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A Larger Than Life Cast of Local Talent Prepares To Tackle A Holiday Classic

A Christmas Carol is coming to Imperial Theatre November 16th – 19th

SAINT JOHN – Over 40 members strong, the immense cast of Saint John Theatre Company's production of *A Christmas Carol* will take the Imperial Theatre stage this November. This larger than life cast is hard at work rehearsing the well loved text of the Dickens classic.

A Christmas Carol is the second Saint John Theatre Company main stage production for the season. The 2011-2012 season opened with a box office hit leaving audiences raving about the off the wall rock musical – *The Rocky Horror Show*. *"Now it is time to switch gears"*, notes Artistic Director Stephen Tobias. *"As always we strive to offer a very well rounded line-up each season; there's something for everyone from fishnets to holiday cheer, spy thrillers to a modern version of a Shakespearean classic."*

Tickets are moving quickly for this well loved holiday classic. Due to the expected demand, an extra night will be offered for this production. The role of Ebenezer Scrooge will be played by local actor, writer and director Bob Doherty. Bob Cratchit will be played by Rob Jeffrey, a local teacher who has performed in several past Saint John Theatre Company productions, including *Frost/Nixon* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Doherty and Jeffrey will be accompanied by a life-sized talented cast including many local children.

The production will be directed by long-time company member and actor Scott Thomas. *"We all love Scrooge because we are all Scrooge at certain times in our lives - we all need to be reminded that life is happening now all around us and it is right and good to love it to its fullest in spite of everything else."* Notes Thomas. *"We want to offer our audiences a spectacular experience - laughter, suspense, mystery, parody, clowning, crying - whatever we can fill into our Santa sack of theatrical delights we will do. I expect the audience will leave our show laughing, talking and making plans to see it again!"*

A Christmas Carol will be staged at Imperial Theatre from November 16th-19th. Tickets are on sale at the Imperial Theatre box office: 674-4100. There is also still time to purchase your ticket as part of a subscription package and save over 20% off single ticket prices. For more information please contact Imperial Theatre box office at 674-4100.

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