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 ORIGINAL CHOREOGRAPHY BY: SUSAN STOMAN  
 ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY: MIKE OCKRENT

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# A CHRISTMAS CAROL THE MUSICAL

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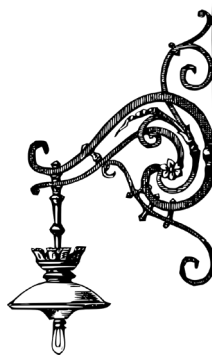
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- XIII. THE STREETS OF LONDON



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Director/Choreographer .....Nashelle Jackson  
Music Director .....Karilynne Pearson  
Stage Manager .....Midge Spaulding  
Assistant Stage Manager .....Abby Morton  
Costumes .....Rachel Smuin  
Props .....McKenna Christiansen  
Cast Captains..... Andrea Wardle, Holly Allred,  
Matt Wallis, Taylor Murray  
Sound Technician ..... Korinne Peacock  
Light Technician..... Jodi Kelsey  
Spotlight Technicians ..... Brycelynn Hunting, Isabella Inman  
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TINY TIM .....	Jak Allred
MARLEY .....	Steven Merrell
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SCROOGE AT 18/FRED ANDERSON .....	Woodrow J. Snow
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SCROOGE AT 12.....	Bently White
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NIKOLAS .....	Sean Allred
MARTHA CRATCHIT .....	Bella Allred
ANNA CRATCHIT .....	Grace Gale
BELINDA CRATCHIT .....	Joye Allred
JOHN CRATCHIT .....	Nathan Bartholomeusz
YOUNG GIRL .....	Nevaeh Merrill, Olivia White, Jenaveave White
TOWNSWOMAN .....	Britlyn Kelsey, Evelyn Stoddard, Lindsey Hardman, RyLeigh Slaugh

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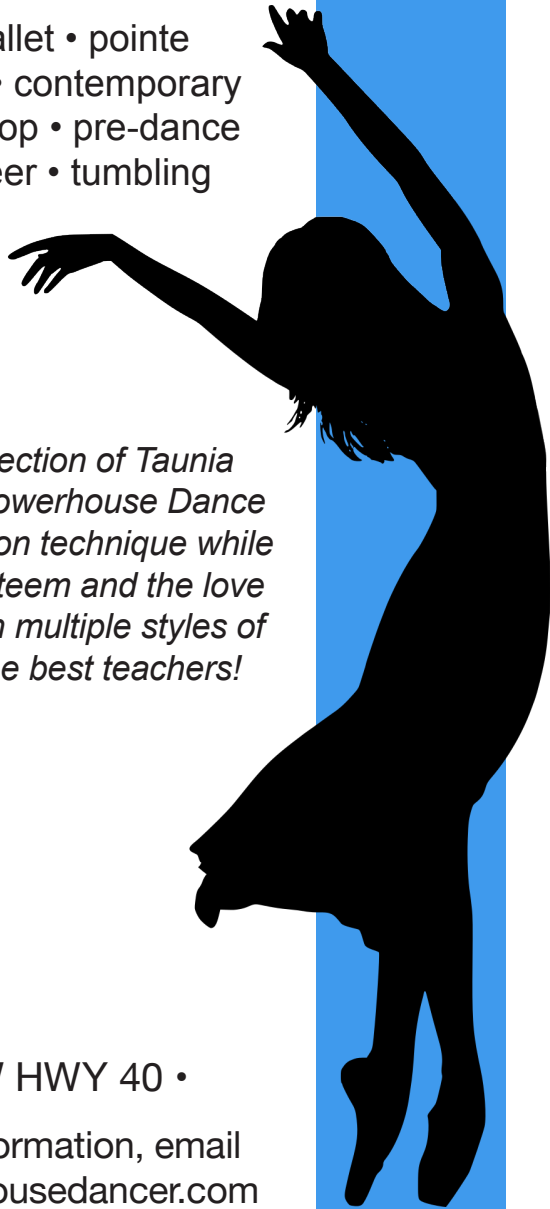






