

VIDEO || Rose stages Christmas classic

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It's 75 minutes of Christmas spirit (and Christmas spirits!) coming at you fast with song, dance and classic verse— and it's running at the Rose Theatre for a limited engagement Dec. 13 to 17.

For the second year, the Rose Theatre presents

A Christmas Carol The Musical

as its holiday-themed show— a classic tale transcends religion and faith and brings us a feel-good story about redemption.

"It's quite a reflective piece," said Sweeney MacArthur, who for the second year will deliver everyone's favourite holiday miser Ebenezer Scrooge. "People that watch it reflect on their own lives and their own stories. It's a timeless classic."

The story is the Broadway musical version of the classic Charles Dickens tale following the cold and miserable Scrooge, who is visited by spirit of Jacob Marley and the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future— which turns out

to be a life-changing experience. Set to a score of moving music by Alan Menken, a spectacularly designed set and a number of special effects, the production is what artistic director Danny Harvey describes as a "spectacle".

As to the cast of 33— Harvey said they've "won the performer lottery".

With roughly half of last year's cast returning, as well as some new faces and additional children, the production is stocked with top-notch performers like MacArthur, Marisa McIntyre and locals Ryan Jeffrey and Scott Charmichael.

Harvey, who feels strongly about cultivating young, local talent, has also cast local youngster Jaden Carmichael who has now appeared in each of the six holiday performances staged by the Rose Theatre. Harvey also recruited young Brampton talent Erin Sevigny for the role of Tiny Tim after watching her recent performance as the lead in Brampton Music Theatre's

The Secret Garden

Although it's a remount of last year's production (which seems to be tradition for the Rose— to present the same holiday show two years running), Harvey said there are some new and updated elements— such as some of the cast, choreography, set design and the addition of more youngsters and special effects.

Ticket prices start at \$20, and there are evening and matinee shows during its run from Dec. 13 to 17.

For more, visit www.rosetheatre.ca (<http://www.rosetheatre.ca>) or call 905-874-2800.



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