



# Bah, Humbug

A Christmas Carol

DECEMBER 12-14  
MCCONNELL ARTS CENTER



# Bah, Humbug! A Christmas Carol

A CHRISTMAS PLAY  
ADAPTED BY BILL KENNEDY  
FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL  
BY CHARLES DICKENS

*This play is dedicated to the  
Worthington Community Theater*

*and Pam and Erin and Doug*

THERE WILL BE A 20 MINUTE INTERMISSION  
BETWEEN ACTS ONE AND TWO WITH  
PERFORMANCE IN THE ATRIUM

# Welcome

It's another Christmas, when man finds himself a year older but not a penny richer- or so Ebenezer Scrooge believes. Join us this Christmas season to enjoy Bah Humbug, an original adaptation of the Charles Dickens' classic tale A Christmas Carol.

Follow Scrooge as he is visited by three spirits who take in on a journey to Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Each spirit hopes to warn him to change his ways or he shall face an eternity of torment. Will Scrooge see the error in his ways, that money isn't everything? Or is it too late?

# Musical Numbers

## ACT ONE:

DECK THE HALLS

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

THE WASSAIL SONG

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

## *INTERMISSION PERFORMANCE IN ATRIUM:*

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

JINGLE BELLS

NUTTIN' FOR CHRISTMAS

O CHRISTMAS TREE

## ACT TWO:

JOY TO THE WORLD

SILENT NIGHT

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



# Cast List

SCROOGE.....JAKE MCASKILL  
BOB CRATCHIT.....LELAND MCCANDLESS  
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST.....MILLY THOMPSON  
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT....MICHAEL GALLAUGHER  
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME.....JONATHAN WEST  
N1/JACOB MARLEY.....DAVID HENDRICKS  
N2/FRED/YOUNG SCROOGE.....JONATHAN WEST  
N3/FEZZIWIG/BELLE'S HUSBAND/  
CHARITY MAN/FRIEND 1.....BRIAN J. PHILLIPS  
N4/MRS. FEZZIWIG/  
CHARITY WOMAN/FRIEND 2.....AMY DONOVAN  
N5/MRS. CRATCHIT/FRIEND 3.....RACHAEL MEADOWS  
N6/BELLE/FRED'S WIFE.....SERENITY ANDREA  
TINY TIM.....RUTH BIXLER  
PETER CRATCHIT.....MARIA MCCLURG  
MARTHA CRATCHIT.....OLIVIA MAIBERGER  
CHILD SCROOGE.....ELLIE KABEALO  
FAN.....MIRIAM PATTERSON  
C1.....EMERSON PASQUINILLI  
C2.....CHARLOTTE MESS  
C3.....CORA NICOLL  
C4.....GIGI KABEALO  
C5.....PHOEBE LEVITT

## CHILDREN'S CHORUS

RUTH BIXLER, ELLIE KABEALO, GIGI KABEALO, PHOEBE  
LEVITT, OLIVIA MAIBERGER, MARIA MCCLURG,  
CHARLOTTE MESS, CORA NICOLL, EMERSON PASQUINILLI,  
MIRIAM PATTERSON, AND MILLY THOMPSON

