



PERSEVERANCE THEATRE  
—Alaskan Regional Theatre—

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**Perseverance Theatre Presents Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, The Holiday Classic Perfect for the Whole Family.**

December 1, 2014 – Anchorage – Perseverance Theatre (PT) presents the holiday classic adapted from Charles Dickens' Original by Arlitia Jones and Michael Evan Haney. A holiday favorite, *A Christmas Carol*, performs for two weeks December 19-28, with one Pay-As-You-Can preview on December 18, in the Discovery Theatre at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. Share Scrooge's miraculous transformation with the whole family and experience the remembrance of the true meaning of Christmas. Tickets for *A Christmas Carol* are \$20.25 - \$49.25 and are available online at [PTALASKA.ORG](http://PTALASKA.ORG) or by calling 907-263-ARTS.

Perseverance commissioned a new adaptation of Dicken's classic tale, using the book as the main inspiration for the performance. It was adapted by Anchorage playwright Arlitia Jones (*Come to Me*, *Leopards*, *Rush at Everlasting*) and Michael Evan Haney (Associate Artist at Cincinnati Playhouse in The Park). *A Christmas Carol* concerns one Ebenezer Scrooge. He is a greedy and stingy businessman, with no place in his life for kindness, compassion, charity or benevolence. When Scrooge is visited by four ghosts, including his former business partner, Jacob Marley, he is warned to change his ways or face a miserable afterlife.

Directed by Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's Artistic Associate Michael Haney, whose love of the story has lead him to directing *A Christmas Carol* in Cincinnati for over twenty years! Now one of the Playhouse's associate artists, Mr. Haney previously served as associate artistic director from 2002-2012. His productions have garnered more than 40 CEA and Acclaim awards, including seven best play and nine best directing awards, and last year he received The Rick Steiner Award for Excellence. Off-Broadway, he directed *Around the World in 80 Days* at the Irish Repertory Theatre. Mr. Haney's international credits include the English Theatres of Vienna and Frankfurt and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Arlitia Jones is a playwright, poet and director, as well as co-founder of TossPot Productions in Anchorage, AK. Her play *Rush at Everlasting* was produced at Perseverance Theatre in Juneau in January 2014 and Anchorage in February 2014. Her short play *Tornado* was selected as a winner in the 38th Annual Samuel French OOB Short Play Festival in July 2013. In addition to her theatre work, Jones is also a published poet and author of *The Bandsaw Riots*.

The show will have choreography by Kristen Vierthaler and sound and music design by Lucy Peckham (*An Iliad*). The design team also consists of Artistic Director Art Rotch designing the set, Becky Laskey designing costumes, Jim Sale designing lights, Tom Skore as dialect coach, and stage management by BJ Brooks.

The cast is led by Kevin T. Bennett as Scrooge, also features: Tom Robenolt, John Parsi, Ann Reddig, David Haynes, Danielle Rabinovitch, Alyssa Barnes, Trenton Schneiders, Eric Dahl, Jamie Nelson, James Sullivan, Tamar Shai, Jill Sowerwine, David Bolkvadze, Asa Marley-Jester, Rowan Sayers-Fay, Johnny Bolkvadze, Zola Sayers-Fay, Avery Jacobs, along with musicians Mischa Shimeck and Nate Berry.

Tickets to *A Christmas Carol* are now on sale and range from \$20.25 to \$49.25. Discounted tickets for groups of ten or more may be purchased by calling 907-263-ARTS. For ticket reservations, call the Centertix Box Office at 907-263-ARTS, go online at [centertix.net](http://centertix.net) or visit the Centertix Box Office in the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. Visit [www.ptalaska.org](http://www.ptalaska.org) for additional ticket information.

### **A Christmas Carol Fact Sheet**

WHO: Perseverance Theatre, 914 Third St., Douglas, Alaska. 907-463-TIXS (8497)

WHAT: *A Christmas Carol* adapted from Charles Dickens' Original by Arlitia Jones and Michael Evan Haney. Directed by Michael Evan Haney.

#### CAST:

Kevin T. Bennett - Scrooge

Jamie Nelson - Cratchit

Tamar Shai - Mrs. Cratchit / Fezziwig Guest

James Sullivan - Fred

Tom Robenolt\* - Marley / Christmas Present / Young Marley

John Parsi - Solicitor Salt / Topper ( Fred's Party) / Fezziwig Guest / Slackjaw / Pidge

Ann Reddig - Mrs. Fezziwig / Peake / Lucy (Fred's Party) / Streets

David Haynes - Mr. Fezziwig / Old Joe / Streets

Danielle Rabinovitch - Christmas Past / Katherine (Fred's Party) / Mrs. Dilber

Alyssa Barnes - Belle / Wilamina (Fred's Party)

Trenton Schneiders - Dick Wilkins / Undertaker Glour / Bean / Poulterer / Streets / Fezziwig Guest

Eric Dahl - Young Scrooge / Christmas Future / Culpepper / Streets

Jill Sowerwine - Solicitor Peppin / Fezziwig Guest / Streets

David Shai Bolkvadze - Thrump / Peter / Fezziwig Guest / Streets

Asa Marley-Jester - Wilberforce / Singer (Young Caroler) / Fezziwig Guest / Streets

Rowan Sayers-Fay - Stodger / David / Runcorn / Fezziwig Guest / Streets

Jonathan Shai Bolkvadze - Boy Scrooge / Tiny Tim / Fezziwig Guest

Zola Sayers-Fay - Fan / Belinda / Fezziwig Guest / Streets

Avery Jacobs - Martha / Fezziwig Guest / Streets

\*Member of Actors Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers

#### ARTISTIC TEAM

Michael Evan Haney - Director/Adaptor

Arlitia Jones - Adaptor

Tom Robenolt - Assistant Director

Art Rotch - Set Designer

Becky Laskey - Costume Designer

Lucy Peckham - Sound Designer

Jim Sales - Light Designer

Kristen Vierthaler - Choreographer

Tom Skore - Dialect Coach

BJ Brooks - Stage Manager

WHERE: Discovery Theatre in the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, located at 621 W 6th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

WHEN: December 19 - 28, 2014 (Opening night: December 19 at 7:30 pm). Performance times: 7:30 pm Friday, Saturday and Tuesday. Matinees on Christmas Eve at 2:00 pm, Saturdays at 2:00 pm, and Sundays at 4:00 pm.

The performance on Saturday December 20 at 7:30 pm will include an ASL interpreter.

There will be a Pay-As-You-Can Preview on Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 pm.

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Perseverance Theatre was founded in 1979 in Juneau. Thirty-four years later, we've grown into a leading professional theatre in Alaska, recognized both statewide and nationally for our programming, training and development that's reflective of the Alaskan community, including 65 world premieres of plays by Alaskan and national playwrights. Perseverance Theatre's mission is to create professional theatre by and for Alaskans. We value community engagement, professional rigor, and regional voice. This year, Perseverance launches its third season as a statewide institution, performing in Anchorage at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. Find more information on Perseverance Theatre at [www.ptalaska.org](http://www.ptalaska.org). You can also follow Perseverance Theatre at [facebook.com/PerseveranceTheatre](https://facebook.com/PerseveranceTheatre) and [Twitter.com/PersevTheatreAK](https://twitter.com/PersevTheatreAK).

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