



# A Christmas Carol

*A Live Radio Play*

Adapted for the stage by

**Joe Landry**

From the novella by Charles Dickens

Music by Kevin Connors

**Nov 25 – Dec 2, 2023**



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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Janet Schonewille

Over the years, I have come to know that there are very few people that haven't heard of *A Christmas Carol*. A story written by Charles Dickens that invites its readers to learn of Ebenezer Scrooge, the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come, the Cratchit family and of course, Tiny Tim. We know the ending before the story begins, yet there is something so powerful about the transformation that we witness in Mr. Scrooge — a man whose thoughts of Christmas were "Bah, humbug!", the wall he had built around himself

and his reluctance, when visited by the Ghost of Marley, to acknowledge what was to come. It is the transformation through the three Ghosts that guide Mr. Scrooge through what would be if he continued his chosen path. Yet through these Ghosts, Mr. Scrooge comes to the realization that even he can change, that this course of life for himself and others can be altered through one's actions, words, and thoughts.

*A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play*, is set in the 1940s, and is told by a handful of actors providing the many voices of the characters throughout, a foley artist providing the authentic live sounds, and live music. We're sure you'll enjoy the commercial breaks from Olde London Extra-Fancy Fruitcake of the Month Club and Phipps Department Store.

With each production, there are many individuals behind the scenes working diligently to bring the ideas to life. As you look through the program, please take a moment to read the many names of volunteers in our community who were involved in this show. I want to take this moment to acknowledge each of them for not only giving their time, but also sharing their gifts with us. I also want to send a sincere thank you to Kirsten and Doris for stepping up and taking on the role of Production Manager and Stage Manager — your time, dedication, and hard work is so greatly appreciated. To the cast — it's been a true delight. It's amazing to see how far you have all come with your characters and the life you bring to each of them. I have enjoyed the laughs and working with such talented individuals.

Lastly, thank you to you, our audience, for your continued support of TryLight Theatre.

Janet Schonewille  
Director of *A Christmas Carol: Live Radio Play*



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## LIST OF CREW

Director	Janet Schonewille
Stage Manager	Doris Mengelberg
Musical Accompaniment	Ruth Girard
Production Manager	Kirsten Fair
Props	Shauna Degagne
Costumes	Emily Kaldeway
Set Construction	Alex Faulds, Bob Pochailo, Don (Mac) McInnes, Eric Matheson, Gord Day-Janz, Harry Favreau, Jim Hando, John Haller, Ken Carlson, Moe Girard, Peter Johnson, Randy Heida, Richard Shodin, Rick Gilbert, Will Miller
Stage & Foyer Decor	Maggie Bohoslawec, Aleigha Bohoslawec
Makeup	D'Arcy Jutila, Lindsay Koch, Shauna Degagne
Hair	Keric Funk, Aleigha Bohoslawec
Tech	Xavier Daniher, Matthew Schottroff, Gord Day-Janz
Streaming	Gord Day-Janz, Vicky Donath
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## THE CAST



### **Darren Benson – Jake Laurents**

**TRYLIGHT** *Annie* (Various), *A Man for All Seasons* (Duke of Norfolk), *A Christmas Story* (Ralph Parker), *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* (Centaur)

**OTHER** For St. Louis, as Director: *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*; guitar for kindergarten class in KDFA

**JOB** Teacher at Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys

**THANKS** My family for their support



### **Mary Cairns – Lana Sherwood**

**TRYLIGHT** *Over the River and Through the Woods* (Emma)

**OTHER** High school: *Calamity Jane* (Katie), *Guys and Dolls* (Sarah), *L'il Abner* (Daisy Mae); choirs: G Clef, Women of Note

**JOB** Un-retired dialysis nurse

**THANKS** My family and friends have always been very encouraging; TryLight Theatre for allowing me to experience theatre in this talented community



### **Vicky Cory – Sally Applewhite**

**TRYLIGHT** First appearance

**OTHER** High school: *Showboat*; singing, guitar, KDFA, group dance

**JOB** Cemeterian at Lake of the Woods Cemetery; part time ward clerk at LWDH

**THANKS** My husband and family for support and encouragement, as well as supervisors for working with me with scheduling to allow the time for rehearsals and performances; special thanks to the TryLight family for the guidance and warm welcome



**Ruth Girard – Alice Parker**

**TRYLIGHT** *The Music Man* (Mrs. Shinn); selected as Music Director: *All is Calm*; selected as Accompanist: *Annie, Iolanthe, Godspell*

**OTHER** Church music, violin groups, flute ensemble, handbells, G Clef Choir

**JOB** Retired piano teacher

**THANKS** Cast and crew for their friendly support



**Ted Kejick – Danny Allen**

**TRYLIGHT** *Annie* (various); other volunteer roles

**JOB** Support worker at KACL

**THANKS** Vince Schatkowsky for telling me about the auditions 5 minutes before they started



**Ethan Laliberte – Ralph Everett**

(Nov. 25, 28, 30, Dec. 1)

