!

Gavin Karlinsey (Young Scrooge / Victorian Ensemble) - Gavin is excited to debut on the high school stage and is grateful for the opportunity of a named role as a freshman. He would like to thank his family, especially his older sister for supporting him.

Germayoni Vazquez Arreola (Victorian Ensemble) - My name is Germayoni, this is my second show, I'm very excited.

WHO'S WHO

Hank Vande Berg (Charley Dickens) - "A Christmas Carol" is Hank's first ever production with any theatre company. He is excited and is so happy that he has been selected as Charley Dickens. He is looking forward to more productions.

Hunter Maertzig (Bob Cratchit) - Hunter is very excited to be in another MHSTC production. He was previously in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Chicago." He would like to thank his friends and family for all their support.

Isaac Graham (Crew) - This is Isaac's first ever time helping out with a show and he plans to try to help with future shows.

Janet James (Crew) - Janet James is a junior at Methacton High School and this is her second year doing backstage crew for the Theatre Company.

Jayden Matozzo (Victorian Ensemble) - Jayden is excited to be in her first, hopefully of many, high school plays! She is especially excited to be performing alongside her brother.

Jenna Anuzelli (Principal Dancer) - This is Jenna's first play at the high school, she is very excited to learn new things. This is her first time doing a play. She would like to thank her friends, parents, and staff for supporting her.

Jonathan Subranni (Crew) - Jonathan came here because he wanted to try something new, and he walked away happy! He also wanted to push the buttons he found in the tech booth, so it was a win-win.

Josh Steiner (Fezziwig / Victorian Ensemble) - Josh is excited to make his Methacton High School Theatre debut as Fezziwig! After six years in theatre, he would like to thank his family and friends for their support.

Josslyn McGrann (Caroler / Victorian Ensemble) - Josslyn is ecstatic to be performing in her first Methacton High School show. She'd like to thank her parents and friends for always supporting her, along with the staff that made this show possible.

Jude Remaley (Fred / Student Stage Manager) - Jude has been a crew member for the theatre company for most of his high school career and is excited for his first on-stage role.

Julia Vecchio (Victorian Ensemble) - Julia is thrilled to be back on the stage. She previously performed in Frozen Jr., Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and Oliver. Julia thanks her friends and family for their support.

Karma Elshafei (Crew) - This is Karma's first year doing theater and she hopes to be a part of an inclusive community and to help in making a creative production.

Katharina Jarkowsky (Children's Ensemble) - Kit is excited to be in a high school play for her first ever production! She is also excited to be working with her older sisters!

Kathleen Kenny (Crew / Student Tech Director) - Kathleen is currently a senior at the high school. After working on the shows in tech for the past 3 years, she is tech director and so excited to see A Christmas Carol come to life on stage!

WHO'S WHO

Katie Tress (Crew) - This is Katie's first year in theater, and she is very excited about being part of this year's production. She is very excited to start learning new things and communicate with others.

Kendall Csonka (Frederick Dickens) - Kendall is so excited to kick off her sophmore year in this production of A Christmas Carol! She loves being a part of the Theatre Company, and she wants to thank all of her family and friends.

Kira Sands (Martha Cratchit) - Kira is excited to be playing Martha Cratchit in A Christmas Carol, this will be her third show at Methacton High School. She would like to thank her friends and cast mates for supporting her.

Leah Arnone (Mrs Fezziwig / Principal Dancer) - Leah is beyond excited to be performing in her first show at MHS. She'd like to thank her family & friends for always supporting her and the cast & crew for making her first MHSTC experience amazing.

Leah Thress (Catherine Dickens) - Leah is excited to participate in her fifth MHSTC show. She hopes you enjoy the production that everyone has worked so hard on. SLAYONCÉ

Leighton Castellano (Jacob Marley) - Leighton is a junior and is so excited to be back this year in MHSTC's production of A Christmas Carol as Marley. She would like to thank all her loved ones, as well as the lovely cast and crew.

Lexi Chesney (Helen Hogarth) - Lexi is excited to be making her debut performance in the theatre. She has also performed in chorus, band, orchestra, and orff ensemble.

Liam Forant (Young Ebenezer / Ghost Child) - Liam is an 11 year old young man who loves to sing and perform. He is excited for his first play. You can usually find Liam playing video games, singing, or exploring outside with his siblings.

Liam Whitney (Caroler / Children's Ensemble) - Liam Whitney is so excited to be a part of MHSTC's A Christmas Carol! He's in 6th grade at Skyview. This is his first theater experience and would like to thank the cast and his family for supporting him.

