



Spotlight

discover what all the applause is about . . .

November, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- November 15th – OPENING NIGHT, **THE TRIAL OF EBENEZER SCROOGE!!**
- November 18th – BOARD MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Cobblestone Theatre – Electing 2020 Board!!
- December 3rd – GIVING TUESDAY!
- January 25th - SAVE THE DATE for Annual Awards Party “UNDER THE SEA!”

VTC PUTS NEW SPIN ON HOLIDAY CLASSIC

By now everyone is familiar with Charles Dickens' holiday classic "A Christmas Carol" so the Volcano Theatre Company decided to tweak the original and turn it on it's ear a bit. "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" by Mark Brown and sponsored by the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort may sound quite serious, but it is filled with your favorite Dickens characters in a cheeky way you've not seen before, but will love. How can it NOT be funny when Scrooge, representing himself in a court of law, is suing the Ghost of Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future for breaking and entering, kidnapping, slander, pain and suffering, attempted murder and the intentional inflicting of emotional distress! I guess Scrooge is back to his old self . . . or is he?

Directed by Judy Elliott whose 2018 production of The Sunshine Boys won the SARTA (Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance) award for Best Production, Comedy, says "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" is a story of redemption seemingly gone awry, mixed with truth, humor and "spirited" effects! She was drawn to this play, intrigued by what Scrooge would be like a year later, after his great Christmas epiphany, and knowing audiences would find it interesting also.

Judy is also pleased to introduce another newcomer to the VTC stage as Geoff Charles takes on the title role. Geoff has a long and varied history of entertaining people, just not necessarily on the stage. He is a voice actor and was the national presenter on film for Mattel Hot Wheels nationwide and portrayed The Big Kahuna on TV in South Florida. He is a published writer, both fiction and commentary and is a direct descendant of Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain!). His recitation of The Night Before Christmas is a featured holiday presentation on iHeartRadio. Also new to the stage, although not the company, Jeff Fausett has finally followed his wife, VTC favorite,

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VOLCANO THEATRE COMPANY
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THE TRIAL OF EBENEZER SCROOGE



A COMEDY BY MARK BROWN
DIRECTED BY JUDY ELLIOTT



Sponsored by the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort



NOVEMBER 15TH–DECEMBER 15TH
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Roxanne into the limelight. Jeff was Assistant Stage Manager for "James and the Giant Peach" but when he read the holiday script, knew that he was destined to play the role of Christmas Yet To Come and beat out several others at auditions to win the role. Truth be told, you'll be hard pressed to recognize Jeff on stage . . . and that's just the way he likes it!

Rounding out the cast is an amazing group of VTC's most talented performers: Marty Brifman ("the Sunshine Boys"), James Dove ("Life & Beth"), Jim Estes ("A Tuna Christmas"), Roxanne Fausett ("Life & Beth"), Michaela Rose Key ("Steel Magnolias"), Victor Martinez ("James and the Giant Peach"), Kimberly Seelos ("Steel Magnolias") and Gordon Seelos ("Wait Until Dark"). Of special note, Jim Estes and Kimberly Seelos play multiple roles and Michaela Rose Key portrays three different characters, never leaving the stage between morphing from one to the other. The talent continues off stage, as Kathleen Rich and Jorja Perea will be costuming the cast, Contractor Gerry Elliott, building the set, Paula Bibby, decorating the set, Judy Hunt holding script and Stage Managing and Alex Sharp, Assistant Directing and planning some very fun technical effects!

Tickets are already selling quickly and seating in the historic Cobblestone Theatre is limited, so go online at www.volcanothatre.net soon to be sure you don't miss the opportunity to let the Christmas spirit (past, present and future!) grab you! And, as Tiny Tim would say: A Merry Christmas To Us. God Bless Us, Everyone!



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SAVE OUR STAGE!

The Volcano Theatre Company's amphitheatre stage **MUST** be replaced due to rotting sub-structure. The **ENTIRE** performance area (stage, black wall and green room) must be demolished and re-built before our awesome Summer 2020 season begins!

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An engraved brick showing your contribution to the SOS 2020 campaign (a \$100 value);
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A few facts about the Volcano Theatre Company.

Did you know . . .

- We are a 501c3 non-profit, so your donation is tax deductible!
- We are run ENTIRELY by volunteers (for over 46 years!!)

BALANCING THE BOOKS CAN BE A CHALLENGE!

And never more so than during the winter months when the theatre is dark, but the expenses continue. Theatre maintenance, utilities, and production costs for our 2019 season are all issues which need to be addressed.

Any amount of financial support will be greatly appreciated, and of course, is tax-deductible. Thank you for supporting YOUR Community Theatre!

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