

# Heisler Theater



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# PROGRAM



Heisler Theater  
presents  
CHARLES DICKENS' "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"  
Adapted for the stage by  
ANTHONY E. PALERMO  
Musical score composed and arranged by  
ANTHONY E. PALERMO

2021

## Who's Who

EBENEZER SCROOGE: Jeff Heisler  
CHARLES DICKENS: Phil Simmons  
MARLEY'S GHOST: Armand LeSage  
FIRST SPIRIT: Marcel Machler  
SECOND SPIRIT: Dana Merola  
THIRD SPIRIT: Gaye Gamble Heisler  
NEPHEW FRED: Christopher Marin  
BELLE: Sophia Frazer  
YOUNG SCROOGE: Samm Starr  
BOB CRATCHIT: Alan McNeil  
MRS. CRATCHIT: Shari Spencer  
FEZZIWIG: Armand LeSage  
LAMB: : Dana Merola  
POOLE: Gaye Gamble Heisler  
FAN: Cadence O'Brien  
KATE: Star Bennett  
TINY TIM CRATCHIT: Anthony Arrona Jr.  
PETER CRATCHIT: Alex May  
MARTHA CRATCHIT: Cadence O'Brien  
BELINDA CRATCHIT: Hannah Chasty  
FREDERICK CRATCHIT: Kalysta Arrona  
HARRIET: Gwen Watson  
MR. DILBER: Samm Starr  
CHARWOMAN: Marilynn Jordan  
BUCK: Alex May  
BUSINESSMEN: Armand LeSage, Marcel Machler  
DOORSTEP WOMAN: Shari Spencer  
UNDERTAKER'S MAN: Hannah Davis  
OLD JOE: Stephen Sandlin  
YOUNG SCROOGE/SHROUDED CORPSE: Samm Starr  
DIRECTOR: Jeff Heisler  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Gaye Gamble Heisler  
DIRECTOR OF LIGHTS & SOUND: Hunter Warrick/Matthew Merola  
STAGE MANAGER: Sophia Frazer  
WARDROBE WIZARD: Gwen Meshorer  
ATMOSPHERICS ENGINEER: Phil Simmons & ASSISTANT: Alex May  
STAGE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, MAKER OF ALL THINGS: Alan McNeil

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Heisler Theater is a family theater group located at the Lake Gregory Ed & Community Center. What started as Gaye and Jeff Heisler on the mountain doing plays has turned into a family too big to put on one page.

We'd like to thank the many people who helped us put on this play, and have worked with us to establish the relationship between Heisler Theater and Rim Recreation.

But most of all, we'd like to thank you, the theater goer! We look forward to entertaining you.

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**NEPHEW FRED:** Christopher Marin - This is Christopher's first year performing in A Christmas Carol and second role with Heisler Theater, having previously played Inspector Lestrade in Sherlock Holmes and the Star of Arabia. Past roles include Thorin in The Hobbit, the Jester in David Mamet's Revenge of the Space Pandas, and Bud Fuddled in Fast Train to the Poorhouse (his mother's favorite). Offstage he is an attorney and realtor with eXp Realty. He lives in Crestline with his husband, William, and their two dogs, Lucky and Trixie.  
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reckoning and responsibility

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**WARDROBE WIZARD:** Gwen Meshorer's first foray into performance was at the age of five when she strung a blanket across the garage for a curtain, invited all the neighbors and performed Tea for Two for an adoring audience. Since then she has performed her way across the continent. Gwen studied ballet, opera, clarinet and acting, and earned a degree in theater from UC Santa Barbara. Her theatrical muse has always been Sarah Bernhardt whose performance as Hamlet was the first filmed version of the play. She is well versed in all technical aspects of theater and in this production is coordinating costumes.



**Tiny Tim:** Anthony Arrona Jr. - Anthony is currently in 1st grade with Sage Oak Charter School. This will be his first year acting as Tiny Tim Cratchit and he is very excited as this will be the very first production he has ever been a part of. Anthony is currently a blue belt in Taekwondo, an aspiring pianist, and a hip hop dancer. He hopes to one day become an astronaut.