Lillian Fiorella (Victorian Ensemble) - This is Lillian's first ever theatre production and she's really enjoyed making new friends.

Lily Mens (Principal Dancer) - Lily is so excited to perform her first high school show. She is thankful for another opportunity to broaden her range in the theater world, and is happy to join all of her friends in this production.

Lulu Ferrara (Caroler / Children's Ensemble / Musician) - Lulu Ferrara is a fifth grade student at Skyview. She loves cats, birds, and animals generally. She is active in Girl Scouts and music. Lulu is excited to be a part of this, her first play!

Maddie Ladley (Clarkson Stanfield) - Maddie is so hype for this show and wants to thank her family and friends. She hopes you enjoy the show, and hopefully you won't want to Jacob Marleave. Was that good? I thought it was pretty good.

WHO'S WHO

Mandi Chesney (Old Joe) - Mandi's happy to be in another MHSTC show! She's frequented this stage in Chicago and A Midsummer Night's Dream, among others. She thanks her family, friends, and the production staff for all they do.

Margot Ferrara (Mark Lemon / Musician) - Margot, a sophomore, is back! You may have seen her in Frozen, Chicago, or as Flute/Thisbe in A Midsummer Night's Dream, her favorite role. As always, many thanks and hugs to her friends and family!

Marisa DiPaolo (Thin Man / Victorian Ensemble) - She is very excited to be part of this year's cast. Her last show was Arcola's production of Xanadu Jr. where she played Aphrodite. She wants to thank everyone for their support.

Marley Spampanato (Children's Ensemble) - Marley is in 2nd grade at Woodland, and this is her first big play. She loved performing in 3 plays at her Montessori camps the past two summers, and she is so excited to be part of this large cast!

Matthew Peffer (Crew) - Matthew Peffer is excited to experience his first crew role in a play, after designing props, he is excited to see the actual theater community and meet friends with the same passions for acting.

Mia Harrison (Crew) - This is Mia's first time doing stage crew and she is very excited for the performances we will be doing this year.

Milana Cheberaichko (Victorian Ensemble) - Milana Cheberaichko is looking forward to be apart of her first play, A Christmas Carol. She really likes drawing, baking and shopping.

Natalie Rydzewski (Charles Dickens) - Natalie is so thrilled to be a part of A Christmas Carol! In the past, she has been in A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Great Gatsby. Natalie thanks her family and friends for being so supportive!

Navisha Rastogi (Crew) - Navisha is very excited to be a part of this play's Crew Production and she is very enthusiastic about participating in this year's fall play!

Olivia Schnaars (Fat Man / Victorian Ensemble) - Olivia is super excited to be back onstage. She previously has been onstage and played Mrs. Potts in "Beauty and the Beast" and the Witch in "Into the Woods". This is her first non-musical play!

Paxton Boxman (Peter Cratchit) - Pax is so excited to have his junior play as A Christmas Carol. Other shows he has been in include Chicago, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Footloose and Xanadu. Pax is so excited to make people cry.

Rachel Fitzgerald (Caroler / Children's Ensemble) - Rachel has been in many shows before, her favorite being Marlin (Finding Nemo Kids). She is exited to be working at the high school and can't wait to be there in a couple years.

Ryan Stender (Crew) - Ryan is excited to work on his last play with the Methacton Theatre Company as someone who has worked in stage crew for multiple shows now he is sad to see it end.

WHO'S WHO

Samantha Cranmer (Betsey Cratchit) - Samantha is so excited to be in A Christmas Carol! A few of her past performances include A Midsummer Night's Dream (Moth), CHICAGO (June). She thanks her friends and family for all of their support!

Sawyer Wheeler (The Child) - Sawyer is excited to be performing at the high school. Other roles include Olaf, Pinocchio and Jojo. Sawyer loves video games, french fries, and his big sister, Aubrey. He sends love to his family.

Shira Roizman (Dick Wilkins / Victorian Ensemble) - Shira is so excited to be in her first show at the high school with this amazing cast! Shira loves to do theater and act on stage!

Starr Houghton (Victorian Ensemble) - Starr has been interested in acting for a while, however this is her first time performing as an actor in a play. She plays the bass, roller skates, and loves to draw.

Talia Smerecki (Ghost of Christmas Past / Principal Dancer) - Talia is thrilled to return to the MHS stage for her sophomore year! Past roles: Principal Dancer(Chicago), Peter Quince(A Midsummer Night's Dream), Anna(Frozen Jr). Thanks to the cast—enjoy the show!

