

# News Release

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## **CHRISTMAS CLASSIC - "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"**

### **TO BE PRESENTED AT VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA NOVEMBER 18, 2006: The world's most miserable miser ever - Ebenezer Scrooge - humbugs his way through yet another Christmas only to experience an incredible change late Christmas Eve in Charles Dickens' immortal classic "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" to be staged by Maranatha Productions, Inc., of Lancaster, PA

Set in the snowy streets of Victorian London, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" tells the timeless story of the stingy, tightfisted, and rather irascible curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge. To Scrooge, who spends long, glum days behind his counting house desk avariciously counting and stacking, then gleefully re-counting and re-stacking the hoarded coins of his wealth, Christmas is "nothing more than a poor excuse to pick a man's pocket every December 25<sup>th</sup>! Everything that is Christmas is just "a lot of

humbug!" Until midnight one Christmas Eve when - most unexpectedly - he is visited by his late business partner - Jacob Marley and three joyous Christmas spirits who change his mind and attitude about Christmas and life forever!

Authentically-costumed, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" will delight audiences of all ages as Ebenezer Scrooge's bleak and parsimonious world is brought to life one Christmas Eve. Brought to life by the glorious spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Future who take Ebenezer Scrooge on an amazing journey backward and forward, moving from one Christmas Eve encounter to yet another in his own life!

Erik Nelson, from Lancaster, PA portrays Scrooge with a sarcastic disgust and utter contempt for all things Christmas that encrusts a stone cold heart yet brings warmth to the hearts of his audience! A professional actor, Erik was most recently seen in the made-for TV movie 'UNTOLD STORIES OF US NAVY SEALS,' aired nationally on The Learning Channel, playing American hero Lt Bruce Walker, felled in the line of duty in Vietnam. He is the host of the weekly fitness TV show "Energize with Erik," aired throughout the United Kingdom and much of Europe. He travels throughout the US portraying Chet Bitterman, a 28-year old Bible translator from Lancaster, PA, who was kidnapped by rebel guerrillas in Bogota, Colombia, in January 1981, held hostage for 47 days, then martyred on the morning of the 48<sup>th</sup> in the live drama "MARTYRED: THE CHET BITTERMAN STORY." He is the

host of the "Power Swing" infomercial currently airing nationally and has played many principal roles in industrial films for such corporate giants as Rite Aid, Prudential Insurance, and Giant Food Stores. He commutes to Montego Bay, Jamaica, to be the featured performer in the tourist theatre production "Jamaica Alive!" and tours England during the Lenten season portraying "Jesus Christ" in the PASSION PLAY.

Mark this date, December 5 between 7:00pm-8:00pm. Tickets can be ordered through the school office (215-947-4581) or purchased at the door. Ticket prices are as follows:

- Adults (12 and older) \$5.00
- Children (Ages 3-12) \$3.00
- Children under 3 - free
- Families (with 2 adults and more than 3 children) \$20.00

Refreshments will be served by Valley Christian School 6th grade students. All profits will go toward the 6th grade graduation trip. For more information, call 215-947-4581 or email [Annette Tusing](mailto:Annette.Tusing@valleychristianschool.org).

#### About Valley Christian School

Pre-K through 6th grade elementary school nestled in the tri-county area of Montgomery Co., Bucks Co. and Philadelphia. Our goal is to partner with the church and Christian home in rearing God-fearing

children who are academically, spiritually, socially, and physically equipped to walk in this present world and to let their light shine for Jesus Christ.

#### About Maranatha Productions

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" is presented by Maranatha Productions, Inc., a nonprofit educational theatre based in Lancaster, PA, which has been staging Charles Dickens' delightful tale about parsimony during the most sharing of holidays for more than three decades. Within Maranatha's staging are several opportunities for spontaneous audience participation, giving some in the audience the thrill of interactive theatre while helping retell this 19th century story that has been told and re-told hundreds of thousands of times around the world since Charles Dickens wondrous story first was printed on Christmas Eve in a London newspaper long, long ago.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" is most acceptable for all ages and is certain to bring laughter and even several tears just as it has been doing for 150+ years throughout the world to all audiences everywhere! Reading, seeing, and with Maranatha even becoming spontaneously a part of the cast in "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" is a Christmas tradition certainly not to be missed and surely enjoyed often!

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