**FREDERICK CRATCHIT:** Kalysta Arrona - Kalysta is a 4th grade student with Sage Oak Charter School. She is excited to join the cast of A Christmas Carol for the first time this year! Kalysta is a blue belt in taekwondo and she enjoys painting and creating art pieces for her family. She hopes to one day become a veterinarian.

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**CHARWOMAN:** Marilynn has been a "native" of the local mountains for 40+ years. She retired from the education field after 32 years (teacher, later site principal) of service. She is presently working at a local counseling agency as her "retirement job". Marilynn is an active community member and belongs to several service groups. This is the seventh Heisler Theater play she has participated in.



**MARTHA CRATCHIT & FAN SCROOGE:** Cadence O'Brien is thrilled to return for a 2nd year in "A Christmas Carol" with the Heisler production. Cady is a 7th grader at MPH middle school. She has performed in Church productions as well as music recitals playing Ukulele, piano and singing. She also enjoys video production, editing and creating videos on her YouTube channel Cady Brave.



**BELINDA CRATCHIT & UNDERTAKERS MAN:** Hannah Chasty is extremely excited to join Heisler Theater's production of A Christmas Carol. She is 11 years old, and a fifth grader at Chapman Heights Elementary in Yucaipa transitioning to the mountain community. Hannah enjoys skateboarding, taking her dogs on walks, and looking forward to an illustrious future acting career!

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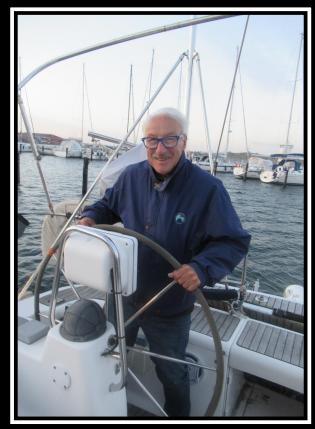


**CHARLES DICKENS:** Phil Simmons has been a regular in the Lake Arrowhead Theatre Community for years, including featured roles as Roy in Odd Couple, Charles Dickens in Christmas Carol, Whitey Krakower in Bugsy, and Doctor Watson in Sherlock Holmes. He has also performed in short films throughout Southern California. Phil loves sharing his passion for the stage and applying his interactive audience communication talents to the theatre arts.



**SECOND SPIRIT:** Dana has been with the Heisler Theatre for many years and is reprising her roles as the Charity Seeker Lamb and the Ghost of Christmas Present. She enjoys theatre going and participating as well. She loves to sing and volunteer at various events and organizations on the mountain. She has two children Marina and Matthew (stagehand) and has been married 21 years to her wonderful husband Rich Merola. Dana has been acting in various plays since she was a teenager and she doesn't plan to stop anytime soon! Her love of theatre and singing brings her much joy and she loves to be able to share it with her friends and family. She would like to thank Jeff and Gaye for their passion of the arts and making it possible for these events to happen!  
Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!

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JACOB MARLEY/FEZZIWIG/PARTY GOER: Armand LeSage is a full time actor who has been featured on stage, film, television and commercials. He is a member of SAG-AFTRA and a mountain resident. At this time of the year you can see him in the film "Rent an Elf"! He love Jacob Marley because he is the only redemptive character in Christmas Carol

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FIRST SPIRIT/BUSINESSMAN: Marcel Machler was trained as a stone carver and sculptor and has performed as such all over the United States. For the past three years or so he is exploring the art of acting and working with people in playful dialogues. He is proud and happy to work with the creative Heisler Theater crowd on a variety of shows.

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**BELLE:** Sophia Frazier - This is Sophia's first year in "A Christmas Carol" and is playing the role of Belle, as well as a caroler before the show. She is very excited to be a part of this show and work with the Heisler Theater Company. She is sixteen and a sophomore in high school, and has had a love for theater her whole life, playing many roles previously, such as Wendy in Peter Pan. Sophia hopes you enjoy the show!