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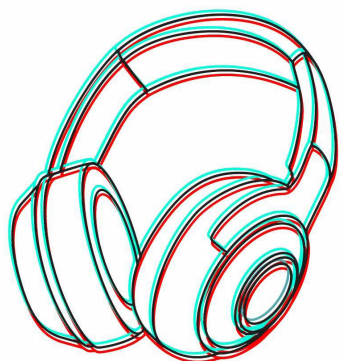
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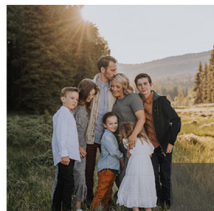
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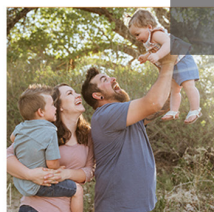
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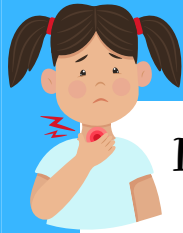
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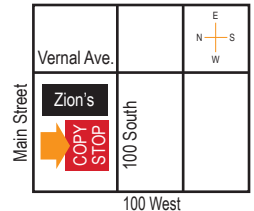


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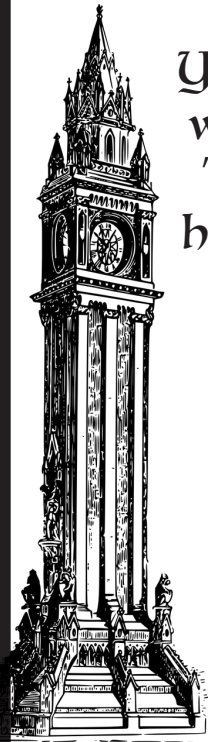


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## CAST BIOS



### SEAN ALLRED *Nikolas*

Sean is excited to return to the stage for his second play! After performing in last year's *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, he discovered a passion for acting and has been eager to participate in more productions. When not on stage, Sean enjoys playing soccer and having fun outdoors.



### STEVEN MERRELL *Marley*

Steven has been involved with theatre for seventeen years. He has been involved in 37 productions (17 onstage and 20 other crews). When he is not acting on stage, he helps with costumes, makeup, and other aspects. Steven is a character actor: he can sing and dance, but his forte is character development and storytelling. He enjoys the creativity of the performing arts. They are expressions of the soul.



### TAYLOR MURRAY *Present/Sandwich Board*

This is Taylor's second show at Vernal Theatre: LIVE! He first appeared in *Emma*. This will be his eighth production. When auditioning for the show, he had NEVER seen *A Christmas Carol*! Taylor has loved the countless hours of rehearsals and unrepeatable memories made with the cast!



### WOODROW J. SNOW *Scrooge at 18/Fred Anderson*

"You know, counting the days by the moon—what a simple, elegant system. Reliable. Ancient. Why did we ever stop? Let's return to that. Let's measure time by the moon's cold, unblinking gaze. And if this particular cycle happens to mark your birthday, well... happy birthday. The moon sees you. The moon remembers. P.S. To my beautiful fiancée Aurora."

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Theatre is magic. As we open our hearts and our mind to create and share with one another, there is no other word to describe what happens between audience, cast and team when a show begins. I am so grateful to have been a part of the magic for this show. *A Christmas Carol* means so much to me – the story is one of my favorites, in all its retellings. I am grateful for each team and cast member. To give so much in service during the holiday season is not for the faint of heart. I am grateful for the audience joining us tonight. I hope your heart is lightened and lifted. I am grateful for my family for continuing to support my dreams and my self. An especially huge thanks to D & H for being my home and always waiting for me.

*Nashelle Jackson*

## CAST BIOS



**RELIN WALLIS** *Mrs. Fezziwig*

"It has been both a joy and a challenge to portray such a larger-than-life character as "Mrs. Fezziwig". Thank you for joining us at Mr. Fezziwig's annual Christmas ball."



**ROZLYNN MITCHELL** *Jenny*

"Hi! I have been in seven productions with Vernal Theatre: LIVE. I have been in TaVaci since I was four. I also do tumbling singing, dance, soccer, and acting. I hope you will love the show and have a great time. It's been so fun being a part of the cast!"



**RYAN BARTHOLOMEUSZ** *Charity Man/Mr. Hawkins*

This is Ryan's second play with Vernal Theatre: LIVE. He enjoys performing for you all, and hopes you have a great Christmas season. "Go Dodgers!"



**RYLEIGH SLAUGH** *Townswoman*

This is RyLeigh's eighth play with Vernal Theatre: LIVE! She has loved being able to get to do this show with her friends while making new friends in the process. "Thank you for coming to the show. Merry Christmas!"



