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## ***SCROOGE! The Christmas Musical***

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Professors drafting the first questions of their final exams may have to reconsider the meaning of generosity as Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Theatre Arts presents *Scrooge! The Christmas Musical* in the McPherson Theatre (2 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington) beginning Thursday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. The adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will play at 8:00 p.m. Nov. 15-Nov. 18 and Nov. 29-Dec. 1, with 2:00 p.m. matinees Nov. 17-18 and Dec. 2.

Originally written and performed for the big screen, this adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* enjoyed a successful tour of England and a season at London's Dominion Theatre. With music and lyrics by British lyricist and composer Leslie Bricusse, the Illinois Wesleyan production will include six new songs that were not part of the original film version.

Tickets for *SCROOGE! The Christmas Musical* will be available beginning the week of performances. General admission tickets are \$10 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$8 for Thursday and Sunday performances. Seniors receive a \$1 discount on tickets for any showing, and student tickets are \$1 for any performance with a valid ID.

Remaining shows in McPherson's 2007-2008 season are *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams (Jan. 29-31) and *Love's Labors Lost* by William Shakespeare (Feb. 26-29, Mar. 1-2).

For additional information or to reserve tickets in advance, contact the McPherson Theatre box office at (309) 556-3232.

**Cast Members:** Tony Lopez (Scrooge), Kevin Schuering (Bob Cratchet), Justin Banta (Nephew/Ebenezer), Kyle Blair (Wine Merchant and Christmas Present), Ryan Simpson (Fezzywig, Carstairs and Ensemble), Andy Knight (Tom Jenkins and Ensemble), Andy Junk (Jacob Marley and Ensemble), Dane White (Jolly Good, Topper and Ensemble), David Ruben (Hardy, Teacher and Ensemble), Alex Pagels (Peter, Dick and Ensemble), Seth Reid (P&J Man and Ensemble), J.P. Latchaw (Mr. Pringle and Ensemble), Russell Mathews (Bisset, Christmas

Future and Ensemble), Mike Yarnell (Baker and Ensemble), Evan Kasprzak (Urchin, Child and Ensemble), Neil Stratman (Urchin, Child and Ensemble), Morgan DeTogne (Isabel, Helen and Ensemble), Carly Stocking (Christmas Past, Begger and Ensemble), Elsa Richardson (Mrs. Fezzywig and Ensemble), Erin Daly (Mary and Ensemble), Natalie Boccumini (Mrs. Cratchet and Ensemble), Melanie Waltman (Mrs. Dilber and Ensemble), Katie Whalley (Miss Dilber and Ensemble), Lauren Romano (Martha Cratchet and Ensemble), Maia Diaz (Belinda Cratchet and Ensemble), Hannah Kramer (Mrs. Pringle and Ensemble), Amanda Hentsch (Fiddler, Urchin and Ensemble), Andrea de Avila (Chestnut Seller and Ensemble), Liz Schwarzrock (Jenny, Child and Ensemble), Taylor Kofron (Urchin, Child and Ensemble), Delia Kerr-Dennhardt (Tiny Tim), Andrew Bates (Child and Urchin), Fiona Peterson-Quinn (Child and Urchin), Sullivan Peterson-Quinn (Child and Urchin), Nate Jahiel (Child and Urchin), Emma Gonzalez (Child and Urchin), Nina Sultan (Child and Urchin), Eli Susong (Child and Urchin), Madison Oakley (Kathy Cratchet).

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