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NTC PRODUCTIONS returns to _(CITY)_____ with its delightful stage production of Charles Dickens' holiday classic *A Christmas Carol*, playing the _(THEATER) on (DATE). Show time is at (TIME).

This fully staged musical version of Charles Dickens' classic tale has become a Yuletide tradition. The story was adapted for the stage by Charles Jones, former executive director of the Omaha Community Playhouse in Omaha, Nebraska. NTC has been touring this adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* since 1979. It is one of the most widely viewed productions of the Dickens tale in the nation, annually performing for over 100,000 people in over 60 cities across the country.

A Christmas Carol features a spirited ensemble of 28 performers who bring Dickens' fable of redemption to life on a magical set created by noted designer James Othuse. A full array of timeless carols such as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Away In a Manager" and "Here We Come A-Wassailing" are interwoven within the classic story of a tight-fisted, middle-class merchant Ebenezer Scrooge and all the beloved characters from Dickens' 1843 novel.

The heartwarming tale depicts Scrooge, whose values are focused exclusively on profit, and his conflicts with the struggling Cratchit family, whose tragic problems typified the

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working class during the Industrial Revolution in Victorian England. The touching climax is based on Dickens' belief that the ills of a greedy world can be healed by brotherhood and unselfishness.

The colorful scenery and elaborate costumes faithfully recreate the Victorian period. Exceptional voices, lively dancing and dazzling special effects like the mysterious spinning bed combine to create a spectacular holiday treat for the entire family.

Tickets for "**A Christmas Carol**" are (PRICES). Tickets are on sale now at (LIST TICKET VENUES). Call (phone) for ticket information.

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