Tom MacNeel (Topper) - Tom is so excited to be a part of A Christmas Carol for his last play at Methacton. His favorite role so far was Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Thank you to his family & friends!

Tori Lozinak (Second Portly Gentleman) - Tori is so excited to be back at Methacton. She is a sophmore and this is her first high school play. Tori would like to thank the cast, staff and crew for a great production.

Weronika Luczaj (Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come) - This is Weronika's second show, she had so much fun bringing everything together with everyone. She wants to thank her mom for the height (6'2) so she could play this role. ty beyoncé.

Will Groschopp (Crew) - Will has worked with the MHSTC his entire high school career, predominantly in the musical. He is most fond of his roles as Perch Perkins in SpongeBob: The Musical and Chuck in Footloose: The Musical.

Zarrina Damavandi (Crew) - Zarrina has been in the Theatre Company for 6 years. She is looking forward to her last few shows. It has been a wonderful & fun experience for her & she's sad to go, but can't wait for what comes next.

Zoe Alai (Fan / Victorian Ensemble) - Zoe is thrilled to take part in this year's play of A Christmas Carol. She has been involved in MHSTC since freshman year and admires the hard work and dedication that goes into these performances.

Director's Notes

A Christmas Carol - Director's Notes

While I have always enjoyed the story of A Christmas Carol, I had no idea how much I would love bringing it to the stage for the first time. Admittedly, what I originally thought of as a "cute, easy, show" after our behemoth of a season last year, has turned into one of the most complicated plays I've ever worked on. My production and design team knew before I did how much I wanted these performances to be an epic and wonderful spectacle, and helped achieve my vision in breathtaking ways.

One of the most incredible aspects of our performances has to be the sheer size of the student body involved. We have over 90 Methacton School District students participating, including many K-8th graders, and an incredibly large 9th grade class, who are making their MHSTC debut. Seeing the excitement on the faces of our youngest students as they come into rehearsal at the high school has been truly invigorating, while watching our high schoolers work with and mentor our young performers has been nothing short of heart-warming.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, A Christmas Carol is for all of us. Scrooge's story of someone realizing that they have not done their share for the world and wanting to do better is something we can all get behind. It is about understanding that we are all fellow-passengers on this journey through life and that we should be looking out for each other, regardless of our circumstances. I am thrilled and honored that our Company has helped show this in such a beautiful and memorable way.

Mrs Fitz, Director/Producer



SHOUT OUTS!

Ashlyn Landry-

You're going to be great, Ash! Xoxo!
- Ate Kay

Aubrey and Sawyer Wheeler-

I love seeing you perform on stage together! Congratulations on a great show!
Love, Mom-Mom

Andrew Filshill-

Good luck, break a leg, have fun!
Grandma Lee

Aubrey Polonsky-

So proud of you, Aubrey!
Love, Memom

Evie Sullivan-

Evie, We are so proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom, Connor, and Emmet

Brianna LaFreeda-

We love you! "Top of the sky, deep as the sea!"
XO Grandmom & Aunt Shy

Francesca Marchese-

Keep shining bright!
Love, Mom and Dad

Aubrey Polonsky-

I am so proud and excited for you.
-Aunt Tiffini

Ava Nascimento-

We love watching you grow, you always amaze us. Love you!
Mom & Dad

Hank Vande Berg-

Great job Hank, we are so proud of you!!

Fiona O'Hagan-

We wish you all the best!
You rock.
We love you.
You are a star!!!
Love Gg and Pop

SHOUT OUTS!

Paxton Boxman-

We love seeing you on that stage and are so proud of your extra efforts!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Ally

Liam Forant-

Stand tall & keep being you!
We all love you!

