



## Milwaukee Rep Honors 50 Years of *A Christmas Carol* with Special VIP Walk-Ons from City Leaders and Community Icons

The graphic features the title "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" in a large, white, serif font with a red ornament containing the number "50" to the right. Below the title is the text "50th Anniversary VIP Walk-Ons". Four portraits of the VIP walk-on guests are arranged in a row, each with their name and the date and time of their walk-on.

Guest	Date and Time
Special Events Genius David Caruso	Thurs., December 18 at 7pm
Mayor Cavalier Johnson and Dominique Johnson	Sat., December 13 at 7pm
Metropolitan Milwaukee Assoc. of Commerce CEO Dale Kooyenga	Wed., December 3 at 7pm
TMJ4 Reporter Cassandra McShepard	Wed., December 17 at 7pm

October 30, 2025 (Milwaukee, WI) – Milwaukee’s favorite holiday tradition, *A Christmas Carol* celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary November 25 – December 24, 2025 in the historic Pabst Theater, making it the second longest professional production of *A Christmas Carol* in the United States. To celebrate this milestone, Milwaukee Rep is pleased to welcome five VIP walk-on guests to appear onstage in *A Christmas Carol* this holiday season. Each of the VIP walk-ons will be fitted in period costumes and join the cast onstage to share the spirit of Milwaukee’s favorite holiday tradition.

### *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VIP Walk-Ons*

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Despite the August flood that destroyed Milwaukee Rep’s production facility that stored the *A Christmas Carol* set and many props that make the Milwaukee’s favorite holiday tradition so special, Milwaukee Rep was able to build back better than ever to make the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary production one to celebrate.

"We are thrilled to welcome some of Milwaukee's most valued community leaders to be part of our beloved holiday tradition for its 50th anniversary," said **Chad Bauman**, Ellen & Joe Checota Executive Director. "Many don't know that MMAC gave us a grant to produce the very first *A Christmas Carol* in 1976, recognizing then how it would draw families into downtown and ignite a festive spirit throughout the city. We're proud to carry on this cherished tradition now, 50 years later, and to celebrate this milestone with their current CEO, Dale Kooyenga, our city's Mayor, and many other special guests who help us honor the season of giving and joy."

Join them on their special day by purchasing tickets at [www.MilwaukeeRep.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com), call the Ticket Office at 414-224-9490 or visit in-person at 108 E Wells Street in downtown Milwaukee. ***A Christmas Carol*** runs November 25 - December 24, 2025, in the historic Pabst Theater.

For decades Wisconsinites have enjoyed ***A Christmas Carol*** as their favorite holiday tradition. Experience the magic of this beloved tale as Ebenezer Scrooge's heartwarming transformation inspires holiday cheer with the timeless message of peace, hope and joy. With beautiful music, lively dancing, stunning sets and eye-popping special effects, it's a dazzling Christmas feast with enough theatrical goodies to fill any sized stocking hung by the chimney with care.

Milwaukee local favorite **Matt Daniels** returns in the celebrated performance of Ebenezer Scrooge, along with **Jordan Anthony Arredondo** as Fred, **Mark Corkins** as Ghost of Marley, **Todd Denning** as Ghost of Christmas Present, **Kevin Kantor** as Ghost of Christmas Past, **George Lorimer** as Young Scrooge, **Reese Madigan** as Bob Cratchit and newcomers **Emily S. Chang** as Belle who recently performed in *The Coast Starlight* this past season and local standout **Lachrisa Grandberry** as Mrs. Cratchit. **James Pickering**, who performed the role of Bob Cratchit in the first 1976 production and has since played various roles including 14 years as Scrooge, returns this year alongside his wife **Tami Workentin** as Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig.

***A Christmas Carol*** features 19 young performers from across the greater Milwaukee area. This year's young performer cast includes Finley Rose Brown as Want, Isaac Bruce as Matthew Cratchit, Luke Drope as Ensemble, Cooper Felkey as Ensemble, Zoah Hirano as Ignorance/Sniffer, Connor Keigher as Ensemble, Ira Kindkeppel-Longden as Thomas, Gus Kolbe as Peter Cratchit, Olive Krutsch as Emily Cratchit, Ziva Lavoe as Ensemble, Luca Lombardo as Ensemble, Olivia Loomis as Ensemble, Clara Mintie as Ensemble, Annalise Nordstrom as Turkey Kid, Rocco Onorato as Teen Scrooge, Vivian Staffeldt as Belinda Cratchit, Mari Streicher as Martha Cratchit, Lainey Techtmann as Boy Scrooge, and Harold Wagner as Tiny Tim.

***A Christmas Carol*** is adapted and directed by **Mark Clements**. The creative team includes: music director **Dan Kazemi**, scenic designer **Todd Edward Ivins**, costume designer **Alexander B. Tecoma**, lighting designer **Jeff Nellis**, sound designer **Barry G. Funderburg**, original score and music arranged by **John Tanner**, stage movement by Milwaukee Ballet's **Michael Pink**, dialect coach **Jayne Regan Pink**, violence coordinator **Reese Madigan**, associate director and casting **Jonathan Hetler**, associate lighting designer **Jason Fassl**, orchestrations by **Larry Moore**, stage manager **Terence Orleans Alexander** and assistant stage manager **Kimberly Carolus**.

***A Christmas Carol*** is presented by **Jay Franke and David Herro** and Corporate Sponsor **West Bend Mutual Insurance** with Executive Producers **Molly and Tom Duffey**, Associate Producer **Saints Andrew and Mark Charitable Gift Trust** and Equipment Sponsor **Studio Gear**.

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