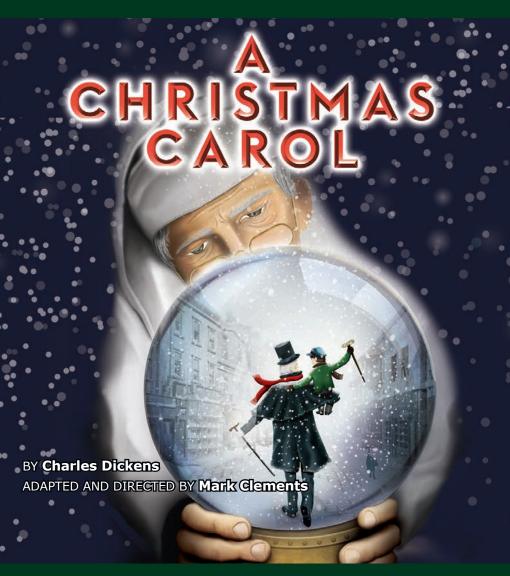


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The holiday season is traditionally a time for giving. We give to our friends and family, to those less fortunate than us, to organizations and causes we care about. We take pride in not being "Scrooges" or "Grinches" as we come together to spread joy.

The performing arts, especially here in the Greater Milwaukee Area, are always giving. They give us entertainment, memories, laughter, and inspiration. The performing arts are such a vital part of this community. Here at Footlights, we're honored to work alongside so many of the incredibly talented artists and organizations that call this community home.

That's why this holiday season, Footlights has decided to dedicate this issue to giving back to the amazing groups we work with. This is a call to action to all of you, the patrons reading this sitting in the house. Maybe the show is just about to begin, or maybe you are excitedly reading more about the artists you just saw during intermission. We challenge you to help us give back to the many performing arts organizations in our community.

We've asked the groups we work with to send us lists of items that would help them this holiday season. Some of the items are listed right here in this article! All throughout this holiday season, we'll continue to add and update even more items and organization's wishlists on Footlights.com - so make sure to keep checking back.

And if you don't have the resources to give some of these items - that's okay! David Cecsarini, Artistic Director of Next Act Theatre, reminds that there are many other ways to give to these wonderful organizations. "My wishlist only contains one item: audience," says Cecsarini. "The best thing patrons can bring, send, and give to Next Act and all our performing groups is more audience."

Here are "a few of our favorite things" that performing arts groups shared with us from their wishlists. Make sure to check out Footlights.com for more items and more organizations!





#### Milwaukee Chamber Theatre

Dinner supplies (Such as paper plates, bowls, napkins, plastic cups, and cutlery!)

#### Wisconsin Philharmonic

A new conference table and chairs. (To seat twelve people at our office!)

#### Falls Patio Players

A man's wool top hat, or \$75 to purchase one. (For our upcoming production of Christmas Carol!)

#### Waukesha Civic Theatre

Curtains for the Mirrors in the Studio (Our mirrored wall is great for dance classes and choreography rehearsal, but can be distracting for kids in other classes and audiences during performances. Long curtains would allow us to use the space to its fullest potential!)

#### Concordia University

New Couches and Chairs (For students to use in our green room!)

#### MilwaukeeRepertoryTheater

A projector (For use in the Quadracci Powerhouse!)





#### SummerStage of Delafield

Professional grade, countertop popcorn machine. (Popcorn is our most popular concession item and our current machine is barely keeping up with demand!)

#### **Chant Claire Chamber Choir**

New Folders (As our choir grows we need more!)

#### Feast of Crispian

Elizabethan Period Costumes (We're not picky about this think Ren Faire items! Tending toward larger sizes.)

#### **Cardinal Stritch University**

A Compound Mitre Saw (We are very much in need of replacing an old and increasingly dangerous radial arm saw in our shop with a versatile new tool, most importantly to keep our student carpenters safe!)

#### **Skylight Music Theatre**

Two high quality/high volume bluetooth speakers. (For use by our Education Department!)

#### Sunset Playhouse

Home Depot Gift Cards (To help us purchase set building supplies!)

#### Milwaukee Opera Theatre

A home printer/copier/scanner for our Company Manager (So he doesn't always have to run to DigiCopy!)

Make sure to check out Footlights.com for more wishlist items and more performing arts groups. Happy giving!



# Black Arts MKE Gives Artists of Color Incredible Opportunities... And Some Holiday Spirit

It's not a secret that there's a lack opportunities for performing artists of color at all levels. In the, in 2016-2017 Broadway season, less than 19% of all roles were played by African American performers. This trickles down into theatre across the nation - from regional theatres, community theatres, and everything in between.

Here in Milwaukee, while we are lucky to have many organizations taking initiatives to bring more artists of color to the stage, we are equally in need of a movement to push even further forward. The leader of that movement, whose whole mission is to increase the availability and quality of African American arts, is Black Arts MKE.

"Black Arts MKE is uniquely positioned as a catalyst for advancing racial equity and inclusion in Milwaukee," says Barbara Wonzo, Executive Director of the organization. "Our programming advances racial equity for local artists of color by providing professional growth opportunities. This programming provides visibility and access to mainstream arts sector and has resulted in actual career advancement throughout the local performing arts venues and arts education sectors."

In 2015, Black Arts MKE started producing Langston Hughes' Black Nativity in collaboration with the Marcus Center, "We were searching for a wonderful holiday inspired piece by a renowned playwright that would attract the entire community but especially the African American community families, young adults, etc," says Wanzo. "There was a phenomenal community response to the musical. We heard many comments like. "It's about time Milwaukee had something like this (i.e. represents the African American culture.") The first year's play was instrumental in bringing together the community including many church congregations."

The production received such a great response, they decided to remount it the following year. Since, they've put a lot of effort into making this production accessible - such as offering student matinees to at-risk youth in neighboring elementary schools.

"Many at-risk youth and their families had not been inside a theater, much less be able to see a professional dynamic, engaging play onstage with people who look like them and who were from our community. Honestly, it



was both heartwarming and heartbreaking," says Wanzo.

During the last three years, director Malkia Stampley wanted to inspire social change through acknowledgement of a current community issue through performance prologue and post-performance audience engagement. "I allow a social issue that affects Milwaukee and the national community to be a guide as I stage the production. I like to think of it as a backdrop, a seed that will grow on its own once you leave the stage" says Stampley. "Our production takes place today, in a city like Milwaukee, so I also ask myself every year 'is this relevant?' In 2016, I was struck by the unrest in Sherman

Park. In 2017, the killing of unarmed Black men still dominated my heart as well as the controversy of Colin Kaepernick's kneeling and dismissal from the professional game of football. There are so many issues that touch my heart on a daily basis so it's not always an easy task."