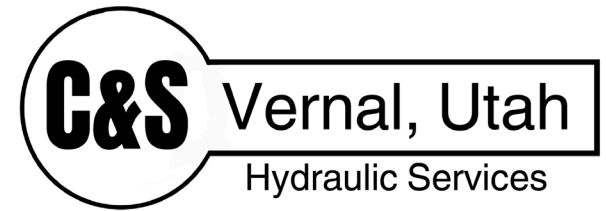
**SADIE WARDLE** *Sally Anderson*

"I am so glad to be in this year's production of *A Christmas Carol!* It has been an amazing experience and I hope that everyone watching can enjoy it. Happy Chrithmas, It's Chrisman, Merry Crisis, Merry Chrysler!"



**SAVANNAH STORY RAYMOND** *Fan*

"This is my third production at Vernal Theatre: LIVE! I was in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Honk! JR.* I love to play piano and read! I'm so excited to play "Fan" and I hope you enjoy our show!"



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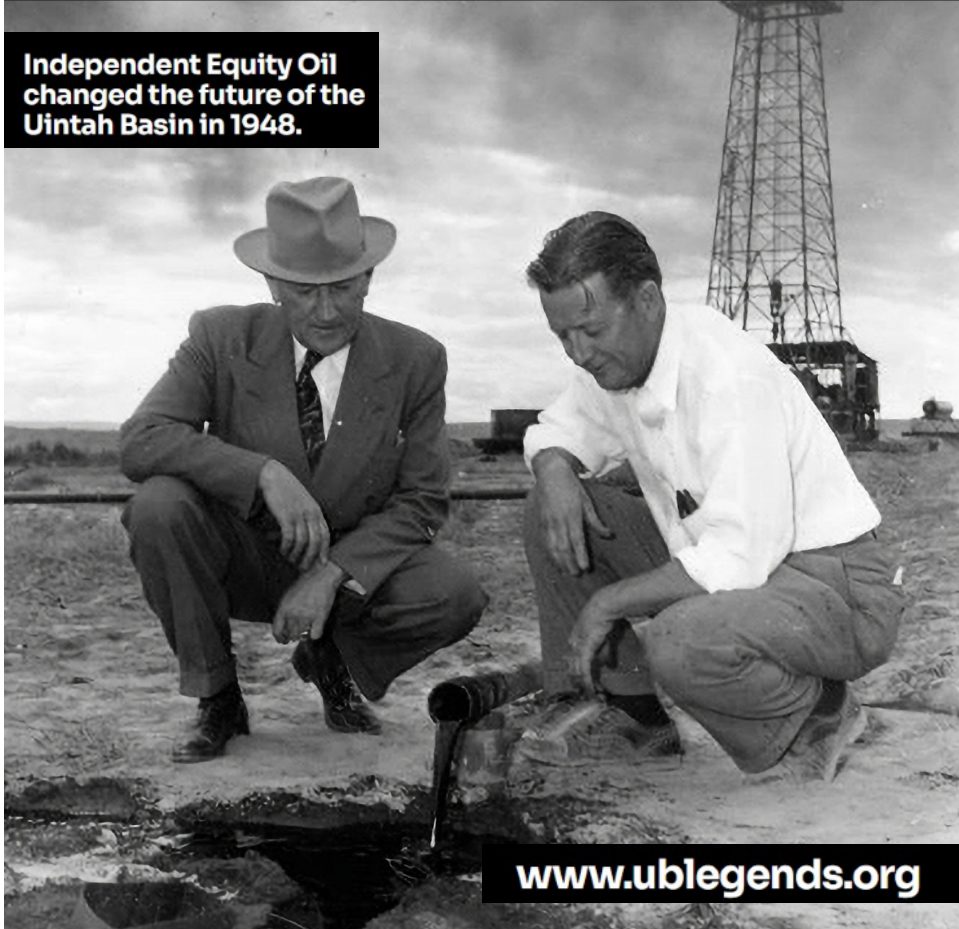
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### **MATT WALLIS** *Mr. Smythe/Mr. Fezziwig*

Matt revels in the joy of performing with his family. Acting at Vernal Theatre: LIVE in his simple role of this wonderful cast has fostered personal growth in challenging himself to reach out more than normal. It's also humbling for him knowing he has a small part to play in spreading Christmas cheer to all those that attend. "God bless us all with joy this day."