# Crew List

DIRECTOR/

CHOREOGRAPHER: BRIAN C GRAY

STAGE MANAGER/ LIGHT

& SOUND OPERATOR: LUKE BOVENIZER

MUSIC DIRECTOR: ASHLEY WOODARD

LIGHT DESIGNER: SHANNON DALY

COSTUMER: CHAR ANDERSON

PHOTOGRAPHY: KYLE LONG PHOTOGRAPHY

WCT BOARD REP: COLTON WEISS



# Meet the Cast & Crew



CHAR ANDERSON



SERENITY ANDREA



RUTH BIXLER



LUKE BOVENIZER



SHANNON DALY



AMY DONOVAN



MICHAEL GALLAUGHER



BRIAN C GRAY



DAVID HENDRICKS





ELLIE KABEALO



GIGI KABEALO



PHOEBE LEVITT



OLIVIA MAIBERGER



CHARLOTTE MESS



JAKE MCASKILL



LELAND MCCANDLESS



MARIA MCCLURG



RACHAEL MEADOWS





CORA NICOLL



EMERSON PASQUINILLI



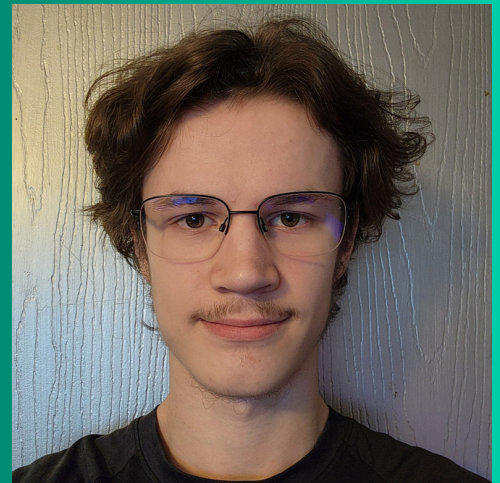
MIRIAM PATTERSON



BRIAN J. PHILLIPS



MILLY THOMPSON



JONATHAN WEST



ASHLEY WOODARD



# Director's Note

Our communities are truly special and unique. They are the fabric that holds us all together, stretching to allow room for more and tearing in times of deep stress. Right now in central Ohio and across the country many communities are tearing, being forced apart from each other or finding their resources suddenly lacking. But we are also seeing folks stepping up, filling in the gaps for food security, fighting to bring community members back home, and genuinely caring for each other's well being and success.

That is the true power of community: people coming together to take care of and uplift each other through good and bad. It takes everyone in the community to mend those tears.

This production is no different. We at WCT are a community of people working together to tell this great story of redemption and joy! I hope you all feel that joy and look for ways you can participate and uplift your communities.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,  
Worthington, Ohio!



# Cast & Crew Bios

**CHARLISA ANDERSON** (Costume coordinator) is excited to be working with Brian and his cast to help dress these interesting and charming characters in Bah Humbug. She has worked in several productions in costuming, most recently Shrek at King Avenue Players and CATS at Westerville Civic Theatre, as well as performing in the Columbus Theatre community for over 20 years.

Seventeen year old senior **SERENITY ANDREA** (N6/Belle/Fred's Wife) is delighted to spread some holiday cheer in Bah Humbug: A Christmas Carol! She has appeared in multiple plays and musicals, sung in concerts, and danced ballet. A lover of art, films, and history, she's counting the days to her early high school graduation and dreaming of traveling.

**RUTH BIXLER** (Tiny Tim/Children's Chorus) is thrilled to be a part of her first community theater production! You may have seen her as Pooh in Winnie the Pooh: the Musical, or as Joy in The Most Epic Birthday Party Ever. She grew up acting in improv plays with her siblings and seeing her older sister in musicals, which inspired her to act herself. In her free time, Ruth loves to write original songs and belt her favorite showtunes. She would like to thank her family and she hopes you enjoy the show. God bless us, everyone!

**LUKE BOVENIZER** (Stage Manager) (he/him) is thrilled to be working with Worthington Community Theatre! Most recently, he was the assistant director for Imagine's production of RENT. While mostly known as an actor at Short North Stage, Luke is also a co-founding director of Westerville Civic Theatre, alongside Matt Wolfe. He has staged more than 20 shows for Powell Civic Theatre, Hilliard Bradley HS, Westerville South HS, and the Ohio Educational Theatre Association. Favorites: CARRIE; THE LARAMIE PROJECT; TARZAN; and HELLO, DOLLY! Performance highlights: THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW (Narrator, 100+ performances); MATILDA (Trunchbull, Jebby and Theatre Roundtable Awards); MAMMA MIA! (Jebby Award). BFA in Musical Theatre from Otterbein University. Special Thanks: Mama Brooke, Darling Nicholas, Brian, and the entire team at WCT. Insta: @thebovenizer

**SHANNON DALY** (Light Designer)(she/her) is thrilled to return to WCT after playing the Adult Woman in Spring Awakening in 2024. She has also been a part of shows onstage and backstage with Imagine Productions, Gallery Players, CPAC Players, King Avenue Players, Aethereal Jest, and The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio. Favorite credits include Seussical (Bird Girl), Ride the Cyclone (Stage Manager), Big Fish (Sound Designer), and Good Grief (Rehearsal Stage Manager). When she is not onstage or backstage, she runs a weekly newsletter featuring local shows and audition opportunities at [cbustheatrenews.substack.com](http://cbustheatrenews.substack.com).