This year, a new director takes on this production as Black Arts MKE presents the show for the 5th time. The show will be presented once again at the Marcus Performing Arts Center, and will run December 5-15. Tickets, and additional information, can be found at MarcusCenter.org



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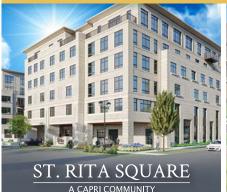
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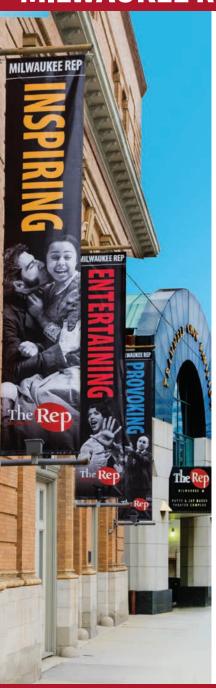
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Each year, Milwaukee Rep welcomes up to 275,000 people at nearly 700 performances of 15 productions ranging from compelling dramas, powerful classics, new plays and musicals in its three full-scale performance **Ouadracci** the venues Powerhouse (720 seats), Stiemke Studio (205 seats) and Stackner Cabaret (186 seats).

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Mark Clements and Executive Director Chad **Bauman**, Milwaukee Rep ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee's rich diversity.



Mark Clements Artistic Director



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E-mail: tickets@MilwaukeeRep.com

Hours of Operation:

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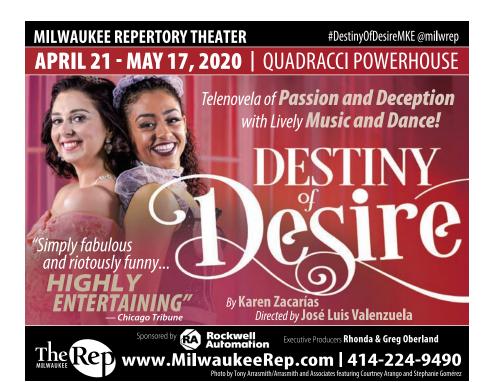
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Charles Dickens, Ebenezer Scrooge	Jonathan Wainwright*
Alice	Isabella Abel-Suarez
Caroline	
Ghost of Marley, Gentleman, Old Joe	
Belle, Ellen's Sister	
Ghost of Christmas Present, Thomas' Father	
Nanny	
Fred, Gentleman	
Mrs. Fezziwig, Assistant to Dickens, Charitable Worker, Mrs. Di	lberAngela lannone ±*
Ellen, Cook	
Bob Cratchit	
Young Scrooge, Assistant to Dickens, Topper, Caroline's Husba	andChristopher Peltier*
Mr. Fezziwig, Charitable Worker, Gentleman	
Dick Wilkins, Ghost of Christmas Future	Joshua Ponce
Mrs. Cratchit, Thomas' Mother	Rána Roman*
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Mathew Cratchit	
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Members of the cast also appear as Party Guests, Fezziwig Workers, Carolers, Belle's Children, Caroline's Children and other citizens of 19th century England.

Phinlee Clarkin, Zachery Lavoe, Cody Sims

#### **UNDERSTUDIES:**

For Jonathan Wainwright – Reese Madigan\*; Carly Christensen, Lauryn Glenn, Brooke Johnson and Tami Workentin – Isabella Abel-Suarez; Angela lannone and Brooke Johnson – Carly Christensen; Arya Daire and Rána Roman – Lauryn Glenn; Mark Corkins, DiMonte Henning, Joshua Ponce and Gilberto Saenz – Alexander Hatcher; Isabella Abel-Suarez and Arya Daire – Brooke Johnson; Christopher Peltier – Joshua Ponce; Todd Denning and James Pickering – Gilberto Saenz; Reese Madigan, Alexander Hatcher and Joshua Ponce – Austin Winter

Understudies never substituted for listed players unless a specific announcement is made prior to the performance.

#### A Christmas Carol will be performed with one intermission.

The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

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To the staff of The Pabst Theater.

#### The cast of A Christmas Carol would like to dedicate the run of the show to Lara Leigh Dalbey.

#### PRODUCTION STAFF

Jared Clarkin	Director of Production
Kaitlyn Anderson	Associate Production Manager
	Co-Technical Director
Sean Walters	Co-Technical Director
	Properties Director
Jim Medved	Charge Scenic Artist
	Costume Director
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Kimberly Carolus*	Production Stage Manager
Frank Honts	Line Producer

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#### A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Milwaukee Rep's numerous productions of *A Christmas Carol* have gone on quite a journey. Starting in the 1976/77 Season, adaptations of this brilliant, and still most necessary, Charles Dickens novella, have graced the Pabst Theater every year since. Including this adaptation, which I wrote as part of the *John (Jack) D. Lewis New Play Development Program*, that premiered in the 2016/17 Season.

This makes our telling of *A Christmas Carol* the second-longest, continuous running professional production of the show in the USA – quite a feat! To say that *A Christmas Carol* is a Milwaukee tradition is an understatement: going into our 44th production, it has now become engrained as a premiere, festive, family entertainment in our city. The idea of it not being here every year is almost as inconceivable as not celebrating the holiday season itself, so we thank you all wholeheartedly for being here today and helping to continue and support this wonderful tradition.

Though "Christmas" is in the title of the piece, I don't believe Dickens fully intended this story to be specifically religious, but rather a moral and social tale with warnings. Its central themes of being present, living in the moment, putting the love of family and friends over material gain, and striving for goodness and generosity every day of the year, transcend seasons, eras, denominations, and cultures. The lessons learned through Scrooge's perilous journey, and close brushes with the nature of mortality, are ones intended to help inform us of how we might best live our lives on a day-to-day basis, thus making it a perennial tale of relevance.

These messages have also strongly resonated with our company most recently, with the sad loss of **Lara Leigh Dalbey**, a much-loved member of our Rep family, and Wig Master and Makeup Supervisor for over 20 years. Lara's impact on both our theater and the lives of the people who came through Milwaukee Rep's doors is immeasurable. She especially had an enormous artistic influence on *A Christmas Carol* serving as the Makeup/Hair/Wig Designer. Although we mourn the loss of such a talented artist and friend, taken from us far too young, we are warmed and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from all those that knew her and will now miss her so greatly. As a small tribute, we dedicate this year's production of *A Christmas Carol* to Lara, her family, and theater family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and beyond.

Even in the darkest times, there is light. It is always a bright spot in our year to assemble the *A Christmas Carol* team who bring so much enthusiasm and energy to the production. The show is not only a tradition for our audiences, but for our artists as well, many of whom are reprising their roles from previous seasons. The show also features our largest young performer ensemble, and we are thrilled to watch year-to-year as these young actors grow in their craft - some joining our *Professional Training Institute* or *Emerging Professional Residency Program*, some taking on principle parts in this show and other Rep productions, some even going on to have successful professional acting careers around the country. From our audiences to our artists, *A Christmas Carol* truly enjoys a great legacy.

Whether you're continuing a tradition tonight, or starting a new one, we hope you find as much joy in watching *A Christmas Carol* as we had in making it.

Wishing you and yours all the very best for the festive season and a Happy New Year.

Mark Clements Artistic Director

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Our warm thanks to the Bakers and to Kathleen Seidel for their generous holiday gift to our community.

Happy Holidays!

#### **Chad Bauman**

**Executive Director** 

Through the support of the Patty and Jay Baker Foundation and Kathleen Seidel, Milwaukee Rep is able to provide tickets to a host of organizations including those listed below. Additional organizations were still being finalized at the time of printing this program.