### **MILLIE SORENSON** *Want/Young Girl*

Millie is thrilled to be making her stage debut in *A Christmas Carol!* She has loved watching her family perform on stage and has waited patiently for her turn. She loves being part of the cast and the rest of this magical experience.



### **NATHAN BARTHOLOMEUSZ** *John Cratchit*

This is Nate's first Season production here at Vernal Theatre: LIVE. He has been in several junior plays, and really enjoys being a part of the plays and watching them.



### **NEVAEH MERRILL** *Young Girl*

Nevaeh is so excited to be a part of *A Christmas Carol* this year. This is her third show here at the theatre. Her favorite role was "Fluff", one of the ducklings in *Honk! JR.* When Nevaeh is not doing plays, she enjoys dancing.



### **OLIVIA WHITE** *Young Girl*

Olivia is thrilled to be in her first play. She has loved performing in dance recitals and is currently in the TaVac program. She loves to write and make home movies with her siblings. She has always wanted to be on stage in a show and is extra excited her first time is with her family.



### **PARRY PEACOCK** *Ebenezer Scrooge*

"This is a significant show for me. It was the first show I was on stage for and now I'm so fortunate to be able to play the lead. It's been an amazing experience seeing how much I've improved since the previous time I did this."



## CAST BIOS



### **KINLEY RICH** *Future/Blind Old Hag*

"I have been so happy to be in this show and am honored to work with this wonderful cast. When I'm not acting, I love to play the violin, dance in ballet productions and sing. As the 'Ghost of Christmas Future' I can already see that you'll love the show!"



### **LACY BARTHOLOMEUSZ** *Granny Chuzzlewit*

This is Lacy's first Vernal Theatre: LIVE experience. She loves the Christmas season and is excited to share with you this Christmas program.



### **LINCOLN WHITE** *Scrooge at 8/Ignorance*

Lincoln loves being on stage performing with his TaVacI class. He is happy to do his first play with his siblings and dad. He has enjoyed learning new songs and becoming someone else on stage. He enjoys making videos and acting at home with his family. Lincoln has loved doing this performance with his family and can't wait for his Mama to see the show.



### **LINDSEY HARDMAN** *Townswoman*

Lindsey has found a new love of performing in the theater. She was part of this past summer's junior performance *Honk JR* and has loved making so many new friends. She is so excited to be performing for you all!



### **MARIAH OTTESEN** *Mrs. Mops*

Mariah is thrilled to be part of *A Christmas Carol* again. She was in the first *A Christmas Carol* in 2016 as a "Townswoman" and now she's back again as "Mrs. Mops"! She enjoys being part of the show with many wonderful and talented actors and actresses. She has been in previous shows such as *Peter Pan*, *Cinderella*, and *Joseph...Dreamcoat*. She hopes the show will touch your heart and you will feel the Christmas spirit. "Thank you for coming to the show!"



### **MARSTEN WALLIS** *Cratchit*

Marsten Wallis is a senior undergraduate student pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Cybersecurity. He is thrilled to bring "Bob Cratchit" to life in *A Christmas Carol* alongside his family, who are performing a variety of roles throughout the show. Marsten loves to sing and dance, even with "two left feet," and is excited to share the joy and magic of this timeless story with everyone!

## CAST BIOS



### **ALICIA ALLRED** *Scrooge's Mom*

Alicia has performed in many plays over the years but is especially excited to be in this one, as it's one of her all-time favorites. Offstage, she's rarely seen without her trusty crochet hook and yarn—so keep an eye on your costumes, or they might get a handmade upgrade!



### **ANDREA WARDLE** *Past/Lamplighter*

"*A Christmas Carol* is my ninth production with Vernal Theatre: LIVE. A few of my favorite roles include "Mrs. Paroo" *The Music Man*, "Mrs. Wormwood" *Matilda*, and "Annabelle/Margaret/Pamela" *The 39 Steps*. I am thrilled to join the list as the fourth portrayal of "Ghost of Christmas Past". Merry Christmas and may God bless you and yours!"



### **ASHLEY SLAUGH** *Rich Wife/Fezziwig Guest*

"Merry Christmas! I have loved being able to do this show with my sweet daughter, her friends (which have become like my other kiddos) and with my friends. I love this theatre and the friends and family I have made while here. I hope you enjoy the show and don't be a Scrooge."