**TRYLIGHT** First appearance

**OTHER** I have only watched other plays. Excited about this one!

**SCHOOL** Grade 5 at Valleyview Public School

**THANKS** My mom, and Richard and Brenda Shodin for introducing me to TryLight



**Brennan Nabb – Ralph Everett**

(Nov. 19, 26, 29, Dec. 2)

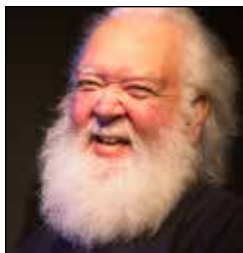
**TRYLIGHT** First appearance

**OTHER** For Valleyview: *Frozen* (Kristoff)

**SCHOOL** Grade 6 at Valleyview Public School

**THANKS** My mom and dad for supporting me; my cousin Corbyn for inspiring me





**Marc Raymond – Harry ‘Jazzbo’ Haywood**

**TRYLIGHT** 29 plays and counting

**OTHER** Improv: *Rogue Apples*, *Crabapples*, *Slightly North of Broadway*

**JOB** Retired house painter

**THANKS** Old Joe and Fezziwig



**Fred Richardson – Freddie Filmore**

**TRYLIGHT** *Annie* (various), *Iolanthe* (Peer), *Irena’s Vow* (Schultz), *Not for Then* (Papa), *Hello Dolly!* (Chorus)

**OTHER** Choirs: G Clef & Music Men; Knox Church

**JOB** Retired civil servant/school teacher; LWDH board member

**THANKS** Janet, Doris and all the behind the scenes people who work so hard to make this happen; my fellow actors who make this so much fun



**Kerry-Dell Robertson – Carol Swan**

**TRYLIGHT** Selected: *Helium* (Mrs. Kingsbury), *Fashion Plate Bandit* (Annie), *Frozen Dreams* (Lily), *Anne of Green Gables* (Rachel Lynde); as Stage Manager: *It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, *A Christmas Story*

**OTHER** G Clef Choir; Sunset Country Handbell Ringers

**JOB** Retired school teacher; grandma to 3 (soon to be 4) wonderful grandchildren

**THANKS** My family for their continuing support of my stage endeavours; my TryLight family



### **Gordon Taylor – Bernie Walker**

**TRYLIGHT** Selected: *A Christmas Story* (Santa), *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (Father Christmas), *It's a Wonderful Life* (Uncle Billy), *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Mr. Van Dam)

**OTHER** Directing elementary school plays (in the dark ages), former music coordinator for the Kenora Board of Education, former church organist (currently filling in at St. Alban's)

**JOB** Supposedly retired

**THANKS** Janet, for her calm and concise manner of directing; Ruth, for once again stepping up to share her musical abilities



### **Erika Schmidt – Betty Stewart**

**TRYLIGHT** First appearance

**OTHER** Singing in church; mandolin in orchestra

**JOB** Customer care representative at Service Ontario

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## CREW



### **Janet Schonewille – Director**

**TRYLIGHT** As Director: *A Christmas Story*, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; as Stage Manager: *Frozen Dreams*

**JOB** Health care; first aid instructor; private music teacher

**THANKS** The amazing cast for their hard work and dedication to the show; the fabulous crew of volunteers for sharing their gifts with us



### **Doris Mengelberg – Stage Manager**

**TRYLIGHT** Selected: *Annie* (Various), *All is Calm* (Ensemble), *It's a Wonderful Life* (Chorus)

**OTHER** G Clef and Music Men Choir; Enchanté acapella group

**JOB** Retired

**THANKS** TryLight and Janet for having faith in me, and a whole lot of patience, in this new role

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*Cheryl Kinney  
Matheson*

The TryLight Theatre Co. Board aims to select shows that inspire joy and encourage reflection. We strive to entertain while also stimulating thought. A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play, based on the book Charles Dickens wrote in 1843, does all of this which must be why we say that Dickens' story is 'timeless'. Here it is Christmas 2023 and we are seated in a theatre with more technology than meets the eye. Dickens could never have imagined this theatre! We are having fun while also being

called to consider our own lives as we witness Scrooge, the Ghosts, Tiny Tim and all the other characters who were brought to life 180 years ago. Dickens knew what he was doing. He knew that Story was the way for him to awaken his fellow citizens to the disparity between rich and poor in his Victorian era society, a reality that he had been awakened to after witnessing the life of London's street children in the establishments built for their 'care'. The Ghosts were created to bring on this awakening, shaking Scrooge up and having him find his heart. As we watch this play, we will be reminded that today, Tiny Tim and his family continue to live just down the street from this theatre and all around our world.

The TryLight Theatre Co. Board wishes all of our patrons a Christmas filled with kindness and generosity; a Christmas in which we live and share the Spirit of Christmas. The TryLight Theatre Co. Board is grateful for the many gifts of time and talent that have brought this story to our stage and I wish to say a big Thank You to the Board who are dedicated to the continuation of live theatre in Kenora. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to every one!

Cheryl Kinney Matheson, Chair, TryLight Theatre Co. Board

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