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#### **BIOGRAPHIES**



Isabella Abel-Suarez, Alice

Isabella recently graduated from Southern Utah University with her BFA in theatre and a minor in dance

performance. At SUU, she played Alexi Darling in (and was dance captain for) Rent, various roles in The Laramie Project, Bielke in Fiddler on the Roof, Veronica Sawver in Heathers and Charles Guiteau in Assassins. She spent an amazing summer at the Utah Shakespeare Festival where she was in the ensemble of The Greenshow and Launcelot Gobbo in an acclaimed production of The Merchant of Venice. Isabella also works as Executive Assistant for StateraArts, an organization dedicated to bringing women+ into full and equal participation in the arts. She most recently played Consuela in The Rep's production of West Side Story. Residency sponsored by Connie

and John Kordsmeier.



Teddy Anagnostopoulos. Ensemble

Teddy is overjoyed to be joining the cast of A Christmas Carol for his fifth consecutive

year in the production. He is a junior at Menomonee Falls High School where he runs cross country and is involved in the theater program. He would like to thank his family and friends for their continuous love and support.



Coco Archuleta, Ignorance

Coco is thrilled to again be part of A Christmas Carol for a second season! She recently performed in Shrek The

Musical JR. at Maple Dale School as well as

in their choir. This year Coco was selected to perform at the Maestro Makers recital at the Cedarburg Cultural Center singing "Castle on a Cloud." She is ten years old and in the fifth grade. Coco also enjoys her hedgehog Pickles, painting and acting. Coco wants to thank the directors and crew for the opportunity to be a part of this production.



Isabel Bastardo. Martha Cratchit

Isabel Bastardo is a junior at Golda Meir High School and is so excited to be back for her second year in A Christmas Carol as

Martha Cratchit! She was last in Milwaukee Rep's West Side Story (ensemble) and the PTI production of *Everybody* (Cousin/ Somebody). Other recent productions include Tinker Bell (Pirate) at First Stage Children's Theater and As You Like It (Sir. Oliver Martext/First Lord) with First Stage's Young Company. When not acting, Isabel loves to dance. She is grateful for the support of her family, friends and mentors.



Amalia Cecsarini, Ensemble

Amalia is thrilled to participate in A Christmas Carol for the fourth time! She has performed in many

shows such as The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and Schoolhouse Rock. Amalia also enjoys soccer and has been dedicated to gymnastics for seven years. She is 12 years old and attends Whitefish Bay Middle School. Amalia hopes that you enjoy the show and have a great 2020!



Carly Christensen, Caroline

Carly is an actor, fitness enthusiast and aspiring intimacy choreographer. Recently equipped with an MFA, select

university credits include Diana in *Next to Normal*, Miss Casewell in *The Mousetrap*, Mrs. Kate Sullen in *The Beaux' Stratagem* and Bev/Kathy in *Clybourne Park*. Past roles also include assistant violence designer, intimacy coordinator and fight captain. Carly is an alumna of Purdue and Willamette Universities. Find her online: IG @carlyychristensen, carlychristensen.com



Zachary Church, Thomas

Zach is grateful to be back as Thomas again this year! He is a 13-year-old eighthgrader. He's previously

performed with Milwaukee Repertory Theater in *Our Town* and *A Christmas Carol*. He has also performed with First Stage Children's Theater and Spotlight Productions. He most recently played the Telegram Boy in *Young Frankenstein*. Other roles include: Aladdin in *Aladdin Jr.*, Charlie Brown in *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and Les in *Newsies*. Zach has also had the opportunity to appear as a host on the television show "Into the Outdoors."



Phinlee Clarkin, Ensemble

Phinlee is a sixth-grader at Golda Meir where she just closed a school show, *Orphie and the Book of Heroes*. She is

overjoyed to return to *A Christmas Carol* again, where she played Belinda Cratchit and Turkey Boy last year. Other credits include: *Our Town* at Milwaukee Repertory Theater, *Tinker Bell* and *Ella Enchanted* at First Stage, *Annie* at Skylight Music Theatre and *The Nutcracker* at Milwaukee Ballet. She loves everything about singing, acting and dancing but when Phin is not on the stage, she enjoys playing tennis and violin, and swimming! Genieβen sie diese wunderbare Produktion.



Mark Corkins, Ghost of Marley

Mark is happy to be returning to The Pabst for Milwaukee Rep's annual production of *A Christmas Carol*.

Other favorite Rep productions include: Holmes & Watson, Cherry Orchard, King Lear, True West and Endgame. Local audiences will recognize him from his work with: American Players Theatre, Milwaukee Opera Theatre, First Stage, In Tandem, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Next Act, Optimist Theatre and Collaborative Performance. Nationally Mark has appeared with the Utah and Illinois Shakespeare Festivals, Arena Stage, Berkeley Rep and SITI Company. This past summer Mark had the pleasure of playing Sir John Falstaff in The Merry Wives of Windsor with Door Shakespeare.



Arya Daire, Belle

Arya Daire is thrilled to return to the beautiful Milwaukee Rep! TV credits: "A Christmas Carol - The Concert"

(PBS), "Chicago Fire" (NBC). Theatrical credits: *An Enemy of the People* (Goodman Theatre), Miranda (Indiana Repertory), A Disappearing Number (TimeLine), Julius Caesar (Writers Theatre), Suburbia (U of Chicago), Inana (TimeLine), Samsara (Victory Gardens), Principal Principle (Stage Left), Much Ado About Nothing (Rasaka), Big Lake, Big City (Lookingglass), Disconnect (Victory Gardens) and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Beverly Arts Center). Love to my mom and dad, friends (shout-out Pickles, Mandee, Catfish, Lolo!) and to my beloved MM. Warmest thanks to Mark Clements, Leda Hoffmann and the brilliant, hard-working cast & crew of this show. Arya attended Northwestern University and is represented by Stewart Talent, www.arvadaire.com



**Todd Denning,** Ghost of Christmas Present

Todd is joyous and thankful to return to Milwaukee Rep for the holidays after

spending his sixth season with the Utah Shakespeare Festival, where he played Richard Burbage/Ben Jonson in *The Book of Will*, Sir Toby Belch in *Twelfth Night* and Banquo in *Macbeth*. Last season at The Rep, he appeared as Corrigan Wiley/ Union Leader/Curt in *Junk*. Other credits include Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Next Act Theatre, Skylight Music Theatre, Door Shakespeare, South Coast Repertory, Illinois Shakespeare, Willamette Rep, Milwaukee Shakespeare, Tennessee Rep, Georgia Shakespeare, In Tandem, Optimist Theatre and First Stage. For Mom.



Lauryn Glenn, Nanny

Lauryn is an actress, foodie and bookworm from Cleveland, Ohio. She has recently completed her BFA

in Performance at Ohio University's College of Fine Arts. She is ecstatic to be joining Milwaukee Rep for their 2019/20 Season! During her academic career at Ohio University, Lauryn played Holly in Holly Down in Heaven, #11 in The Wolves, Anita/Rita/Reporter #1 in La Mujer Barbuda (World Premiere) and Win/Waitress in Top Girls. Lauryn completed a summer internship with Tantrum Theater, during which she understudied Jen in The Cake. Lauryn thanks her family, friends and mentors for their endless love and continuous support!



