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A Noise Within reimagines *A Christmas Carol* for its 35th Anniversary Season

A fresh visual approach brings new theatrical dimension to the beloved holiday classic, returning Nov. 28–Dec. 24 in Pasadena

LOS ANGELES (October 28, 2026) — **A Noise Within** brings new visual magic to a beloved holiday tradition this season as its acclaimed production of *A Christmas Carol* returns with an all-new scenic design, props and costumes. Part of the company's 35th anniversary season, this fresh take on Charles Dickens' timeless tale of redemption and renewal runs **November 28** through **December 24** at A Noise Within in Pasadena.

Uniquely faithful to the original text by Charles Dickens, every word in A Noise Within's production comes from the novel, with no lines added or changed. Adapted for the stage by **Geoff Elliott** and co-directed by Elliott and **Julia Rodriguez-Elliott**, the production features original music by **Robert Oriol** and music direction by **Rod Bagheri**. The creative team reinvents the production each year, ensuring that no two seasons are ever the same.

This year, the production receives a major visual transformation, with redesigned scenery, props and costumes that heighten the theatrical worlds Scrooge encounters on his extraordinary Christmas Eve journey.

"The style and spirit of the show haven't changed, but our 35th anniversary season felt like the perfect opportunity to amplify its visual elements," says Rodriguez-Elliott. "We want the worlds of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Future to feel even more distinct, immersive and theatrical — to heighten that fever-dream sensation that comes with revisiting your past or catching a glimpse of what might lie ahead. We first produced *A Christmas Carol* 15 years ago, and since then, both technology and our resources have evolved considerably. Now we have the opportunity to think bigger and take the visual storytelling to an entirely new level."

Dickens' timeless story of redemption follows the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he is visited by three spirits on Christmas Eve, setting him on a remarkable journey of self-discovery, compassion and hope. Filled with music and merriment, A Noise Within's *A Christmas Carol* offers a theatrical feast of holiday cheer for audiences of all ages.

"This is not a Currier and Ives *A Christmas Carol*," Rodriguez-Elliott adds. "There's a special kind of magic to it. It's sophisticated enough to engage adult audiences, but a five-year-old can experience the wonder as well."

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This year, the role of Ebenezer Scrooge is played by **Henri Lubatti**, last seen at A Noise Within as Berenger in *Exit the King*. Returning cast members include **Kasey Mahaffy** as Bob Cratchit; **Riley Shanahan** as Marley; **Trisha Miller** as the Ghost of Christmas Past; **Anthony Adu** as the Ghost of Christmas Present; **Cassandra Marie Murphy** as Belle; **Jack Zubieta** as Fred Cratchit; and **Alison Rodriguez** as the Narrator. Also featured are **Rachel Han**, **Evan Lugo**, **Julianna Picasso** and **Tania Verafield**.

Young performers **Brendan Burgos**, **Eva Lorenz**, **Dorothy Smith**, **Louisa Smith** and **Arihant Yadav** play the Cratchit children, with **Oren Dennis-Ross** as Tiny Tim. All are participants in A Noise Within's Summer with Shakespeare program.

The creative team includes scenic designer **Frederica Nascimento**; costume designer **Angela Balogh Calin**; wig and makeup designer **Tony Valdés**; lighting designer **Ken Booth**; projections designer **Nicholas Santiago**; and properties designer **Stephen Taylor**. **Angela Sonner** is stage manager, assisted by **Hope Matthews**.

With its stirring original music, vivid storytelling and exuberant cast, *A Christmas Carol* at A Noise Within continues to capture the timeless magic of Dickens' classic and the enduring hope that kindness can redeem us all.

Performances of ***A Christmas Carol*** run **November 28** through **December 24**. Regular performances take place **Thursdays** and **Fridays** at **7 p.m.**; **Saturdays** at **2** and **7 p.m.**; and **Sundays** at **2 p.m.** Five additional holiday performances are scheduled: **Tuesday**, **Dec. 22**, at **2** and **7 p.m.**; **Wednesday**, **Dec. 23**, at **2** and **7 p.m.**; and **Thursday**, **Dec. 24**, at **2 p.m.**

A sensory-friendly **Relaxed Performance** will take place **Sunday**, **Nov. 29**, at **11 a.m.** Designed to provide a more accommodating theater experience for patrons with sensory, developmental and other disabilities, the performance features a shorter running time, flexibility to talk and move around during the show, reduced lighting and sound effects, designated activity and relaxation spaces, and trained staff available to assist patrons. For details, visit anoisewithin.org/shows/relaxed-performances.

Audio description will be available at the 2 p.m. matinee on **Saturday**, **Dec. 19**. **GalaPro closed captioning** will be available at the 2 p.m. matinees on **Saturday**, **Dec. 19** and **Sunday**, **Dec. 20**, courtesy of the **Perenchio Foundation**. **Saturday**, **Dec. 5**, is "**Teen Night**," featuring special pre-show activities and complimentary snacks for patrons ages 13-19.

A Christmas Carol is recommended for ages 5 and up. Babies and toddlers are not permitted. Running time is 90 minutes, with no intermission.

Tickets start at **$44.75**, including fees. Student tickets start at **$25**. The **Thursday**, **Dec. 3**, performance features a **Pay What You Choose** offer, with tickets starting at **$10**; online sales begin at noon the Monday before the performance, with same-day tickets available at the box office after 2 p.m. Family packages are available, as well as discounts for groups of 10 or more.

A Noise Within is located at **3352 E. Foothill Blvd.**, **Pasadena**, **CA 91107**. To purchase tickets and for more information, call (**626**) **356-3100** or visit www.anoisewithin.org.

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Details for Calendar Listings
'A Christmas Carol'

WHAT:
A Noise Within reimagines Charles Dickens' timeless holiday classic for its 35th anniversary season, with an all-new scenic design, props and costumes. Faithful to Dickens' original novel, the production brings fresh visual dimension to Scrooge's extraordinary Christmas Eve journey, blending stirring music, vivid storytelling and theatrical magic in a heartwarming tale of redemption, compassion and hope.

WHO:
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• Directed by **Julia Rodriguez-Elliott** and **Geoff Elliott**
• Original music by **Robert Oriol**
• Music direction by **Rod Bagheri**
• Presented by **A Noise Within***, Geoff Elliott and Julia Rodriguez-Elliott, producing artistic directors*

WHEN:
November 28–December 24, 2026
• **Saturday**, **Nov. 28**, at **2 p.m.** (*Preview*)
• **Saturday**, **Nov. 28**, at **7 p.m.** (*Opening*)
• **Sunday**, **Nov. 29**, at **11 a.m.** (*Sensory-friendly Relaxed Performance**)
• **Sunday**, **Nov. 29**, at **2 p.m.**
• **Thursday**, **Dec. 3**, at **7 p.m.**
• **Friday**, **Dec. 4**, at **7 p.m.**
• **Saturday**, **Dec. 5**, at **2 and 7 p.m.**
• **Sunday**, **Dec. 6**, at **2 p.m.**
• **Thursday**, **Dec. 10**, at **7 p.m.**
• **Friday**, **Dec. 11**, at **7 p.m.**
• **Saturday**, **Dec. 12**, at **2 and 7 p.m.**
• **Sunday**, **Dec. 13**, at **2 p.m.**
• **Thursday**, **Dec. 17**, at **7 p.m.**
• **Friday**, **Dec. 18**, at **7 p.m.**
• **Saturday**, **Dec. 19**, at **2 and 7 p.m.**
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• GalaPro closed captioning available at the 2 p.m. performances on December 19 and 20.

PHOTOS:
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