

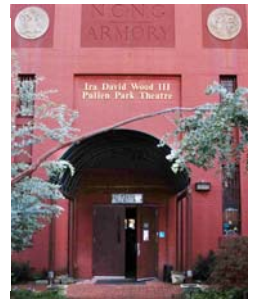
Theatre In The Park

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Rehearsals have begun for the cast of *A Christmas Carol*

"One of the most popular shows in North Carolina history" celebrates its 35th year

Raleigh, NC, October 05, 2009 – Evenings at Theatre In the Park will be full of music and merriment as the cast of *A Christmas Carol* have begun rehearsals at the historic theatre located in Pullen Park in downtown Raleigh. This year marks the 35th anniversary of Ira David Wood III's original musical comedy adaptation of Charles Dickens' legendary story. The cast for 2009 is made up of 76 volunteers ranging in age from 5 to 70 and include a number of familiar faces such as David Henderson, Mike Raab, Andrea Schulz Twiss, Heather Shinpaugh, Sarah Simons, and Ira David Wood IV to name a few who will perform alongside new local talent that have joined the cast for the first time. David Moore, who will also return to once again play Bob Cratchit said, "it wouldn't be Christmas in my family without *A Christmas Carol*." Included in the cast are 17 "Littles" who have been cast to fill the roles of the children including Bryant Prince as Tiny Tim, and Kelsey Healey, who is returning as the Ghost of Christmas Past. Theatre In The Park's Office Manager Erin West joins this year's production team as Assistant Stage Manager and will be working with returning production team members Brijet Whitney (Choreographer), Diane Petteway (Pianist), Christine Rapp (Stage Manager), Tim Ruffin (Technical Director) and Ira David Wood III (Writer/Director/Actor).

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the show's first tour to France in 1989, a select group of over 50 cast, crew and band members will travel to Raleigh's sister city of Compiègne, France with another 40 or more patrons and friends of the theatre, to perform a modified version of *A Christmas Carol* for four shows on November 26th & 27th. Interesting to note is that one of the shows is already sold out. If you are interested in supporting your local community overseas and attending the performance of *A Christmas Carol* in France, please contact Kim Kleinhans at Maupin Travel 919-301-0008 for a selection of travel packages.

The 35th annual *A Christmas Carol* will perform at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts Memorial Auditorium December 8-16, 2009. Tickets go on sale to the general public through Ticketmaster (800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com) beginning Sunday, October 18th, and at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts Memorial Auditorium Box Office beginning Monday, October 19th. Due to the show's overwhelming popularity, an additional performance has been added on Sunday, December 13th at 7:00PM.

For more information on *A Christmas Carol* and current fundraising activities to help support the theatre's international tour to France, visit www.theatreinthepark.com or call 919-831-6058.

About Theatre In The Park

Theatre In The Park, currently celebrating its 62nd season, is located in the northern end of Raleigh's scenic Pullen Park adjacent to North Carolina State University. The theatre is acclaimed for its many outstanding theatrical achievements. Each season Theatre In The Park presents an exceptional series of productions including the very best in comedy, original musicals, Shakespeare, and contemporary drama. Theatre In The Park is North Carolina's largest non-profit performing Arts organizations and is second in the region only to the celebrated Actor's Theatre of Louisville in original works premiered. Theatre In The Park truly offers something for everyone.

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A Christmas Carol 2009

Cast Members

<i>Name</i>	<i>Character Played</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Kathleen Black	Laura	Cary
Scottie Black	Townsperson	Raleigh
Ricky Blalock	Townsperson	Willow Spring
Dempsey Bond	Ghostie Singer	Cary
Chris Coby	Townsperson	Wake Forest
Rita Coby	Townsperson	Wake Forest
Summer Coby	Townsperson	Wake Forest
Janis Coville	Townsperson	Cary
Tyler Crocker	Townsperson	Benson
Toni Gadsden	Townsperson	Raleigh
Emily Gardenhire	Dancer	Cary
Christine Gardenhire	Dancer	Cary
Gary Gardenhire	Townsperson	Cary
Patty Gardenhire	Townsperson	Cary
Grace Goetz	Townsperson	Cary
Hannah Goetz	Townsperson	Cary
Morgan Goetz	Townsperson	Cary
Morgan Goodman	Townsperson	Raleigh
Bob Harris	Townsperson	Raleigh
Holly Harris	Townsperson	Raleigh
Kelsey Healey	Christmas Past	Raleigh
David Henderson	Jacob Marley	Raleigh
Bob Jensen	Townsperson	Raleigh
Betsy Jones	Townsperson	Willow Spring
Tessa Joseph	Dancer	Holly Springs
Alison Lawrence	Townsperson	Raleigh
Lisa Lowrance	Townsperson	Raleigh
Wilder Lowrance	Townsperson	Raleigh
Kayla Martin	Martha Cratchit	Raleigh
Chris Maxwell	Dancer	Morrisville
Patty Mercer	Townsperson	Raleigh
Peter Mercer	Peter Cratchit	Raleigh
David Moore	Bob Cratchit	Cary
Michael Murray	Townsperson	Raleigh
Mark Olexik	Townsperson	Apex
Craig Osterhus	Lamplighter	Raleigh
Jennifer Osterhus	Belinda Cratchit	Raleigh
Christie Osterhus	Dancer	Raleigh
Rachel Osterhus	Dancer	Raleigh
Mason Park	Townsperson	Raleigh

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Bryant Prince	Tiny Tim Cratchit	Holly Springs
Melanie Prince	Mrs. Cratchit	Holly Springs
Peyton Prince	Townsperson	Holly Springs
Mike Raab	Christmas Future	Fuquay-Varina
Fiona Raab	Townsperson	Fuquay-Varina
Caitlin Raab	Townsperson	Fuquay-Varina
Walker Ramseur	Townsperson	Raleigh
Rachel Redwine	Dancer	Cary
JR Richardson	Townsperson	Raleigh
Tyler Rollins	Townsperson	Fuquay-Varina
Andrea Schulz Twiss	Townsperson	Cary
John Shearer	Christmas Present	Chapel Hill
Heather Shinpaugh	Mrs. Fezziwig	Cary
Sarah Simons	Niece	Raleigh
Brent Simpson	Mr. Fezziwig	Raleigh
Cedric Stapleton	Young Scrooge	Raleigh
Kaitlin Szulik	Dancer	Raleigh
Alayah Tedder	Townsperson	Durham
Frank Theriault	Christmas Present Elf	Willow Spring
Colleen Theriault	Townsperson	Willow Spring
Tippy Thornton	Townsperson	Knightdale
Ella Reeves Vaughan	Townsperson	Raleigh
Brandon Veal	Townsperson	Raleigh
Caleb Veal	Townsperson	Raleigh
Jade Watson	Ghostie Singer	Wendell
Mackenzie Webel	Townsperson	Chapel Hill
Hannah Whitney	Townsperson	Raleigh
Ranele Winter	Townsperson	Fuquay-Varina
Ira David Wood III	Ebenezer Scrooge	Raleigh
Ira David Wood IV	Nephew	Raleigh
Henry Young	Townsperson	Raleigh
Janie Young	Townsperson	Raleigh
Matt Zimmerman	Townsperson	Cary
Vanessa Zitzmann	Townsperson	Benson

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