

## **New Life Fine Arts Musical Theater presents “Ebenezer Scrooge: A Christmas Carol” in Groton, MA**

New Life Fine Arts Musical Theater’s popular production *Ebenezer Scrooge: A Christmas Carol* returns this holiday season to the Groton-Dunstable Performing Arts Center, 344 Main Street, Groton, Massachusetts, for eight performances running December 12-21.

This spirited musical adaptation, written and directed by **David MacAdam** of Concord, Massachusetts, brings Charles Dickens’ timeless tale to life with a cast of 65 performers, a live orchestra, and a creative team dedicated to celebrating the season’s message of redemption and joy.

Based on Dickens’ 1843 classic *A Christmas Carol in Prose*, the production emphasizes the spiritual heartbeat of the story — that the spirit of Christmas can be kept year-round when you have a change of heart.

Dickens structured his novella in five “staves,” rather than chapters. The idea was to suggest that each episode was part of a Christmas carol, referencing the meaning of the event that inspired Christmas.

In Stave One, Jacob Marley laments, “Why did I never lift my eyes to that blessed Star that guided the Wise Men?” Later, Dickens has Tiny Tim point to the One “who made lame beggars walk and the blind to see.” In the final stave, Ebenezer Scrooge awakens on Christmas morning a changed man — repentant, renewed, and radiant with newfound resolve, declaring: “I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.”

Dickens captured Scrooge’s transformation vividly: “He went to church, and walked about the streets, and watched the people hurrying to and fro... and found that everything could yield him pleasure. He had never dreamed that anything could give him so much happiness.”

This year’s cast features **Ben Morse** of Natick as the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge and **Glenn Gray** of Sudbury as the mysterious messenger who releases the memories of Scrooge’s past, cheerless present, and warns him of a foreboding future.

“It’s a joy to share this festive holiday gift with new audiences year after year,” says MacAdam, who also serves as founding pastor of New Life Community Church in Concord, where he has ministered for 39 years. His theatrical works — including *Ruth* and *Celestial City: The Story of John Bunyan and His Pilgrim’s Progress* — have been performed on both sides of the Atlantic.

Assistant directors **Ben Morse**, **Fran Cioffi**, and conductor **John Skinner** round out the production team, guiding a talented ensemble of Southern New England performers who bring the Victorian streets of London — and this classic Christmas tale — vividly to life.

Evening performances will be held on December 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 7:30 pm, and matinees on December 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 2:30 pm. Ticket prices are \$27 adult, \$25 for Seniors and children under 18, \$23 for groups of 10 or more.

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