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Description: **Dufflebag Theatre** returns to The Centre with the seasonal classic ***A Christmas Carol***. Charles Dickens' story of ghosts, regrets, and a reformed view of the holidays is filled with wit and humour as well as enthralling the kids and creating hilarious plot twists.

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Let *A Christmas Carol* teach you the true meaning of Christmas!

CHILLIWACK, BC – You won't need a visit from the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future to feel full of holiday spirit this year – **DuffleBag Theatre's** children's production of ***A Christmas Carol*** will help you do just that! On **December 11** join Scrooge as he learns the real meaning of Christmas with the help of a few phantom friends in this witty and hilarious take on the iconic seasonal story. Full of surprising plot twists, this second show in the Kids Series has plenty of laughs, and even a little

audience participation, it's a show that'll keep viewers of all ages enthralled the whole time.

A Christmas Carol follows the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a greedy business man, on his journey to find out what Christmas is really all about. When Scrooge is visited by the ghost of an old business partner and taken on an adventure by the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future, he learns that there's more to life – and the holiday season – than earning money.

The classic Charles Dickens tale has been told many times but never like this, and DuffleBag Theatre's interactive performance will let audience members experience the tale of Christmas cheer first hand. This comedic, partially improv take of the story will have the audience on the edge of their seats with laughter, and maybe even participating in the production!

“People can expect the unexpected!” laughs Marcus Lundgren, DuffleBag Theatre's artistic director. “Our adaption of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will be like no other version because ours stars members of the audience in the main roles! During the performance, a few lucky members will be brought on stage, given a costume, and DuffleBag Theatre will make what ever they do part of the story. The improvisation and hilarious spontaneity of a DuffleBag Theatre performance makes for a truly unique experience.”

DuffleBag Theatre has performed at festivals and schools across Canada since 1992. The theatre troupe got their start at the London International Children's Festival in London, Ontario, and now performs more than 600 shows each year internationally. The group has more than 15 English and French productions in their repertoire, including *Cinderella*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Robin Hood*, even some children's adaptations of Shakespeare plays like *Romeo & Juliet* and *MacBeth*, and, of course, a few Christmas stories.

"We are now in our 24th season so we know how to tell a funny story," Lundgren said. "For the audience, the shared experience of being part of a DuffleBag Theatre performance is unlike any other. It's fun for all ages and is something that will no doubt be reenacted around the dinner table later that night!"

Come join in the fun – literally – when *A Christmas Carol* comes to town on **December 11**. Guaranteed to be a night full of laughter and adventure, you'll only want to say 'bahumbug!' when the show is done, so get your tickets today!

A Christmas Carol is generously sponsored by: Emil Anderson, Tim Hortons, Coast Capital Savings, Save-On-Foods, KPMG, Best Western Rainbow Country Inn, The Chilliwack Times, Canadian Heritage, the British Columbia Arts Council, the Province of British Columbia, and the City of Chilliwack.

A Christmas Carol is coming to The Chilliwack Cultural Centre on **December 11** at **2:00 pm**. Tickets are only \$10 and are available at the Centre Box Office, online at www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca, or by calling 604-391-SHOW(7469).

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Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Owned by the City of Chilliwack, the Cultural Centre houses two unique performance venues, an art gallery, music instruction studios, arts and crafts studios, meeting rooms, offices, and is home to the Chilliwack Academy of Music and the O'Connor Group Art Gallery. Since opening in 2010, over 290,000 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$4,280,000. The Centre is overseen by The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society on behalf of the City.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre highlights:

- 597 seat performance theatre
- 168 seat recital hall / rehearsal space / dance studio / meeting space
- Chilliwack Art gallery (22-foot high display area)
- 21 music instructional rooms
- Arts, crafts and performance studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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