### **AURORA WALLIS** *Emily*

Christmas is one of Aurora's favorite times of the year. She couldn't think of a better way to spend the season than with her family in *A Christmas Carol* at the theater that holds many memories and friends close to her heart. "Merry Christmas!"



### **BELLA ALLRED** *Martha Cratchit*

This is Bella's third production at Vernal Theatre: LIVE and she is so excited to be able to share her talent with you all! She was so excited to be given the part of "Martha Cratchit". Her favorite role so far has been "Beaky" in *Honk! JR*. Thank you all for coming to see the show.



### **BENTLY WHITE** *Scrooge at 12*

Bently E. White has enjoyed acting and being on stage. He performed in *Annie Jr.* at age 6. He graduated from TaVacI where his love for the stage grew. He played "Hamlet" in his school play last year. This is his second time performing in *A Christmas Carol*. He is glad to be on stage with his family for this show.

## CAST BIOS



### **BRITLYN KELSEY** *Townswoman*

Britlyn is thrilled to make her debut at Vernal Theatre: LIVE with *A Christmas Carol*. She has enjoyed being part of such a talented cast and looks forward to future opportunities to grow and perform. Britlyn has appeared in productions with Terra Academy's Drama Club, and she is excited to participate in upcoming projects. She would like to express her heartfelt thanks to her family for their support and encouragement.



### **BRONSON MERRELL** *Charity Man/Poulterer*

"I am playing eight characters in this production, the main one being a 'Charity Man'! I've worked with this theatre for almost seven years. Some of my favorite roles are "Cosmo Brown" in *Singin in the Rain Jr* and "Drake" from *Honk! JR*. Hope you all enjoy the show in my favorite theatre!"



### **ELLY YOUNG** *Rich Wife/Fezziwig Guest*

Elly has been working hard to hone her skills as a singer and dancer and can't wait to show them off in her debut here at Vernal Theatre: LIVE! She hopes you have a very "Happy Christmas" and enjoy this production of *A Christmas Carol*!



### **EVELYN STODDARD** *Townswoman*

*A Christmas Carol* is Evelyn's third production. She has been in two junior shows and loves theater. When she isn't onstage, Evelyn can be found reading, playing soccer, crocheting, and being as introverted as possible. She is an eighth grader at Vernal Middle School. She'd like to thank everyone who came to see the show and wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



### **GRACE GALE** *Anna Cratchit*

Grace is so excited to be in *A Christmas Carol* for the first time! She is so glad to be able to play "Anna Cratchit" and hopes you enjoy her performance.



### **GRACE OLSEN** *Grace Smythe*

"Hi my name is Grace, and I am so excited to be in this production. I love all the music and the story of *A Christmas Carol*. This is my first play and I can't wait for everyone to see it."

## CAST BIOS



### **GREGORY WHITE** *Businessman/Banker*

Gregory E. White was born into theater. His first play was at age two in his Grandma and Mom's theater and instantly fell in love with acting. He met his wife while performing in their high school play. They have enjoyed acting in plays together since. He is happy to act with their four children in this show.



### **HOLLY ALLRED** *Mrs. Cratchit*

Holly is so humbled to get to be a part of this show with three of her children. It's been such a fun experience to get to do it together. She has been onstage at Vernal Theatre: LIVE three times now and has helped behind the scenes with numerous more. "Thank you to my family for all the love and support as I chase my dreams. I love you family!"



### **JAK ALLRED** *Tiny Tim*

This is Jak's second play at Vernal Theatre: LIVE. He's so happy to be performing in this wonderful production and that you took time to come and watch this amazing show. "You all rock!"



### **JENA VEAVE WHITE** *Young Girl*

Jenaveave (Jen-a-vee-vee) is so excited about her debut performance at Vernal Theatre: LIVE. Jena loves letting her personality shine through on stage through dance. She likes acting at home with her siblings in home movies. She is thrilled to be on stage with her dad and siblings.



### **JOYE ALLRED** *Belinda Cratchit*

Joye has been waiting for so long to get to be in a show at Vernal Theatre: LIVE. This is her first show. When she found out she made the cast, she cried tears of happiness. She is so happy to be a part of this wonderful production.



### **KEIRA WALLIS** *Rich Wife/Fezziwig Guest*

"I am so glad that I get to perform in *A Christmas Carol* with my family. After watching many different versions of *A Christmas Carol* over the years, I am so excited to be on the stage with my loved ones for this one."