Cecelia Golbuff, Tiny Tim

Cecelia is thrilled to be participating in A Christmas Carol. While this is her first time on stage, Cecelia has

been singing, dancing and performing for friends and family since she was old enough to talk. Cecelia is seven years old and is a second-grader in Shorewood, WI. In her free time she likes to play with friends, ride her bike, make slime and play soccer. Cecelia would like to thank her mom and dad for letting her be a part of the production.



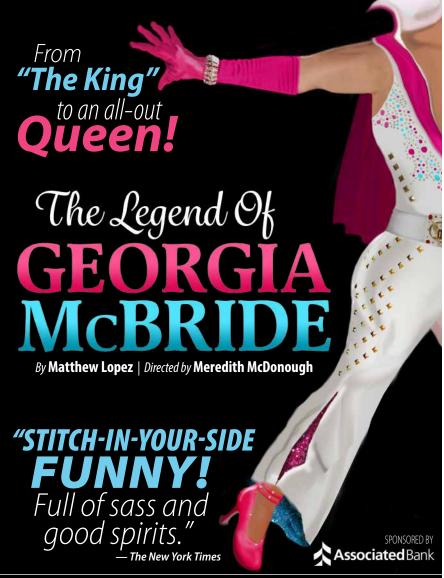
Alexander Hatcher, Ensemble

Alex recently graduated from Boston University's College of Fine Arts with a B.F.A. in Acting and concentrations

in Dance and Musical Theater. He also studied classical acting for one semester at the London Academy for Music and Dramatic Arts. Some of his recent stage credits include Baby John in Milwaukee Rep's West Side Story, 1776 (Lyman Hall), Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play (Gibson/Homer) and Hamlet (Hamlet). Originally from Wisconsin, Alex is very excited to return to the Midwest as an Emerging Professional Resident with Milwaukee Rep. He used to perform on many different stages in his beautiful home state as a featured dancer and singer of the "Kids from Wisconsin" touring troupe and as a young performer with First Stage and Skylight Music Theatre in Milwaukee. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, canoeing, traveling and sampling as many different foods on a stick as the Wisconsin State Fair has to offer. AlexanderHatcher.com.

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**DiMonte Henning,** Fred

A native of Milwaukee, WI, DiMonte received his formal theatre training from UW-Milwaukee with additional training from

Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Emerging Professional Residency. DiMonte serves as Producing Artistic Director of performing arts organization, Lights! Camera! Soul! His recent credits include: First Stage's productions of Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and The Wiz. Milwaukee Repertory Theater's productions of Junk, Our Town and Dreamgirls. Skeleton Crew (Forward Theater Company), Black Nativity (Black Arts MKE), Deathtrap (Milwaukee Chamber Theatre) and A Midsummer Night's Dream (Theatre LILA). TV credits include: NBC's "Chicago PD" (Seasons 4 & 6), UBER, Disney's "Encore!," Cousins Subs and Harley-Davidson. Next up: Stick Fly at Writers Theatre in Glencoe, IL.



**Angela lannone,** *Mrs. Fezziwig* 

Angela lannone returns to Milwaukee Rep, where she has been seen as Marie Lombardi in *Lombardi* and Louise

in Always, Patsy Cline. Recent roles include Mattie Fae in August, Osage County for Delaware Resident Ensemble Players and Alexandra in Velocity of Autumn for In Tandem Theatre. Ms. lannone is a Folger Shakespeare Library Research Fellow/Artist in Residence, a Lunt-Fontanne Fellow, a Hampden/Booth Library Researcher, an American Theatre and Drama Society Research Grant recipient and a Hendrix/Murphy Directing Fellow. Her plays, This Prison Where I Live and The Seeds of Banquo, have been produced at Titan Theatre, NYC and Theater RED, Milwaukee.



Jakobie Jackson, Peter Cratchit

Jakobie Jackson is so excited to be in the cast of *A Christmas Carol* for the third year. He is a junior at Golda Meir

High School and he is a very great kid. He has a very high level of energy and hopes to be in *A Christmas Carol* for a long time. His biggest dream is to be on Broadway for Barack Obama and Michelle Obama and to continue theater at Juilliard.



Liam Jeninga, Teen Scrooge

Liam, a sophomore at Delavan-Darien High School, is so happy to be back for his third year in A Christmas

Carol. Recently, he performed as the Dog in the opera Brundibar with RUACH, as Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing with First Stage's Company Class and as Ralph Herdman in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical at First Stage. He also enjoys his role as treasurer for Milwaukee Rep's Teen Council and hopes to use the experience he gains there to support great theater in Milwaukee in the future.



Brooke Johnson, Ellen/Cook

Brooke is excited to be making her debut with Milwaukee Rep this 2019/20 Season. She originally hails from the

sunny central coast of California and is a recent alum of The Pacific Conservatory Theatre's Professional Actor training program. Her most recent roles include: Estella in *West Side Story* (Milwaukee Rep), #11 in *The Wolves*, Woman #2/ Lady Eugenia in *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, Brave Girl/Mrs. Darling (u/s) in *Peter Pan*, Ancestor/Swing in *The* 

Addams Family, Programmer in The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence (PCPA). Residency sponsored by David and Madeleine Lubar.



**Zachery Lavoe,** *Ensemble* 

Zachery is thrilled to be in *A Christmas Carol*! This is his first theater production and he is excited to be part of

the ACC family! Zachery loves athletics and spends time playing football for Journey House and basketball with Fernwood Montessori. He even helped his soccer team win a shoot-out tie breaker in Ghana, West Africa! He's involved in Chess Club and Boy Scouts. Zachery volunteers preparing meals for our homeless community through Larry Under the Bridge. He is thankful for Milwaukee Rep for introducing him to his love for theater and his family for their support!



**Zion Lavoe,** Belinda Cratchit

Zion is honored to have this opportunity to be a part of *A Christmas Carol*. She previously played an ensemble role

in the First Stage Foundry presentation On the Wings of a Mariposa. Zion is very active in basketball, soccer, volleyball, archery, Chess Club, Girl Scouts and Lego Robotics. She volunteers regularly for Larry Under the Bridge providing meals for homeless community members. She aspires to be an anesthesiologist in the future! Zion would like to thank Milwaukee Rep for this opportunity and her family for supporting her interests!



**Ziva Lavoe,** *Emily Cratchit* 

Ziva is excited to join the A Christmas Carol family and is grateful to Milwaukee Rep for the opportunity! She is an

artistic soul who likes to create, sing, dance and perform her way through the day! She loves to help others and volunteers to feed members of our homeless community through Larry Under the Bridge. Chess Club, Girls Scouts, reading and traveling the world are her hobbies. She hopes to be a veterinarian or pop star in the future! Ziva would like to thank her family and can't wait for them to see her perform!



Reese Madigan, Bob Cratchit

Reese is a proud Rep Associate Artist. Alongside Bob Cratchit, some favorite Rep roles include Brick, *Cat on* 

a Hot Tin Roof; Biff, Death of a Salesman; Hornung, Lombardi; Edmund, King Lear; Cassio, Othello; Thomas, Venus in Fur. He has appeared in Born Yesterday at APT, Silent Sky and Lombardi at Next Act, Russian Transport and Amelia at Renaissance and in Life Sucks at Forward. He has played on and Off Broadway from Lincoln Center to the Public to Manhattan Theatre Club; and at fifteen different regional theatres, some several times over. Thanks again, Mark. This one's for my mom.