Rachel Fitzgerald-

Congratulations on a great show!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

Samantha Cranmer-

So proud of you, our Mrs. Cratchit.
Love, Mom & Dad

Sawyer Wheeler-

Time flies! You are already in a high school show!
We love you, Mom, Dad, and Aubrey

Samantha Cranmer-

Congratulations to our artist for designing the playbill! You are so talented. Love, Mom & Dad

Talia-

Talia, you are AMAZINGLY talented! Love ya!
Keep shooting for the stars!
Mom, Dad and Jonah

Talia-

Talia, I love watching you on stage!
Love Grammie


SHOUT OUTS!
Leah Thress-
You're our star! Keep shining bright!
Mom, Dad, & Cara
Aubrey Polonsky-
You are a shining star.
Love, Nanny
Brianna LaFreeda-
We love watching you perform! Enjoy Sr. Year!
Love, The Messinas
Liam Forant-
You are amazing & brave. Love MomMom & Pop
Lexi & Aly-
Lexi and Aly: I'm super proud of you two for branching out and doing this show. You're both amazing and I'm happy to be able to share the stage with you this year.
Matthew Peffer-
Great Job Matthew! So proud! Love Mom and Dad
Margot & Lulu Ferrara-
What a treat to see you on stage together... our stars! We love you!! - M&D
Liam Forant-
Sing loud and proud!
Love, Your Siblings
Natalie Rydzewski-
We are so proud of you! You're our shining star! Love, Mom & Dad
Marley Spampanato-
Yay for your first big play! We are so proud of you! Break a leg :)
Love, Mom & Dad
Lily Mens-
Congratulations Lily! We are so proud of you - Love - Matt and Mom
Lexi-
Lexi, Congrats on your first role in a play! Great job!
Love, Dad and Mom

SHOUT OUTS!

Abby Peffer-

Congratulations! So proud of you! Love Mom and Dad

Alex DePiano-

We're so proud of all your hard work. Beautiful dancer & talented choreographer. Love Mom Dad Jack

Abby Drummond-Alston-

Abigail! We are so proud of you! Your dedication to the role is inspiring and seeing you shine onstage as Scrooge is a joy. "If you need to know the measure of a man you simply count his friends" We love and love you! Mom, Katie, and Aunt Gaga

Aly-

Aly, Great job on your first play on a big stage. You did an amazing job! Love, Dad and Mom

Amelia Syx-

We love you and are so proud of you! The Syx Pack

Alex Zawadzki-

We're so proud of you, Tiny Tim! Mom, Dad & Ben

Andrew Filshill-

I love love love love my big brother! Love Rosalee

Ashlyn Landry-

We're so proud of you! Love you! - Mom & Dad

Ava Nascimento-

Dear Ava, You did great! Love, Sam & Danny

Aubrey Polonsky-

You are our shining star Aubrey! Love, Mom & Dad

SHOUT OUTS!


Ashlyn Landry-
Can't wait to see you, Sis! Xoxo! - Sky & Jean
Aubrey Polonsky-
Aubrey, break a leg. - Aunt Jeannine & Uncle Bully
Aubrey Wheeler-
We are so proud of the ghost you have become! Love Mom, Dad and Sawyer
Caroline Fitzgerald-
We are so excited to finally get to see you on the big stage! We love you so much and are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad
Josh Steiner-
We're so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad
Aubrey, Caroline, Rachel & Sawyer-
Break legs to all of our favorites! Love, the Z's
Aubrey Polonsky-
Aubrey, we are so proud of you! -Julia & Katie
Hunter Maertzig-
We are so proud of you on and off stage! Congratulations on another amazing performance! Love, Mom, Dad & Leo
Brianna LaFreeda-
I know you will do a great job as always! Love, Uncle Pete
Fiona O'Hagan-
You are our shining star. Always shine bright! You make us proud. Love, Mom, Dad, Tiernan, Cillian, & Shea
Kathleen & Natalie-
Last Play!! Love you guys!! - Evie
Josslyn McGrann-
We are so proud of you! Love- Mom, Dad & Landon


SHOUT OUTS!
Kathleen Kenny-
Congratulations to the best tech director! Love Mom & Dad
Brianna LaFreeda-
We love you and are so very proud of you! Love Mommom & Pop
Aubrey, Sawyer, and Alex
Congrats! We love watching you all do your thing! Love, Caroline & Rachel
Emma Sutera-
Emma S.-So excited for your 1st High School Play! I'm so proud of you. Love Always, Mom <3
Jude Remaley-
Go Jude! So proud of you! Love, Mom
Liam Forant-
Proud of You! You were born to shine. Love Mom
Aubrey Polonsky-
Aubrey we are so proud of you! - Mady & Ethan
Talia-
Talia, I'm so proud of you. Love, Pop
Lily Mens-
Lily, you are our STAR! Love Mom-mom and Pop- pop
Leah Arnone-
So proud of you Leah in your 1st MHS show! Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah, Aubrey, and Clark
Mandi-
Mandi, Great work on the show! We love watching you perform! Love, Dad and Mom
Shira Roizman-
We are so very proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad



Great Job!

