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Argenta Community Theatre

Announce Performances of *A Christmas Carol*

LITTLE ROCK – The Argenta Community Theater, released the following statement:

The Argenta Community Theater is pleased to announce performances for the 2019 Production of *A Christmas Carol*. The 3rd production of an original script of Charles Dickens immortal classic, *A Christmas Carol*, was written for the ACT stage by Arkansas playwright Judy B. Goss. There will be 12 performances of *A Christmas Carol*; including 2 student performances and one matinee. The shows are as follows:

December 5	7 PM	Friends and Family Night	\$20
December 6	10:30 AM	STUDENT SHOW	\$10
December 6	7 PM	Friends and Family Night	\$20
December 7	7:30 PM	OPENING NIGHT	\$30
December 8	7:30 PM	Saturday	\$30
December 9	3:00 PM	Sunday Matinee	\$30
December 11	10:30 AM	STUDENT SHOW	\$10
December 11	7 PM	Tuesday Show	\$20
December 12	7 PM	Wednesday Show	\$30
December 13	7 PM	Thursday Show	\$30
December 14	7 PM	Friday Show	\$30
December 15	7 PM	Closing Night Show	\$30

This is the third annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. The 2019 production of *A Christmas Carol* is presented by **Centennial Bank** in partnership with **The Tenenbaum Foundation**, the **City of North Little Rock** and the **NLR Convention and Visitors Bureau**.

This is the 3rd original stage production presented by ACT which includes the acclaimed stage adaptation of the Academy Award winning film *Mrs. Miniver* by Judy B. Goss in 2015 and the original *During Wind and Rain* by Michael Rice and Margaret Bolsteri. Shows of this size involve many members of our community - acting, singing, building sets, and more.

A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens, is adapted for the ACT stage by Judy Goss. It is directed by Vincent Insalaco. It is produced by Judy Tenenbaum with set design and technical direction by Sara Cooke. Costumes are designed and built by Shelly Hall. Stage Manager is Maggie Simpson. Set Construction is by Jimi Brewi. Lighting Design is by Dena Kimberling, Choreography by Christen Pitts, Sound effects by Nathan Abshire and Props Master is Lauren Nicholas.

AUDITION NOTICE

Sunday, July 21, 2019, 6 PM – 9 PM

email casting@argentacommunitytheater.org for an audition slot

Monday, July 22, 2019 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Callbacks if needed)

All Auditions will be held at the Argenta Community Theater, 405 Main Street, NLR

You will receive an email notice confirming your appointment. ACT encourages all ethnicities and genders to audition! Rehearsals will begin on August 12, 2019. Evening rehearsals will generally run 6pm to 9pm. There will also be rehearsals on either Saturday or Sunday afternoons, but not both. All actors should expect to be called for every rehearsal the 2 weeks prior to tech week. Rehearsals will be broken up by scene and call sheets will be provided to the actors prior to rehearsal beginning. Every effort will be made to maximize the time actors are at rehearsal. *A Christmas Carol* will be directed by Vincent Insalaco. Please see all details below and visit argentacommunitytheater.org for complete audition information.

*Auditions are for all ages – note the age suggestion by the character

*Parents, now's your chance to be on stage with your child!

*All roles will be in distinct British Accents – A dialect coach is part of our team

*Most roles will be part of the ensemble and several actors will play multiple characters

*All ethnicities are encouraged to audition

*Some roles will require limited dancing or singing

*Audition sides for cold readings will be available at auditions. To prepare we suggest you become familiar with the story. You will be asked to sing a verse of *We wish you a Merry Christmas*

Roles to be cast for *A Christmas Carol*

Ebenezer Scrooge - The miserly owner of a London counting-house (*age mid 40's – 60s but looks older than his years*)

Bob Cratchit - Scrooge's clerk, a kind, mild, and very poor man with a large family (*age 30 – 40*)

Tiny Tim - Bob Cratchit's young son, crippled from birth (*age 7 – 10 but must be small for his age*)

Jacob Marley - In the living world, Ebenezer Scrooge's equally greedy partner (*age 30 – 50*)

The Ghost of Christmas Past - The first spirit to visit Scrooge (Female – *age 25 – 35*)

The Ghost of Christmas Present - The second spirit to visit Scrooge (Male – *age 35 – 60*)

The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come - The third and final spirit to visit Scrooge (Male – nondescript)

Fred - Scrooge's nephew, a genial man who loves Christmas (*age 20 – 30*)

Fezziwig - The jovial merchant with whom the young Scrooge apprenticed (*age 30's – 50's*)

Belle - A beautiful woman who Scrooge loved deeply when he was a young man (*age 30's – 40's*)

Peter Cratchit - Bob's oldest son (*age 12 – 16*)

Martha Cratchit - Bob's oldest daughter, who works in a milliner's shop (*age 17 – 25*)

Fan - Scrooge's devoted sister; Fred's mother (*age 12 – 18*)

Ensemble will also include children and adults of all ages and genders – 2 young children are needed ages 7+