Maya O'Day-Biddle, Fan

Maya is humbled to return to Milwaukee Rep to spread holiday cheer in *A Christmas Carol*! A seventh-

grader at Whitnall Middle School, Maya is charismatic and outgoing and loves to perform. Recent shows include: *Hairspray*,



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Annie, Skylight Music Theatre; The Wiz, First Stage; Fences, A Christmas Carol, The Color Purple, Milwaukee Rep; and many others at First Stage and in the community. The most generous gift one can both give and receive this holiday season is kindness. Enjoy the show!



Christopher Peltier, Young Scrooge

Christopher is elated to be returning to Milwaukee Rep! Recent credits include Laertes in *Hamlet* and

Malcolm in *Macbeth* (Utah Shakespeare Festival), Freddie in *Noises Off* (Montana Shakespeare in the Parks), Will Shakespeare in *Shakespeare in Love* and Bertram in *All's Well That Ends Well* (Great River Shakespeare Festival). Regional credits include American Players Theatre, Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Door Shakespeare, Raven Theatre, The Gift Theatre, Riverside Theatre and six tours with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks and Schools. He attended the University of Minnesota/Guthrie Theater BFA Actor Training Program. Love, always, to his inspiring wife, Eliza Stoughton.



James Pickering, Mr. Fezziwig

Jim returns to Milwaukee Rep's A Christmas Carol for his twentyeighth appearance. He originated the role of

Bob Cratchit in 1976, the inaugural year of the annual Yuletide treat. He has portrayed numerous characters in the ghost story, some of whom no longer exist, as Mark Clements' adaptation is the fifth version of the classic to be presented here in the historic Pabst Theater. He is very happy to be joined in this production by his wife, Tami Workentin, who will not only delight you as the Ghost of Christmas Past, but will manage, in spite of a frenetic

holiday schedule, to whip up a wonderful gourmet Christmas dinner at home in Bay View for Jim and their two young men, Jonah and Edan. *In memoriam* Lara Dalbey – dear friend and virtuoso.



**Joshua Ponce,** Dick Wilkins/Ghost of Christmas Future

Joshua is stoked to be making his Milwaukee Rep debut in this exciting season! He is

fresh off the plane from California, where he spent the last two years with PCPA Theaterfest training and appearing in Freaky Friday the Musical (Ensemble), A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder (Ensemble), Peter Pan (Twin 1), The Theory of Relativity (Curtis) and The Addams Family (Matador Ancestor). Endless Thank Yous to God, my family and friends for their love and support. www.joshuaponce.com



Rána Roman, Mrs. Cratchit

Rána is a Milwaukee native and proud graduate of Milwaukee High School of the Arts. She is so grateful to be

returning to Milwaukee Rep alongside her Cratchit family. Most recently, Rána was seen in *In the Heights* (ensemble) and Our Town (Mrs. Webb) at Milwaukee Rep. Other credits include On the Wings of a Mariposa (Mámi) at First Stage, Kiss Me Kate (Lilli/Kate) and Hot Mikado (Yum-Yum) at Skylight Music Theatre, Life Sucks (Ella) and Exit Strategy (Jania) at Forward Theater of Madison, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike (Cassandra) at Milwaukee Chamber Theatre and *Agnes of God* (Agnes) at Renaissance Theaterworks. This spring, Rána will be playing Eva Perón in *Evita* at Skylight Music Theatre. "Family not only need to consist of merely those with whom we share blood, but also for those whom we'd give blood." - Charles Dickens



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**Gilberto Saenz,**Belle's Husband
Gilberto is thrilled to

Gilberto is thrilled to be making his debut at Milwaukee Rep! Originally from Donna, Texas, Gilberto graduated

with a B.A. in Theater Studies from Yale University. Previous credits include Chuck Biggs in *She Kills Monsters* (Yale DRAMAT/Yale Rep); Prior Walter in *Angels in America*, Archie Nunn in *So, I Killed A Few People...* and Miguel de Cervantes/ Don Quixote in *Man of La Mancha*. Gilberto is an alumnus of the National Theatre Institute at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center (Theatermakers Ensemble, 2018). He is so thankful to continue telling stories—this time in Wisconsin!



Cody Sims, Ensemble

Cody is thrilled to be returning to Milwaukee Rep for A Christmas Carol. Cody is a junior at Rufus King International

Baccalaureate High School. He is an only child, residing with his mother in Milwaukee. Recent high school credits include Parents Just Don't Understand. Legally Blonde and The Jungle Book. Cody has also been a part of the PTI (Professional Training Institute) at Milwaukee Repertory Theater. Cody has competed in the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) at both the middle school and high school level; his chosen categories were Impromptu Speaking, Poetry and Serious Solo Acting. He has won several awards at local and city competitions. In 2018, Cody placed 8 out of 112 participants competing in the category of Poetry at the State of Wisconsin High School competition. He was the only freshman to compete in the semifinal round for Poetry, Cody's future goals include winning the NSDA competition and completing college level courses in acting and literature while in high school.



Lina Singh, Turkey Boy

Lina, age 11, is thrilled to be making her Milwaukee Rep debut! Lina is a sixth-grader at Bayside Middle School

and has been in several First Stage productions: Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook, Judy Moody, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and most recently, Elephant and Piggie. When Lina isn't acting, she is likely reading, watching cheesy movies with her friends or singing. Lina would like to thank Kristen DiNinno, her FS academy teachers, Bayside Middle School, her friends and family, especially her brother Oscar and her dog Nancie, for their awesome support. Enjoy the show!



**Cole Sison,** *Mathew Cratchit* 

Cole is very excited for his debut at Milwaukee Rep in the 2019 production of *A Christmas Carol*. His previous productions

with First Stage include Mockingbird as Michael, A Charlie Brown Christmas as Ensemble, Nate the Great as Harry and The Foundry: A Girl of the Limberlost as Billy. He would like to show appreciation to his family and friends for all their love and support. Big thanks to Milwaukee Rep for this exciting opportunity. Enjoy the show.



Quinn Sison, Want

Quinn is very grateful for this opportunity to be in *A Christmas Carol*. She is nine years old and is in fourth grade. She has

been in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* as the role of Ensemble Sheep at First Stage and *Everybody* as the roles of Girl and Time at Milwaukee Rep. Thank you to her family and friends for support and thank you to Milwaukee Rep for the opportunity.



Jack Trettin, Sniffer

Jack, a freshman at Whitefish Bay High School, is pleased to return for his seventh A Christmas

Carol here at Milwaukee Rep. Previous theater credits include Joe/Si Crowell in Our Town (Milwaukee Rep) as well as Jeremy Potts in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and Rudolph in Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer at First Stage Children's Theater. When he is not on stage, Jack enjoys playing baseball. Jack would like to thank everyone at Milwaukee Repertory Theater for another magical holiday season.