MANDI, LEXI, AND ALY,
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU. YOU ARE
ALL STARS!
LOVE,
PAPA AND NANA

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To Andrew Filshill:

At this festive season, it's more than usually desirable to see you on stage!

We are so proud of you for sharing your kindness — even if Scrooge won't spare a penny.

Shine on! Love Mom and Dad

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Brianna,

We are all so incredibly proud of all you have acccomplished on and off stage these past four years. We have loved watching you perform and doing something you have loved since you were a little girl. Keep setting your goals and we will be here to support you along the way. Break a leg!



Love You!
Mom, Dad, and Taylor



Dear Marisa,

We believe in you and all the incredible things you'll achieve. Have a great performance. Break a leg!

Love,

Mom & Dad and Haidyn



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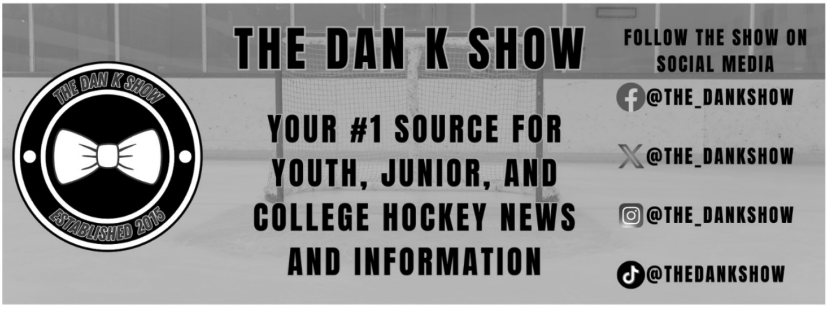
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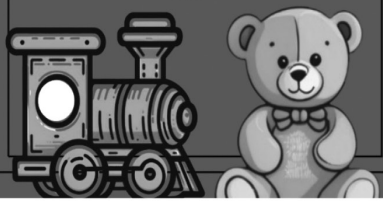
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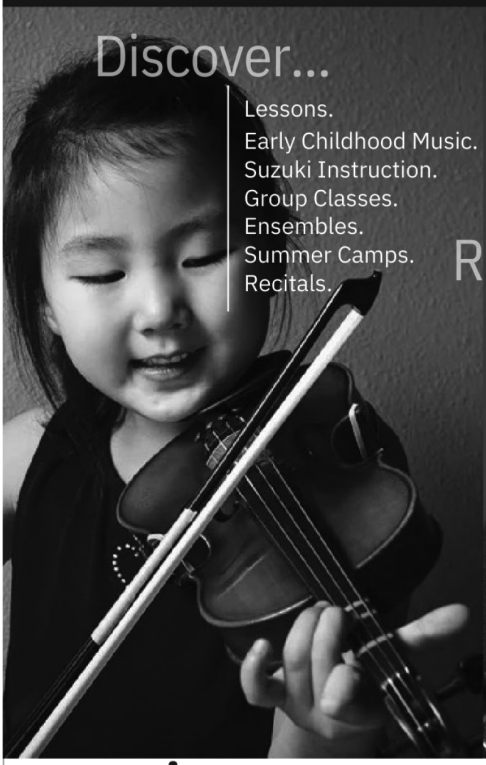
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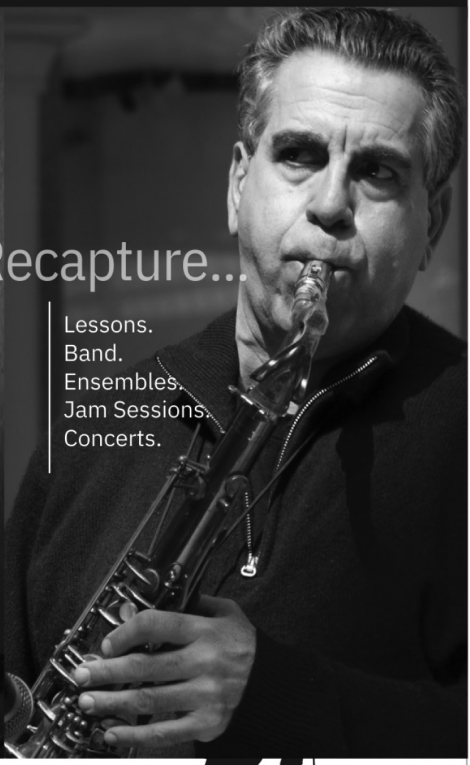
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