After two decades in broadcasting, **AMY DONOVAN** (N4/Mrs Fezziwig/Charity Woman/Friend 2) has rekindled her passion for acting, a love nurtured during her high school and college theater days. Known for her vibrant storytelling skills on air, Amy relishes a return to the stage and embracing new creative challenges. With her extensive experience in media, she brings a unique perspective to her performances. Amy's reconnection to acting reflects her belief in the transformative power of storytelling art amid life's challenges

**MICHAEL GALLAUGHER** (Ghost of Christmas Present) is delighted to return for his 7th (!) WCT production in this wonderful timeless and timely tale. Some of his favorite past roles include LTOB's Big Fish (Karl the giant), Gallery Players' Fiddler on the Roof (Avram/ u/s Tevye) and WCT's Tuck Everlasting (Angus Tuck). He thanks the creative team, cast and crew for a wonderful journey. He also thanks his friends and family for their love and support. He thanks God for the joy of theatre and the joy of Christmas. Merry Christmas, enjoy the show!

**BRIAN C GRAY** (Director) Brian C Gray is an East Side Columbus-based singer/actor/director with music degrees from Otterbein and Oklahoma City University's. He has performed with Playhouse on the Square in Memphis, TN, Lexington Children's Theatre, and the Springer Opera House. Locally, Brian has appeared in productions with The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio, Columbus Children's Theatre, Available Light Theatre, and Opera Columbus. He has also directed productions with CCT, the Weathervane Playhouse in Newark, and directs the OutLoud BIPOC Theatre Collective at Olentangy Orange High School. Follow him on social media @BrianGraySings.

**DAVID HENDRICKS** (N1/Jacob Marley) is thrilled to rattle his chains with an amazing cast and creative team in a dream role for his first performance with Worthington Community Theatre. With the world currently as it is, it is especially meaningful to share Marley's message about how we all must work to care for one another. Previous favorite credits include Mendel in Gallery Players' Fiddler on the Roof, and the Mayor of Whoville in King Avenue players' Seussical. Special thanks as always to his loving and supportive family and theatre friends, and all his Gahanna Community Chorus brothers and sisters in song. Merry Christmas!



**ELLIE KABEALO** (Child Scrooge/Children's Chorus) is a sixth grader at Hastings Middle School. She has performed in the Sound Of Music, Finding Nemo Junior, and the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. In her free time she loves playing with her sister Gigi, dancing at Kstudio, or singing as loud as she can in her bedroom. When she grows up, she wants to be a marine biologist. She wants to thank Mr. Brian and all the directors, her parents, who encouraged her to audition, her brother Jonathan, who is always excited for her, and her best friend Andrena who supports her no matter what.

**GIGI KABEALO** (C4/Children's Chorus) is in fourth grade at Greenview Elementary school. She has been in one show, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, with the role of Lucy. In her free time she likes to sing, dance at Kstudio, play with her sister and friends, and audition for shows. She has a huge imagination. She loves dogs, especially her poochie Dahlia and when she grows up, she wants to be a veterinarian. She wants to thank all the directors who have supported her, her sister who she gets to perform with, her brother, her parents, her friends and everyone who has encouraged her.

**PHOEBE LEVITT** (C5/Children's Chorus) is so excited to be a part of this show! Phoebe has been "Macbeth" as Fleance, and Prince Donalbain, "Clearing up a Fairytale" as ensemble, and "Beetlejuice JR" as Delia. They would love to thank her mom and grandma, and this cast and crew for this wonderful show!