Jonathan Wainwright, Ebenezer Scrooge

Jonathan is thrilled to see the *Carol* family again, to bring this story to the wonderful city of Milwaukee. In his

fourth year playing Ebeneezer, he feels the need in this world for positive redemption and reclamation is at an all-time high. The timeless sentiments in *A Christmas Carol*, told in the gorgeous warmth of the Pabst, is an event that can bring us all together for an evening and he is honored to be a part of it again this year. Merry Christmas, everyone. Bless us all.



**Casey Westphal,** Boy Scrooge

Casey is excited to be back for A Christmas Carol this year! Last seen in Tinker Bell and Legally Blonde at First Stage and

the opera *Brundibar* with RUACH. Next stop, *A Wrinkle in Time* at First Stage. Casey's been blessed to have so many people who believe in him on his acting journey – on stage/TV/movies. He'd like to thank his voice teacher Adam Qutaishat, acting teachers Jeff Frank and Jeff Schaetzke. The

Rep team Frank Honts, Leda Hoffmann, Dan Kazemi, Jayne Pink, Mark Clements, the cast and crew for this incredible opportunity! And his "drivers" Amber, Jan, Chris, Shields, Granager and Sharon!



Austin Winter, Ensemble

Austin is happy to join Milwaukee Rep this season. Past credits include *Matilda*, *Romeo* and *Juliet* and *A Midnight* 

Cry (First Stage); The Wiz, Godspell (Hope Summer Repertory Theater); Chicago (Broadway Theater Project); and Seussical (Carthage China Tour). Austin has originated roles in A Seat at the Table (by Regina Taylor); The Breath of Stars (by Caridad Svich) and Wherever You've Been (by Caitlin DiGiacomo). Austin is a proud graduate of Carthage College and The Open Jar Residency in New York. Off the stage, he is a costume designer and a multimedia studio artist. Love and thanks to mom and dad. www.austinwinter. com @austwintermint 1Jn4:18. Residency sponsored by Four Four Foundation.



**Tami Workentin,** *Ghost of Christmas Past* 

Tami celebrates 38 years as a working actress and is delighted in be involved in this

year's telling of A Christmas Carol. She had the great pleasure of performing in the Yuletide favorite once before, as Mrs. Cratchit/Cook in 2002. Additional Milwaukee Rep credits include Louise in Always...Patsy Cline, Jean in Good People and Barbara DeMarco in Shear Madness. Additional Milwaukee credits include Luna Gale at Renaissance Theaterworks, A Secret Mask (alongside her husband Jim Pickering) at Next Act Theatre and various productions at Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, First Stage Children's Theater, Milwaukee Shakespeare and the Marcus



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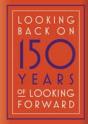
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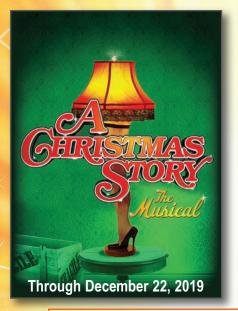
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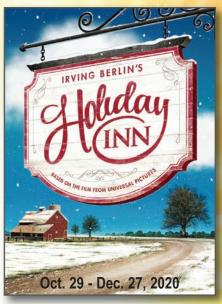
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Center. Regional credits include Goodman Theatre, Court Theatre, Organic Theater, Bailiwick Repertory Theatre, Orlando Shakespeare Festival, Shakespeare-in-the-Park Fort Worth and Taproot Theatre.

#### **CREATIVE TEAM**



Mark Clements, Director

Mark is an awardwinning international theater director whose work has appeared in over 100 major theaters

throughout Europe and the United States. He began his tenure as Artistic Director with the 2010/11 Season by bringing musicals to the mainstage, starting a tradition that is now the highlight of every season, including Cabaret, Next To Normal, Assassins, Ragtime, Dreamgirls, The Color Purple, Man of La Mancha, Guys and Dolls, In the Heights and West Side Story. Milwaukee Rep directing credits include the world premieres of One House Over, his own adaptation of the current A Christmas Carol, Five Presidents and American Song. Also directed for Milwaukee Rep: Things I Know To Be True (American Premiere), Junk, The Glass Menagerie, Of Mice and Men, Othello, Death of a Salesman, The History of Invulnerability, End of the Rainbow, Clybourne Park and Bombshells. Some of his New York and international work includes Speaking in Tongues, The Milliner and Blunt Speaking, in addition to creating and directing the West End and UK National Tour of Soul Train. Prior to joining The Rep, Mark served as an Associate Artistic Director for several UK theater companies, most notably, Artistic Director for the award-winning Derby Playhouse in the UK from 1992 - 2002, where he directed over 40 productions. He has been nominated for an Olivier Award and several UK Theatre Awards, and has won three Barrymore

Awards from his time at Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia. He currently serves on the National Advisory Board for the Lunt-Fontanne Fellowship Program at Ten Chimneys. Mark is currently working with Ayad Akhtar on adapting his critically acclaimed novel American Dervish for the stage to make its world premiere at Milwaukee Rep in an upcoming season.

#### Dan Kazemi.

Music Director

Dan is a New York-based composer, actor. director, orchestrator and music director. He is an Associate Artist at The Rep and A Christmas Carol is his 30th production here! He most recently directed Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash at The Rep's Stackner Cabaret and Actors Theatre of Louisville. His recent musical direction credits for Milwaukee Rep include Nunsense, West Side Story, In the Heights, The All Night Strut!, Murder for Two, Guvs and Dolls, Man of La Mancha and Dreamgirls. In Philadelphia, Dan recently musically directed Lizzie (Barrymore Award), Herringbone (Barrymore Nom) and orchestrated and musically directed the world premiere musicals *Field Hockey Hot* (Barrymore Nom) and Tulipomania. Dan's music has been performed at SDC's Mr. Abbott Awards, Le Cirque de Demain in Paris, Ballet Fleming and in the 213 collective's collaborations *Untitled Project #213* and *Your Attention* Please!. Dan is also the composer of a new musical, The Tapioca Miracle.

### **Todd Edward Ivins,**

Scenic Designer

Todd's passion is telling stories through design. Milwaukee Rep scenic designs: West Side Story, Junk, Of Mice and Men, Dreamgirls, Five Presidents, The Color Purple, The History of Invulnerability, Ragtime, Clybourne Park, Assassins, Next to Normal. Scenic and costume designs include Cabaret & Othello (Milwaukee Rep) and Dorian Gray & Mirror Mirror (Milwaukee Ballet). Other Milwaukee credits include

Michael Pink's Beauty and the Beast (Milwaukee Ballet). Favorites include The Illusionists: Turn of the Century (Broadway, National & International Tour), Circus 1903 (International Tour & Las Vegas residency at the Paris Casino). Todd designs dance, plays, musicals, television & corporate events, ranging from intimate events to arenas. Radiant love to my muses, daughter Agatha & wife Abigail. Visit Todd's online portfolio at www.ivinsart.com.