**BOB CRATCHIT:** Alan McNeil - This is Alans 7th year as Bob Cratchit in "A Christmas Carol" along with his family, Shari, Star & Alex, he also has had roles in "Sherlock Holmes", "Bugsy", "Dracula" & various radio shows through Heisler Theater, which he has thoroughly enjoyed. He is also responsible for the set construction for "A Christmas Carol" and other Heisler productions. In 2021 Alan took the saying "Break a Leg" literally! Just a few days before opening night of "A Christmas Carol" he broke his leg in 2 places, one of them being a compound fracture, he somehow managed to continue in his role as Bob Cratchit.

Alan has been a permanent resident of Lake Arrowhead since 2008, he grew up visiting Lake Arrowhead at his family vacation home on the weekends since he was in the womb.

Alan stays quite busy as a contractor which most of his work is done in Los Angeles.

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**MRS. CRATCHIT:** Shari Spencer- This is Shari's 6th year in the role of "Mrs. Cratchit" along with her family Alan, Star & Alex. Shari has been a resident of Lake Arrowhead since 2008, she spends her time as Office Manager for her hubby's (Alan) construction company along with raising her grandchildren Star & Alex. As far as the future her hopes are for Star & Alex to take great care of her and Alan in their "old age"



**TINY TIM CRATCHIT:** Alex May- This is Alexs' 6th year performing various roles in "A Christmas Carol" his main role through the years has been "Tiny Tim", he excited to be moving up to older roles of "Peter" and "Buck" this year. Alex is a 5th grade student at Lake Arrowhead Elementary and is also a Jr Black Belt/Adult Purple Belt in Kenpo karate where he has studied martial arts for 6 years. Alex's goal for the future is to be a gaming engineer.



**PETER CRATCHIT/BUCK:** Star (Sam) Samm- This is Sam's 7th year performing various roles in "A Christmas Carol" along with their family. This year they are moving on from playing a Cratchit kid to more mature roles, Young Adult Scrooge and Mrs. Dilber. Sam is an 8th grade student at MPH and is an aspiring singer/songwriter. Sam also has been a student of Kenpo karate for the past 7 yrs. and is currently a Jr Black Belt/Adult Green Belt, their hopes for the future are to be a songwriter and to be an owner of a karate studio.

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Friday Dec 23 -  
Rachel Murray  
Singing  
"Hallelujah"

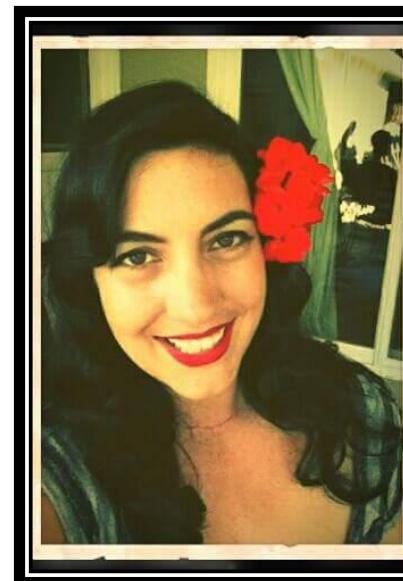
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Tuesday Dec 20 -  
Samuel Rodriguez  
Singing



Thursday Dec 22 -  
Crystal Lynn  
Singing  
"Mary Did you Know"



Wednesday Dec 21 -  
Nicolle Moyer,  
Singing  
"The Christmas Song"

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3<sup>rd</sup> SPIRIT/POOLE/PARTY GUEST/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Gaye Gamble-Heisler takes her inspiration from Barbara Streisand's performance in Funny Girl. She has resurrected her childhood acting career since moving to the mountains performing in countless productions from "Sherlock Holmes" to "A Christmas Carol", as well as numerous live radio performances. She hopes you enjoy this fabulous production, and learn the true meaning of Christmas.



SCROOGE/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER: Jeff Heisler believes his one course in zoology 40 years ago helped him best prepare to work with so many wonderful people in this cast. He hopes you remember the lessons of the past the present and the future, and not set aside their lessons taught.



LIGHTS/SOUND: Hunter Warrick is looking forward to entertaining you this Christmas. When he's not working the lights at the theater he's busy working on his classic Land Rover Disco, or his quad, or something else he's taking to the desert to ride.

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