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**SNOW PREDICTED AT NCR
A Couple of New Twists to a NCR Tradition
NORTH COAST REP PROUDLY PRESENTS:**

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Featuring Jonathan McMurtry
Adapted by Jacqueline Goldfinger
From the classic novel by Charles Dickens
Directed by Matt Thompson
Previews: December 9th & 10th, 2009
Regular Shows; December 11th - 27th, 2009
Press Opening: December 11th, 2009 @ **7pm**
Tickets range from \$25-30.

For show times and more ticket information see listing at end.

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Critics Choice 2007 & 2008

“This year’s Christmas Carol will encompass all of the majestic themes of Dickens's original story. Building on the wonderful foundations from the last two years, this imaginative reinvention of a classic tale will be sprinkled with magic.” Matt Thompson, Director of *A Christmas Carol*

From the desk of playwright Jacqueline Goldfinger:

"I am thrilled that North Coast Rep is producing A CHRISTMAS CAROL for a third year! When David [Ellenstein] commissioned me to adapt this piece in 2007, we had no idea that it would find such a warm and welcoming audience. I am so happy that it's become a part of the holiday tradition in our community, and in communities around the

country. (There are five other productions of the NCR commissioned adaptation of CHRISTMAS CAROL being produced in the U.S. this December.) I also love that North Coast Rep pairs this traditional tale with a different director every year. It's so much fun to see how each director interprets the play. I am thrilled that Matt [Thompson] is directing A CHRISTMAS CAROL! Matt and I have been friends for years and have been looking for a project to work on together; this was the perfect opportunity.

In addition, since Matt is also an accomplished playwright and adaptor as well as director, I feel that he has a unique understanding of the complex needs of staging a well-known story. It is also very exciting to have Jonathan McMurtry play "Scrooge." I have enjoyed watching him in countless productions, and am honored that he chose to work on my adaptation. In addition to preparing A CHRISTMAS CAROL we have already begun casting and pre-production work on LITTLE WOMEN, my most recent adaptation project with North Coast Rep. We had a fantastic in-house workshop at NCR this summer with Kirsten [Brandt] - our amazing director. Our vision for LITTLE WOMEN is akin to a Pixar movie - it's a play with music that can be enjoyed by all ages as well as by women and men, boys and girls. It's a story of a loving but imperfect family who celebrates triumphs and endures challenges together while growing stronger in the process. We've also threaded lovely Civil War era music throughout the piece to help recreate the atmosphere of the period. Although the play is set in the 1800s, we have used a few modern storytelling techniques, like a quickened pace and overlapping scenes, so that it is easily accessible for all ages."

*** Due to the lengthy listing for cast, crew and design team I have inserted it at the end of this release along with show times and dates.**

And a potpourri of holiday shows for everyone!

"We have a show for everyone this holiday season. We have three Christmas themed shows; a classic, an improv, an interactive, and a Chanukah show! All these shows are affordable and family friendly." -David Ellenstein,
Artistic Director, North Coast Repertory Theatre

Whether you love classic tales, comedic twists, improvisational spin-offs or are in the mood for a kibitz and a nosh, NCR has a show for everyone! And this year NCR has made an extra effort to make great theatre fun and affordable by offering 50% discounts for children and shows for as low as \$15. This fun and affordable line up of shows include:

HOW DO YOU SPELL CHANUKKAH? Is it Chanukah or Hanukkah? Join hosts Marc and Doug as they tackle that weighty question with fun, storytelling, kibitzing, a little music...and a nosh or two. No two shows are ever alike, but they're always engaging. Join us for some Milton's nosh after the show!
Shown December 5 at 8 p.m. and December 6 & 7 at 7 p.m.
Tickets are \$15-\$20.

SISTER'S CHRISTMAS CATECHISM: MYSTERY OF THE MAGI'S GOLD.

It's going to be one ho-ho-holy night as Sister Marypat Donovan investigates the issue that's been puzzling historians through the ages: Whatever happened to the Magi's gold? An annual favorite, this laugh-filled evening has been described as CSI-goes-to-

Bethlehem-in-Solana Beach.
Sister takes the stage December 14-16 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets range from \$25-30.

AN UNSCRIPTED CAROL. Never the same show twice. Keen imaginations steeped in Dickens and Christmas work feverishly to create theatre on the spot. The pace is swift, and the performers are pushed to the peak of their abilities as they attempt to juggle character, plot and staging all at once. ***AN UNSCRIPTED CAROL*** is a holiday treat that is never, ever the same story twice and gives fans of *A Christmas Carol* a whole new way to celebrate.
Performances December 21 and 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$15-20.