#### Alexander B. Tecoma.

Costume Designer

Alex has been a Draper in Milwaukee Rep's costume shop for the past 23 seasons. A Christmas Carol is his 38th production at the Rep as costume designer. He was Rep Company Member of the Year for the 2004/2005 Season. Past designs at The Rep include West Side Story, Ring of Fire, Songs for Nobodies, Guys and Dolls, Man of La Mancha, Dreamairls, Liberace! and Ragtime. Alex has designed costumes for Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Renaissance Theaterworks, First Stage and Harley Davidson's 100th Anniversary Tour. Other professional credits include American Players Theatre, Great Lakes Theater Festival, Colorado Shakespeare Festival and Santa Fe Opera. He received his M.F.A. in Costume Design and Technology from University of Illinois. Alex is most proud of being part of the team that helped create "Stitching History from the Holocaust," an exhibit produced by the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee. http://stitchinghistory.org/

#### Jeff Nellis,

Lighting Designer

Jeff's Milwaukee Rep designs include Ragtime, Assassins, Othello, Next to Normal, Death of a Salesman, Bombshells and Cabaret. New York designs include Broadway's Prymate, Off-Broadway's Tryst (New York Outer Critics Circle Award nomination), The Milliner, Zanna Don't!, The It Girl and numerous others. He has worked around the country at theaters

including Center Stage Theater, Alley Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Cleveland Play House, Bay Street Theater, Walnut Street Theatre, Hartford Stage, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Westport Country Playhouse, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, North Shore Music Theatre, Los Angeles Opera, Trinity Repertory Company, George Street Playhouse and others.

#### Barry G. Funderburg,

Sound Designer

Barry returns for his 22nd A Christmas Carol and his 80th Rep production. Memorable productions include Our Town, Dreamgirls, Othello, The Seafarer, Pride and Prejudice, Mary Stuart and Angels in America. Off-Broadway: Wittenberg at the Pearl Theatre Company. Regional theatre: Steppenwolf Theatre, Utah Shakespeare Festival, Alley Theatre, Kansas City Rep, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, Arizona Theatre Company, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Baltimore Center Stage, Great Lakes Theater, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Peninsula Players, American Players Theatre and Indiana Rep. Barry has received two Chicago Equity Jeff Awards, a St. Louis Theater Circle Award and an MFA in sound design from Purdue University.

#### John Tanner,

Original Music Score

John, a Milwaukee Rep Associate Artist, is a composer and sound designer. His experience covers a broad range of work in scoring, arranging and music composition for television, documentaries, radio, industrial video and theater. His original music has won numerous awards, including Golden Reel Awards, Telly Awards, national, regional and local American Advertising Federation Awards, Silver Microphone Awards, John has garnered Gold and Platinum sales certifications for his album engineering work. Projects include scores for NBC, ABC, Lionsgate, PBS and numerous theatrical productions





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around the country. Recent work includes the Milwaukee Public Museum and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Email: johnt@tannermonagle.com

#### Larry Moore,

Orchestrations

Larry, a composer, arranger and producer from the Milwaukee area, is most widely known for his extensive catalog of arrangements for orchestra, published and distributed through the Hal Leonard Corporation. His commissions have been performed by orchestras in Milwaukee, Phoenix, Chautaugua and Indianapolis. In addition, his published works have been performed throughout the United States as well as worldwide, including orchestras in Belfast, Bremin, Milan, Prague and Slovenia. He has composed orchestra scores for television shows such as "ER." "Fear Factor," "The Gilmore Girls" and "Nightline." He is also a studio musician and has produced and played on dozens of projects, including numerous CD's for Hal Leonard. In live performance Larry has worked with such notable figures as Bob Hope and Cab Calloway. He also currently performs with his own jazz ensemble.

#### Michael Pink,

Stage Movement Director

Michael Pink is the Artistic Director of the Milwaukee Ballet. He is a prominent member of the Milwaukee arts community, demonstrating his commitment to the future of dance through new work, education and collaboration. His work has been presented in Europe, Asia, America and Canada. PBS broadcast his production of Peter Pan nationally in 2014. His production of Romeo & Juliet was also filmed by MPBS. He trained at The Royal Ballet and worked with English National Ballet, The Paris Opera and La Scala, Milan. His credits with Milwaukee Rep include A Christmas Carol, Assassins, Cabaret and Next to Normal.

#### Jayne Pink,

Dialect Coach

Jayne is delighted to join the team and wonderful cast once more! She has previously coached on *The* Norman Conquests and Happy Now? for Milwaukee Rep. She has recently enjoyed choreographing the productions Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Matilda, Elephant and Piggie and Urinetown for First Stage Children's Theater. Born in London, Jayne has spent much of her professional life as a dancer. She is best known for her created roles and close collaboration with Christopher Gable and Michael Pink. She has since acted as répetiteur and coach for Milwaukee Ballet, Boston Ballet, Royal New Zealand Ballet, Norwegian National Ballet and Colorado Ballet Company. She is also the director of the Pilates program for Milwaukee Ballet.

#### Leda Hoffmann,

Associate Director

This is Leda's sixth A Christmas Carol, having directed last season, associate directed in 2017, 2016 and 2014 and assistant directed in 2010. Other Milwaukee Rep directing credits include Black Pearl Sings, Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill and The Amish Project. Leda has also directed at Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Luminous Theatre, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Renaissance Theaterworks, Texas Shakespeare Festival, Mudlark Theater, Door Shakespeare and Alchemist Theatre. Leda is the Artistic Director of Strawdog Theatre Company in Chicago, a proud graduate of Grinnell College, a former Milwaukee Rep Directing Intern, SDCF Observer and a member of Lincoln Center Theater Directors Lab. Upcoming: Welcome to Keene, New Hampshire (Strawdog), www.ledahoffmann.com

#### Frank Honts,

Casting Director, Line Producer

Frank is Director of Artistic Personnel at Milwaukee Rep. Prior to joining The Rep staff in 2016, Frank worked at a number of regional theaters including Utah Shakespeare Festival, Renaissance Theaterworks, The Goodman, California Shakespeare Theater, A Contemporary Theatre (Seattle), and Paramount Theatre. He has worked extensively as both a director and dramaturg, and was honored to be a directing resident at Milwaukee Rep in the 2013/14 Season. Frank spent two seasons as Artistic Associate at Forward Theater Company in Madison, and he was the inaugural recipient of the Michael Flachmann Fellowship at Utah Shakepeare Festival. He is a graduate of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Frank would like to thank Casting Assistants Thaddeus Kaszuba, Dylan Sladky and Sara Zientek, whose dedicated efforts have helped make this season possible.

#### Lara Leigh Dalbey,

Make-up/Hair/Wig Designer

Lara was a Milwaukee Rep artisan for more than 20 years. Her wigs and make-up design grace the stage of the Pabst Theater for the 21st time in *A Christmas Carol*. Her work has also been seen at Arizona Opera, Skylight Music Theatre, Opera in the Ozarks, American Players Theatre and Writers Theatre. Lara passed away unexpectedly in late October. Her friends at Milwaukee Rep and in the Greater Milwaukee community miss her dearly.

#### Rebecca Lindsey,

Stage Manager

This is Becca's seventh holiday season working on A Christmas Carol! Having started off her career as a Milwaukee Rep intern in 2005/06, she has enjoyed working on a variety of projects with The Rep in the years since, with highlights including Things I Know To Be True and An Iliad. In addition, Becca has spent 13

seasons with American Players Theatre as a Stage Manager and Core Tech company member. Recent favorite SM credits there include A Doll's House and A View from the Bridge. Thanks to this group of humans for being such a JOY to work alongside!

