## "A Christmas Carol The Musical"



Pictured from left to right. Elenna Usher, Eileen Cannon, Brittany Carricato Cox, Eliza Donahue, Cami Glauser, Carmen Tate, and Jim Hesselman (center) as Ebenezer Scrooge

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Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL THE MUSICAL will be playing at the Derby Dinner Playhouse through December 31st, and if you think you've seen this holiday classic before, then you haven't seen it Derby Dinner style!

Most already know the touching, heartfelt tale of Ebineezer Scrooge, and how he has to take a deep look into the past, present and future, with the help of three "guides," to put him on the right track. And what's the best part? This exciting adaption is set to music, with plenty of song and dance numbers that'll have you in the mood for the upcoming holidays in no time!

This spectacular production was directed by Lee Buckholz, with choreography by Heather Paige Folsom and musical direction by Scott Bradley. The cast includes Jim Hesselman, John Payonk, J.R. Stuart, Sara King, Cami Glauser, Jillian Prefach, Elizabeth Loos, Dick Baker, Adam Raque and many more Derby Dinner favorites.

With so many standout performances, it's really hard to only mention a few. However, I would hate myself tomorrow if I didn't rave about Gray Lynn as the Ghost of Christmas Past! With his clear voice and charisma out the roof, I truly missed him whenever he walked off of the stage. A familiar face with DDP, Sara King was wonderful as Emily, as well as the multitude of other roles that she played throughout the night. How many hats did this fantastic performer actually wear? I think I lost count!

And of course, Jim Hesselman was just brilliant as Scrooge, mixing the emotions of both a villian and a hero in a way that was nothing short of innovative. But did Beckett Gunderson completely steal the show as Tiny Tim? Well, the audience sure seemed to think so!

The Derby Dinner Playhouse is located in Clarksville, Indiana... right over the bridge from Louisville, Kentucky. It is a theater in the round, and has been in operation since 1974, making it one of the oldest and largest continuously operating theatres in the country!

You will always receive a top notch production for your ticket price, along with a mouth-watering meal, served buffet style, boasting favorites like fried catfish, mouth-watering pasta selections and a meat carving station. Some of the best desserts around are also offered, like the peanut butter pie!

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