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Geva honors military families and veterans with free performance of “A Christmas Carol”

Home for the Holidays set for Wednesday, Dec. 22

Rochester, N.Y. – Geva Theatre Center will host Home for the Holidays – a special, free performance of “A Christmas Carol” for military personnel and their families on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. Guests of honor will include families of active-duty service members, reservists, and veterans. Geva has hosted Home for the Holidays since 2010, a part of its long-standing commitment to military personnel in our community, but was forced to cancel last year’s event along with the entire live production of “A Christmas Carol” due to the pandemic.

Military members, veterans, and their families may claim tickets to the performance by calling 585-232-4382 or by visiting the box office at 75 Woodbury Blvd. Tickets are subject to availability.

Home for the Holidays is sponsored by Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) and supported through generous donations by Geva patrons. So far, the theatre has collected more than \$7,000 in post-show donations during the current run of “A Christmas Carol” to underwrite this free performance.

Geva is proud to be designated as a Blue Star Theatre, offering discounted admission throughout the year to all military members and their families, as well as veterans. Blue Star Theatres is a program of Blue Star Families and Theatre Communications Group.

The Media are invited to cover this event from 1–2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22. If you are interested in covering this event, or would like further information, please contact Abbey Noble, marketing and communications coordinator, at anoble@gevatheatre.org or 585-420-2059.

“A Christmas Carol” is adapted and directed by Mark Cuddy, with original music and lyrics by Gregg Coffin. Musical direction by Don Kot and choreography by Meggins Kelley. The artistic team also 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 production is presented by KeyBank with additional support from media sponsors WHEC and WARM 101.3.

“A Christmas Carol” runs through Dec. 24 on the Wilson Stage. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 585-232-4382, online at GevaTheatre.org, or in person at the box office Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 8 p.m.

Geva’s 49th Season kicks off Jan. 11, 2022. Single tickets are on sale now.

Geva is taking special care to keep everyone safe, including requiring proof of either COVID vaccination or a negative test for entry, along with masking. Patrons can find the theatre’s current indoor safety procedures at GevaTheatre.org/covid-safety.

About Geva Theatre Center

Geva Theatre Center is a nonprofit, professional theatre company in downtown Rochester, New York, offering world-class productions and extensive additional programming. Founded in 1972, Geva is the most well-attended regional theatre in New York State with one of the 25 largest subscription bases among regional theatres in the country. Geva serves as many as 160,000 patrons annually, including more than 20,000 students.

Geva’s 517-seat Wilson Stage and 180-seat Fielding Stage each offer a wide-ranging collection of drama, comedy and musical theatre, from classics to world premieres. The company also offers a broad slate of educational, outreach and literary programming to enrich audiences, students and artists of all ages and disciplines. Since 1995, Geva has been under the artistic direction of Mark Cuddy.

Geva Theatre Center sits on the ancestral and unceded territory of the O-non-dowa-gah, or “the people of the Great Hill.” In English, they are known as the Seneca people, “the keeper of the western door.” They have stewarded this land through generations, and Geva pays respect and gives thanks to their elders, past and present.

Find out more about Geva Theatre Center at GevaTheatre.org or by connecting with us on social media. Facebook: facebook.com/gevatheatrecenter, Twitter: [@gevatheatre](https://twitter.com/gevatheatre), Instagram: [@gevatheatre](https://instagram.com/gevatheatre), LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/geva-theatre-center.

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