**OLIVIA MAIBERGER** (Martha Cratchit/Children's Chorus) discovered her love for theater at age eight and has since performed in several productions in Austin, Texas, including playing Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz. Now living in Columbus, Ohio, she is thrilled to be part of her first local production and to share her passion for the stage with her new community. Olivia attends school in Upper Arlington and loves bringing stories to life through acting, singing, and imagination.

**CHARLOTTE MESS** (C2/Children's Chorus) Charlotte is excited to be a part of another Worthington Community Theater production! She made her debut with WCT as Charlie the Cat in Cinderella, Enchanted Edition. Charlotte found her love for theater when she starred as Scar in her 5th grade musical, The Lion King Kids. Charlotte is a 7th grader at McCord Middle School where she's involved in Choir, Drama Club and Student Council. For fun, Charlotte enjoys hanging out with family and friends, rooting for the Columbus Crew, and is a dedicated student. Charlotte wants to thank her family and friends for their support and for helping her grow and learn. She is very grateful to be a part of this production and to be able to work with this amazing group of people!

**JAKE MCASKILL** (Scrooge) is thrilled to be back with Worthington Community Theatre, where he first began his Columbus theatre journey January last year. He was last seen as Edgar Weathervane in the premiere of Somerset Tavern at MTVArts in April, and Lt. Schrank in West Side Story with Opera Columbus in February. Jake is also a professional voice actor and audiobook narrator. His most recent narration was for "The Spite Before Christmas" by Jessica Booth, co-narrated with Andria Mae. He wishes everyone a happy holiday, a merry Christmas, and a good afternoon.

**MARIA MCCLURG** (Peter Cratchit/Children's Chorus) is excited to be playing the role of Peter Cratchit in Bah Humbug, A Christmas Carol. This is her third production with The Worthington Community Theater. Her previous productions include WCT's Christmas Cabaret 2024, she sang a solo, "Let it snow"! In the summer of 2024, she played Charley Bates in the production of Oliver Twist. Maria loves making art, crocheting, writing, and taking all types of classes! Maria is a 6th grader at Worthington McCord Middle School and is active in the student council, drama club, and choir.

**RACHAEL MEADOWS** (N5/Mrs Cratchit) is thrilled to join WCT as Mrs.Cratchit (and Narrator and Friend) in Bah, Humbug! After recently making her stage debut as the Witch in Shrek, the Musical, she's delighted to continue her newfound love of theatre with this talented cast and crew. Rachael sends heartfelt thanks to her husband and two sons for their endless support and encouragement; they make it easy to bring Mrs.Cratchit's love for her family to life. She believes there's no better way to welcome the Christmas season than by sharing this timeless story of hope and generosity with the community.

**CORA NICOLL** (C3/Children's Chorus) loves Christmas and is delighted to be part of Bah Humbug! Cora has been part of two WKHS productions: Anastasia and Bye, Bye Birdie, and she is a member of the Drama Club at her middle school. Big thanks to Miss Robb and Ms Morgan for helping me prepare, and to my family for supporting me in this adventure!



**EMERSON PASQUINILLI** (C1/Children's Chorus) is extremely excited to be a part of Bah, Humbug! She has been in many theatre productions. Some of her favorites include The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe with Worthington Community Theater (Aslan Follower/Swing Ensemble), Beauty & The Beast The Musical Jr. with Evening Street Elementary School (Marie), and The Party Crashers with Mouth of the Wolf Productions (Gwen). She hopes you have a wonderful time and that you enjoy the show!

**MIRIAM PATTERSON** (Fan/Children's Chorus) is a 12-year-old who loves performing and being creative! She played Nala in Worthington Hills Elementary production of The Lion King Jr., sings in the 7th grade choir at McCord Middle School, and participates in drama club. She was in the Worthington Community Theater production of Cinderella as a member of the Chorus. She plays club soccer for Worthington United and serves as the vice president of Student Council at her school. She is a member of the McCord Cross Country Team. She is a dedicated 4.0 student, avid reader, and loves to travel. She is thrilled to be a part of Bah Humbug and is incredibly thankful to the entire cast and crew for making this experience so special!