General Ticket information

Box Office and Theatre Location:

North Coast Repertory Theatre is conveniently located at 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite D, in the Lomas Santa Fe Shopping Center in Solana Beach. There's always plenty of free parking available for theatre-goers.

Phone: (858) 481-1055

Toll-free: (888) 776-NCRT (6278)

Fax: (858) 481-1527

Email the Box Office: boxoffice@northcoastrep.org

Box Office Hours

Daily: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Performance Days: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

How to Buy Tickets:

Tickets can be purchased by calling our Box Office at (858) 481-1055 or online at www.northcoastrep.org. Or, you can buy tickets in person at our Box Office by visiting the address above during the hours listed. All ticket purchases are non-refundable.

LISTINGS & TICKET INFO FOR: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

What:

A Christmas Carol

Who:

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When:

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Where:

987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite D, Solana Beach, CA, 92075.

Tickets:

Regular price: \$30

Senior/Student/Military: \$27

Subscribers: \$25

Children Only: \$15!

Show Dates & Times:

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 @ 7:00pm PREVIEW

Thursday, December 10, 2009 @ 7:00pm PREVIEW

Friday, December 11, 2009 @ 7:00pm OPENING

Saturday, December 12, 2009 @ 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Sunday, December 13, 2009 @ 2:00pm

Thursday, December 17, 2009 @ 7:00pm

Friday, December 18, 2009 @ 7:00pm

Saturday, December 19, 2009 @ 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Sunday, December 20, 2009 @ 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 22, 2009 @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 23, 2009 @ 2:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, December 24, 2009 @ 3:00pm

Saturday, December 26, 2009 @ 6:00pm

Sunday, December 27, 2009 @ 2:00pm

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Cast:

Jacob Caltrider

(Ensemble #3)

Geno Carr*

(Bob Cratchit)

Ashleigh Craig
(Tiny Tim)

Jackie Foster
(Child #2)

Aaryn Kopp
(Ensemble #2)

Brian Mackey
(Ensemble #6)

Jonathan McMurtry*
(Scrooge)

Austyn Myers
(Youth Ensemble #1)

Molly O'Meara
(Child #2)

Von Schauer*
(Ensemble #1)

Alexis Tenney
(Tiny Tim)

John Tessmer
(Ensemble #4)

Tracy Williams
(Ensemble #5)

Design Team:
Matt Thompson
(Director)

Marty Burnett
(Scenic Design)

Jason Bieber
(Light Design)

Jan Mah
(Costume Design)

Chris Luessmann
(Sound Design)

Annie Bornhurst

(Props and Set Dressing)

John Finkbiner
(Scenic Artist)

Crew

Elizabeth Stephens*
(Stage Manager)

Tarin Hurstell*
(Assistant Stage Manager)

Aaron Rumley
(Production Manager)

Natashja Kelley
(Run Crew)

Happy New Year!

In an uproarious start to the New Year,
Rosina Reynolds stars in ***GLORIOUS!***

The True Story of Florence Jenkins: The Worst Singer in the World. The San Diego Premiere of Peter Quilter's ***GLORIOUS!*** high lights the improbable but true story of a phenomenally untalented eccentric. Florence Foster Jenkins (1868 –1944) was an American soprano and socialite who became famous for her complete lack of rhythm, pitch, tone, and overall singing ability. Despite her patent lack of ability, Jenkins was firmly convinced of her greatness. She became tremendously popular and was the toast of New York in the 1940s. Her credo was "People may say that I cannot sing, but no one can say that I didn't sing." She sold out Carnegie hall for her concerts while the public roared with laughter. Produced around the world, ***GLORIOUS!*** has brought the same reaction from audiences everywhere. Previews January 13-15.

Show dates January 16 – February 7, 2010.

Tickets range from \$30-47.

About the North Coast Repertory Theatre

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North Coast Repertory Theatre is a professional equity theatre founded in 1982. For over 28 years, North Coast Rep has received critical acclaim from media and audiences alike. With the fifth largest operating budget of non profit theatres and employing the third most Actors' Equity Association members (the union of professional actors and stage managers) in San Diego, North Coast Rep continues to produce high quality, award winning theatre and has evolved into one of the area's leading performing arts organizations. Located in Solana Beach, California, NCR not only draws its audience from the North County region but 50% of its audience base resides in metro San Diego

and throughout Southern California. Recognized for the quality of its work and its commitment to quality, this season will be performed on the Blakistone Stage, newly dedicated to North Coast Rep founders Olive Blakistone and her recently departed husband Tom, who passed away in March of 2009.