#### Kimberly Carolus,

Assistant Stage Manager

Kimberly is delighted to be returning to the *A Christmas Carol* stage management team for her seventh holiday season in Milwaukee! Some favorites from her seven seasons at The Rep include *West Side Story, In the Heights, The Chinese Lady, An Iliad* and *after all the terrible things I do.* Kimberly has also worked at Great River Shakespeare Festival, First Stage, Fulton Theatre, Riverside Theatre in the Park (Iowa City, IA) and Walt Disney World. She would like to thank her family and S for their endless love and support.

#### Josh Hart,

Stage Management Fellow

Josh is delighted to return to Milwaukee Rep as the Stage Management Fellow this season. Last season as a Stage Management Resident he worked on a variety of shows, including *In the Heights, A Christmas Carol, The Chinese Lady* and *Rep Lab*. Before coming to Milwaukee, he attended the University of Chicago, where he stage managed such shows as *Peter and the Starcatcher, For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf* and a burlesque-inspired circus showcase.

#### Krista Kanderski,

Young Performers' Stage Manager

Krista is delighted to join Milwaukee Rep as an Emerging Professional Resident this season. She is a recent graduate of Marquette University with a B.A. in Sociology and minors in Theatre Arts, Biology, and Culture, Health, & Illness. Born and raised in Milwaukee, she has worked with several companies in the

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#### Kelsey Robins,

Assistant Director

Kelsey Robins is a recent graduate of Northwestern University, where she majored in Theatre and Legal Studies and minored in Comparative Literature. Directing highlights included Cabaret, Ghost Quartet and an all-female production of 1776. She also served as the Executive Director of Northwestern's classic and classically inspired theatre group, Lovers & Madmen. As an Assistant Director, Kelsey has worked on King Lear, All's Well That Ends Well (Hip to Hip); A Chorus Line, Vinegar Tom (Northwestern University); and as Assistant to the Director on The Music Man (Goodman Theatre, dir. Mary Zimmerman).



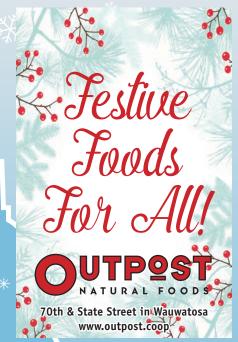
**Chad Bauman,** *Executive Director* 

Appointed in 2013, Chad is now in his seventh Season at Milwaukee Rep. Under his guidance, the theater has grown

significantly from a \$9M organization to a \$13M organization. He's completed two capital campaigns, one to remodel and expand the Stackner Cabaret and the other to build the endowment, launch the John (Jack) D. Lewis New Play Development Program, create a new *A Christmas Carol* and deepen the theater's community engagement programs. Through his efforts, the theater has been awarded UPAF's Good Steward Award four out of the last six years and became the only performing arts organization in Wisconsin with a 4 star rating from Charity

Navigator. Before moving to Milwaukee, he was the Associate Executive Director at Arena Stage in Washington, DC, where he was instrumental in opening the Mead Center for American Theater, a 200,000 square feet, three theater performing arts complex dedicated to American voices and playwrights. While at Arena Stage, he worked on the Broadway transfers of Next to Normal (Pulitzer Prize; Tony Award), Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (Tony Award), Wishful Drinking starring Carrie Fisher, Looped starring Valerie Harper, and John Grisham's A Time to Kill in addition to the world premieres of Marcus Gardley's Every Tongue Confess starring Phylicia Rashad and Red Hot Patriot starring Kathleen Turner. He has been named to Milwaukee Business Journal's Top 40 under 40 and a "Friend of the Hispanic Community" by the United Community Center. He currently serves as the President of the Milwaukee Arts Partners, Vice President of the Board of Pathways High School, Chair of the Finance Committee of ImagineMKE, and Coordinator for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion for AFS Student Exchange Programs, Bauman is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management program and has a Master of Fine Arts in producing from the CalArts. He and his husband Justin live in Whitefish Bay and have been host parents to AFS Exchange Students from Norway and Germany.







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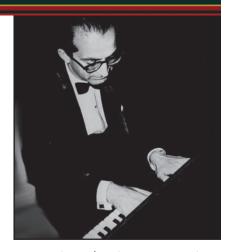
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Edmund Assaly was the first musical director for Milwaukee Rep's production of *A Christmas Carol*, and he continued in this role until his death in 1983.

Born in Rosetown, Canada in 1920, he began playing the piano at eight and, when his family moved to Saskatoon in the early 1930s, he studied piano and composition. He was the organist at Saint James Church and played on CBC radio in Canada. During World War II he took part in entertainment tours for the troops and began his career in composition.

Edmund received the licentiate degree of music from the Royal College of London and went on to compose and conduct for radio and television for CBC, eventually settling down in Montreal. While there, he enjoyed a successful career as a composer, creating works like *Carrefour*, the award-winning work of the Montreal Ballet Festival (1950), and other works for ballets throughout the 1950s and 60s. He undertook the musical direction of the national tour of *You're A Good Man*, *Charlie Brown!* for more than a year and even performed at the White House.



He moved to Milwaukee in 1970 with his wife, Gretta, to teach orchestration, arranging, and harmony UW-Milwaukee. While in Milwaukee, he worked with many arts groups in Milwaukee including the Milwaukee Symphony, the Milwaukee Ballet, and the Milwaukee Opera. One of his crowning achievements was the creation of the musical All Together Now in 1973 with former Milwaukee Rep Artistic Director Nagle Jackson and former Resident Acting Company member Jeffrev Tambor.

Milwaukee Rep owes Edmund and Gretta Assaly a huge debt of gratitude for their contributions in making *A Christmas Carol* one of Milwaukee's most beloved holiday traditions!



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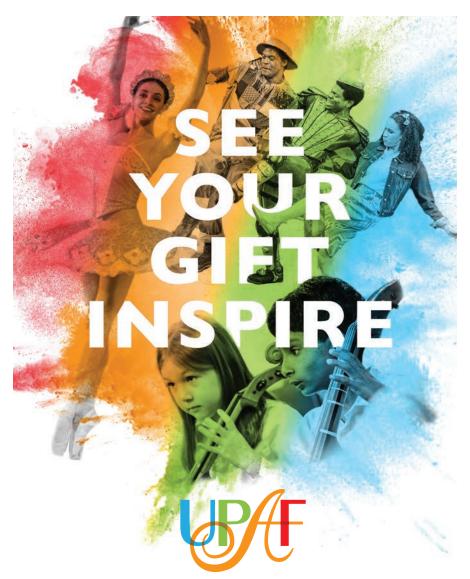
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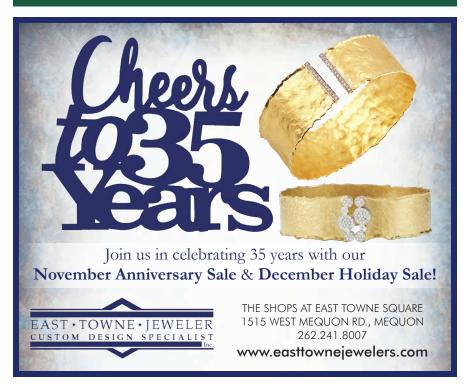
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