**BRIAN J. PHILLIPS** (N3/Fezziwig/Belle's Husband/Charity Man/Friend 1) is thrilled to return to WCT for his second production. Twenty-two years ago, he stepped onstage for the first time in a 2003 Christmas show at age four, beginning a lifelong love of storytelling. In middle school, he wrote and starred in Once Upon a Disneytale, further shaping his creative path. His credits include Cinderella, Miracle on 34th Street, and Hello, Dolly! Influenced by friends, modeling, retail work, and theatre, Brian's personal style reflects his artistic spirit. He thanks the Lord, his mother, WCT, and all who support him. Merry Christmas!

**MILLY THOMPSON** (Ghost of Christmas Past) loves the annual tradition of going to the theatre around the holidays to watch A Christmas Carol, and is thrilled to move from audience member to performer this year. Previous roles include the Doorknob in Alice in Wonderland Jr (Abbey Theatre), Gretl Von Trapp in The Sound of Music (Grandview Heights High School), and Charlie Davis/Ensemble in Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Columbus Children's Theatre). Milly is an 8th grader at Larson Middle School in Grandview who loves singing and acting. Her current favorite musical is the Outsiders. Stay Gold and Happy Holidays!

**JONATHAN WEST** (Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come/N2/Fred/Young Scrooge) is very excited to be debuting in his very first community theater production for the show Bah, Humbug! Outside of acting, Jonathan also enjoys video games and spending time with the people he loves. He would like to thank his family, especially his mom and dad, for all that they do for him!

**ASHLEY WOODARD** (Musical Director) is proud to be returning to WCT after previously music directing Seussical in 2016. Additional MD credits include Sweeney Todd and Urinetown (Imagine Productions). Currently, Ashley performs musical improv monthly with Hashtag Comedy's TBD: The Improvised Musical. Ashley would like to thank Brian for inviting her to be a collaborator on this lovely project and for always being a light for others. Thanks to Luke for his kindness and keeping us all on track. Finally, she would like to thank this delightful, talented cast for making the holiday season bright and full of joy.



# Shout Outs!



SO PROUD OF YOU,  
MIRIAM!  
YOUR DEDICATION  
AND HARD WORK  
MEAN SO MUCH TO  
US, AND WE LOVE  
WATCHING YOU GROW  
AS A PERFORMER.  
ENJOY EVERY  
MOMENT ON STAGE.  
WE'RE CHEERING YOU  
ON.  
LOVE, MOM, DAD, EVE  
AND VERA

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU  
SHINE AS MARTHA CRATCHIT.  
THERE COULDN'T BE A BETTER  
CHOICE FOR THIS ROLE - AN  
OLDER SISTER (TO MAX), KIND  
(TO EVERYONE),  
HARDWORKING (EVERY DAY)  
AND HAPPY (ESPECIALLY ON  
STAGE).  
YOU ARE A FIERCE  
PERFORMER, BUT YOU ALSO  
KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF  
YOUR TEAM ON THE STAGE.  
HERE IS TO A GREAT  
PERFORMANCE AND FOND  
MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A  
LIFETIME!



# Shout Outs!



CONGRATULATIONS  
MARIA ON YOUR 3RD  
PRODUCTION WITH  
THE WORTHINGTON  
COMMUNITY  
THEATRE!!  
BREAK A LEG!!  
LOVE, MOM, DAD,  
OWEN, BRADEN, AND  
LOGAN!



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HIGH SCHOOL

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Founded in 1970, the Worthington Community Theatre was formed by a group of Worthington families who felt it would be fun to have a community theatre in their community. At over 50 years of age, WCT is one of the oldest community theatres in central Ohio. Our members come from all walks of life and now live all over central Ohio. Over the years our shows have consistently been recognized with honors by both the Ohio Community Theatre Association and the American Association of Community Theatres. We are proud to be members of OCTA, AACT, the Worthington Arts Council, the Worthington Chamber of Commerce and the Theatre Roundtable.

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