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Ring in the Holiday Season with The KeyBank production of ***A CHRISTMAS CAROL***

Rochester's Holiday Tradition begins November 27.

Rochester, N.Y., November 5, 2019 – On November 27, a beloved Rochester tradition since 1985 returns to Geva Theatre Center on the Wilson Stage. The KeyBank Production of *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens' classic tale of redemption for the most despised man in London, will awaken your heart and rekindle your spirit this holiday season. This production of *A Christmas Carol* premiered to great acclaim in 2010 and features a script adapted by **Mark Cuddy** from Dickens' novella with music and lyrics by **Gregg Coffin**, composer of Geva favorites, *Five Course Love* and *Convenience*.

Guy Paul is Ebenezer Scrooge. Mr. Paul originated the role of Ebenezer Scrooge in this production when it premiered in 2010. Broadway credits include *Mary Stuart*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *King Lear*, *The Invention of Love*, *1776*, *The King and I*, and *Private Lives*. Film credits include *The Sense of an Ending*, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, *The Fifth Estate*, and *Hyde Park on Hudson*.

Making their Wilson Stage debuts in *A Christmas Carol* are **Matthew Morgan** (Broadway productions of *The Lion King* and *Hairspray*) as Bob Cratchit, and **Devon Kolluri** (Off-Broadway production of *The Boy Who Danced on Air*) as The Ghost of Jacob Marley.

Geva's production of ***A Christmas Carol*** is not only a Rochester tradition; it has also become a traditional holiday return to Rochester for many members of the cast. Tony nominee **Joel Blum** (Broadway's *Steel Pier*, *Show Boat*, *The Music Man* and *42nd Street*) returns as Mr. Fezziwig and The Ghost of Christmas Present. Also returning are **Tess DeFlyer** as Belle, Scrooge's long-lost love; **Robert Adelman Hancock** (national tour of *Mamma Mia!*) as Scrooge's nephew, Fred; **Jean McCormick** as Mrs. Cratchit and Mrs. Fezziwig and **Katrina Marlett Ruggiero** as the Fiddler. Local actors **Kat Berton**, **Brett Hammes**, **Silas Holtz**, **Kyle Johnson**, **Patrick**

Jones, Sandra Kralik, Annie Levine, Kelsey Roberts, Tarith Saks and Adam Urbanic; and local, young actors Tanner Antinora, Lily Beatrice, Casey Bronson, Alessandro Bucci, Carmine Cafiero, Christina Castillo, Aprell Davis, Katiclaire Dobbins, Isabella Foggetti, Milo Gillespie, Julia Mantell, Allie Mueller, Erin Mueller, Aaliyah Nicholas, Colette Roes, and Julia Winter complete the cast.

A Christmas Carol is adapted and directed by **Mark Cuddy** and features music and lyrics composed by **Gregg Coffin** with musical direction by **Don Kot** and choreography by **Meggins Kelley**. The artistic team includes **Adam Koch** (scenic designer), **Devon Painter** (costume designer), **Paul Hackenmueller** (lighting designer), **Lindsay Jones** (sound designer), **Dan Scully** (projection designer), and **Jean Gordon Ryon** (Dramaturg).

The **KeyBank** production of *A Christmas Carol* is produced with additional support from associate producer **Hedonist Artisan Chocolates**, and media sponsors **WROC-TV** and **WARM 101.3**.

***A Christmas Carol* begins performances November 27 and runs in the Wilson Stage through December 29.**

For photos, or to arrange interviews, please contact Dawn Kellogg, Communications Manager, (585) 420-2059 or email: dkellogg@gevatheatre.org.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

PREVIEWS:

Wednesday, November 27 @ 7:30pm
Friday, November 29 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, November 30 @ 7:00pm
Sunday, December 1 @ 12pm and 5pm

OPENING NIGHT:

Wednesday, December 4 @ 7pm (Opening Night)

PERFORMANCES:

Thursday, December 5 @ 7pm
Friday, December 6 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, December 7 @ 2pm and 7:30pm
Sunday, December 8 @ 12pm (Open Captioned performance) and 5pm
Wednesday, December 11 @ 7pm
Thursday, December 12 @ 7pm (ASL Interpreted Performance)
Friday, December 13 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, December 14 @ 2pm and 7:30pm (Open Captioned performances)
Sunday, December 15 @ 12pm (Audio Described Performance) and 5pm
Tuesday, December 17 @ 7pm
Wednesday, December 18 @ 7pm
Thursday, December 19 @ 7pm
Friday, December 20 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, December 21 @ 2pm and 7:30pm
Sunday, December 22 @ 12pm and 5pm
Thursday, December 26 @ 2pm (Home for the Holidays) and 7pm

Friday, December 27 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, December 28 @ 2pm and 7:30pm
Sunday, December 29 @ 12pm and 5pm

TICKET PRICES: **Adult tickets start at \$25, kids (ages 5-12) tickets from \$18.**
RESERVATIONS: **(585) 232-GEVA (4382), Website: www.gevatheatre.org**
LOCATION: **Geva Theatre Center, 75 Woodbury Blvd, Rochester, NY 14607**

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GEVA THEATRE CENTER

Founded in 1972, Geva Theatre Center is a not-for-profit theatre company dedicated to creating and producing professional theatre productions, programs and services of a national standard. As Rochester's flagship professional theatre, Geva is the most attended regional theatre in New York State, and one of the 25 most subscribed in the country, serving up to 160,000 patrons annually, including 20,000 students.

Geva operates two venues – the 516-seat Elaine P. Wilson Stage and the 180-seat Ron & Donna Fielding Stage. As one of the country's leading theatre companies and a member of the national League of Resident Theatres, Geva produces a varied contemporary repertoire from musicals to world premieres celebrating the rich tapestry of our diverse community. The theatre draws upon the talents of some of the country's top actors, directors, designers and writers who are shaping the American Theatre scene.

Geva Theatre Center offers a wide variety of educational, outreach and literary programs, nurturing audiences and artists alike. Since 1995, the organization has been under the artistic direction of Mark Cuddy.

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