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A Christmas Carol Annual Run Now Open at Cider Mill Playhouse

(Endicott, NY) A treasured holiday tradition of the Southern Tier, Cider Mill Playhouse's annual production of *A Christmas Carol* has opened to the delight of area school children this week and opens to the public on Friday, December 5. The run continues with several shows each week, priced to be family-friendly, through December 21.

As in years past, *A Christmas Carol* enjoys the guidance of returning duo **Carol Hanscom** (director) and **Ken Martinak** (music director). They are joined by returning cast members **Tom Kremer** (Scrooge), **Sandy Monachino** (Bob Cratchit), **Jana Kucera** (Ghost of Christmas Past), **Brad Morgan** (Ghost of Christmas Present), **Robert Tendy** (Fred), **Brendan Curtin** (Marley), **Carolyn Christy-Boyd** (Mrs. Cooper), **Matt Gaska** (Young Scrooge/Ghost of Christmas Future), **Stephanie Gomez** (Belle). These cast members also serve as an ensemble playing various roles throughout this unique adaptation, which presents the classic Dickens story for a sick child who is confined to bed. This year, **Drake Brown** and **Kara Smyk** make their Cider Mill Playhouse debuts in the shared role of the child, who also doubles as Tiny Tim.

Also new this year is a fresh approach to the lighting design by **Paul Radassao** and sound design by **Alex Dietz-Kest**. The original scenery by **John Bielenberg** and costumes, supervised by **Jessica Pullis**, provide the familiar world in which this magical story is told. The show runs two hours including its intermission, and families can enjoy traditional fare including Cider Mill Playhouse Christmas Cocoa—complete with whipped cream and a candy cane—hot coffee or Cider Mill cider, and other concessions treats they've come to expect and enjoy at the recently upgraded cabaret-style tables.

Tickets for all Cider Mill Playhouse shows are available at the box office. CALL 607-748-7363, VISIT 2 S. Nanticoke Ave, Endicott, or CLICK www.cidermillplayhouse.org. Cider Mill Playhouse is honored to receive season support from the New York State Council on the Arts and the Broome County Arts Council.

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