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Experience holiday magic at Artists' Exchange with a twist on a timeless tale!

CRANSTON, RI (November 7, 2017) - Artists' Exchange proudly presents its **14th annual production of *A Christmas Carol* at the intimate Theatre 82 (82 Rolfe Square, Cranston) from December 7-23, 2017**. Celebrate the season with an original adaptation of Charles Dickens's classic ghost story, as adapted by Jessica and Tom Chace. **Jessica Chace directs with Tom Chace as music director and Nikki Lawrence as vocal coach.**

Community actors of all abilities and ages perform as a tight-knit ensemble in this heartwarming production. **Tradition mixes with twists and turns including multiple actors playing Ebenezer Scrooge. Mark Carter, Jessica Chace, and Bedros Kevorkian** portray the most well-known miser with new perspectives.

Scrooge is led to his reclamation with the help of the community as led by the strength, pluck, and sass from **Jacob Marley (Chris White) and the Ghosts of Christmas Past (Bob Macaux) and Christmas Present (Angelique Dina)**.

ABOUT THIS YEAR'S 2017 PRODUCTION

"This year we're examining Scrooge's boyhood in a deeper lens, as well as his relationship with his niece Freddie," says director Jessica Chace. "We're excited to challenge our actors and invite our audience to experience a completely new and fresh approach to this beloved tale."

Ebenezer Scrooge has arrested development due to his childhood trauma and neglect. Although now a successful businessman, Scrooge is still stuck at the age of 12. **Freddie (Lauren Annicelli)** stops at nothing to prove her uncle's goodness to her friends - and to himself. **Scrooge relives important moments from his Past, experiences uncharted territory in the Present, and learns that life is about feeling both pain and joy.** The entire community undergoes a transformation with Scrooge's

reclamation and receives the gift of being accepted for who they are - and accepting others in spite of their faults.

Original music by Tom Chace highlights Scrooge's emotional and heartfelt journey to reclamation with the help of live piano, a cappella singing, and more. **Lighting and sound designs by Adam Ramsey of Advanced Production & Design (APAD)** provide small-scale spectacle and magic as the actors tell the story in-the-round.

Join us this December for family-friendly holiday fun and memories! **Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Buy in advance online (www.artists-exchange.org), by phone (401-490-9475) or at Artists' Exchange (50 Rolfe Square).**

Enjoy the complete holiday experience by attending the Holiday Gala at Artists' Exchange (50 Rolfe Square) on Saturday, December 16 from 5-8pm. Feed your holiday spirit by dancing to live music, enjoying delicious appetizers, drinking craft beer and wine from the open bar, and outbidding your family and friends in the silent auction for that perfect last minute holiday gift! **Contact Elaine McKenna-Yeaw at elaine.yeaw@artists-exchange.org for more information, sponsorships, and tickets.**

A CHRISTMAS CAROL 2017 CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES

Thursday, December 7th at 7pm

Friday, December 8th at 7pm

Saturday, December 9th at 3pm

Saturday, December 9th at 7pm

Sunday, December 10th at 3pm

Sunday, December 10th at 7pm

Thursday, December 14th at 7pm

Friday, December 15th at 7pm

Saturday, December 16th at 3pm

Saturday, December 16th at 8pm

Sunday, December 17th at 3pm

Sunday, December 17th at 7pm

Thursday, December 21st at 7pm

Saturday, December 23rd at 3pm

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ABOUT ARTISTS' EXCHANGE

Artists' Exchange is a nonprofit arts collaborative whose mission is to create an atmosphere in which creativity, learning, and discovery converge and individuality is celebrated. Home to multiple art studios, a gallery, online art boutique, café, and secondary venue Theatre 82 & Characters Café; it offers year-round classes and summer camps in art, ceramics, theater, and music. Artists' Exchange is operated by Gateways to Change, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all human beings.