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## Welcome from the Chairman



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this performance of *Scrooge!* 

The story of Scrooge is taken from a novel by Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol* first published in London on the 19th December 1843.

A Christmas Carol recounts the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, an elderly miser who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to come. After their visits Scrooge is transformed into a kinder, gentler man.

Clare Osborne has expertly Directed this show and also Choreographed all the dance numbers.

The band is made up of very experienced musicians and I thank them for their dedication, hard work and flexibility.

A warm welcome is extended to new members of the Group who are performing in a Spotlight production for the first time. I hope you enjoy the experience and will join us for future productions. We are always on the lookout for new local talent to continue our success as an award winning Group.

We are moving in a slightly different direction for our next production in June 2019. A play with no music. We have chosen *No Sex Please we're British*.

Preview evening for this production is on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at Quaker Hall at 7.30pm where everyone will be warmly welcomed, whether you are interested in being on stage or back stage. I look forward to seeing you there.

I thank you for your continued support and hope you enjoy this performance.

#### **Barbara Warren** Chairman



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## Directors Notes Clare Osborne

Clare joined Spotlight in 1994 after studying GCSE Drama and Performing Arts 'A' Level. She has been involved in many musicals with Spotlight since then including the NODA award winning productions of *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Hired Man*, and *Buddy, The Buddy Holly Story*.



Other favourites include *Cabaret*, *Peter Pan* and more recently *White Christmas*, for which she choreographed the many chorus numbers. Clare has also been in several WLOG productions including *The Reunion*, *Curtains* and *Our House*. She is delighted to be back as Director and Choreographer for *Scrooge!*, for Spotlight.

This production has brought back together some of the original cast from Spotlight's 2005 production of *Scrooge!* and one of the original cast remembers her grandson being born during rehearsals for that show. She is delighted that thirteen years on, they can be on stage together, making some wonderful family memories! Clare would like to say "Thank You Very Much" to all the cast and crew for working so hard during rehearsals, with a special "thank you" to her Mum, Barbara, for keeping her sane through the challenges along the way.

Clare is pleased to welcome several new members to the group for this production and wishes them and all the cast and crew a happy and successful show week.

Clare hopes you all enjoy the show as much as she has done putting it all together.

Merry Christmas!





#### THE NATIONAL OPERATIC & DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION

NODA was founded in 1989 and has a membership of 2500 amateur theatre groups and 3000 individual enthusiasts throughout the UK. These groups and enthusiasts are staging musicals, operas, plays, concerts and pantomimes in a variety of performing venues, ranging from the country's leading professional theatres to village halls.

NODA is divided into eleven regions, each headed by a regional councillor who sits on the National Council (the ruling body of the Association), supported by a network of regional representatives and officers. These 190 volunteers are the vital link to the grass roots of the Association, the amateur theatre groups themselves.

#### **NODA Aims:**

To give a shared voice to the amateur theatre sector.

To help amateur societies and individuals achieve the highest standards of best practice and performance.

To provide leadership and advice to enable amateur theatre to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.



#### Scrooge Andy York

Andy has been singing professionally as a solo act and with bands for over 20 years in holiday camps, clubs and at private functions in the UK and Mediterranean resorts. This is only Andy's second musical production having played the role of Jimmy's Dad in last years Spotlight production of *Quadrophenia*. Andy commented "Preparation for this principal role has been an enormous challenge for me but the director and all the cast members have been fantastic and really supportive, making all the hard work, and some sleepless nights, well worthwhile. So to all of them, I say quite simply "Thank you very much" If you enjoy the show just one half as much as we enjoyed making it, you'll have a wonderful night.

#### Bob Cratchit Joe Learner

Joe joined Spotlight in 2012 for his first show as a pirate in *Pirates of Penzance* and after that caught the acting bug and auditioned for his first lead role as The Cat in *Honk*. He has been ready to take on any role big or small and if it makes the audience happy at the end even better. Joe would like to say "thank you" to the cast of Scrooge and a big "thank you" to the Director, Clare, and her Mum, Barbara Warren, as without them we would not have a show. Joe hopes you enjoy the show.



#### Mrs Cratchit Debbie Lambert

Debbie is delighted to be returning to Spotlight for their production of *Scrooge!*, and is looking forward to returning to the role of Ethel Cratchit which she played in Spotlight's 2005 production. Other roles Debbie has played include Betty Haynes in *White Christmas*, Mrs Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*, Nancy in *Oliver*, Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Jacqui in *Me & My Girl*, Emily Tallentire in *The Hired Man*, Reno Sweeney in *Anything Goes*' and both Georgie and Vicki in *The Full Monty*. Debbie hopes you enjoy the show and wishes you all a very peaceful, Happy Christmas.



#### Young Ebenezer / Nephew Daniel Hughes

Since his most recent production of *Summer Holiday*, with Spotlight, Daniel has been pretty busy this year with his acting prowess with his part-time employment with Hero Hire, not to mention his time with The Tigerlily's and their Fairytale show. This young man has been given another challenge performing two principal roles in *Scrooge!* Daniel has also been involved with other local theatre Groups, including The Lowestoft Players, The Seagull rep and WLOG. Some of his show appearances have been *Grease*, *Our House*, *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Legally Blonde*, to mention just a few.



#### Tiny Tim Yasmin Feek

Yazmin started dancing with 'Stars of the Stage' in 2017 and achieved an honours in her commercial exam. She has taken part in various local productions including *Snow White* with Lowestoft Players, *Pinocchio* with B&B Theatre Company, *Treasure Island* and *Thoroughly Modern Musicals* with WLOG Rising Stars and has just been cast in *Romeo and Juliet* for 2019. In January 2019 she will be in TTT Productions performance of *Cinderella* at Gorleston Pavilion. She enjoys her singing lessons with Julia Higgins and is delighted to be in her first production with Spotlight, playing the part of Tiny Tim.

#### Kathy Cratchit Sky-Louise Smith

Sky is a student at Hobart High School and she's 13 years old. She very much enjoys all aspects of the theatre and has been performing with Fusion Theatre since the age of six. This is Sky's first performance with Spotlight and she is loving the experience.



#### Belinda Cratchit Cerys Cairns

Cerys is a student at Hobart High School, she very much enjoys all areas of performing and has been in a number of productions with Fusion Theatre over the years. This is Cerys' first show with Spotlight and she is very much enjoying being part of an older cast of performers and learning new skills.



#### Peter Cratchit Archie Bishop

Archie joined Spotlight this year. He is also a member of the Reydon and Southwold Pantomime Group and has been in 2 productions so far *Robinson Crusoe* in 2018 and *Aladdin* in 2017. He also joined The Wiggle Giggle theatre group earlier this year and starred in the *Wiggle and Giggle Showcase*. He is very excited about playing Peter Cratchit in this years production of *Scrooge!* and would like to thank Clare and the cast for giving him this opportunity and making him very welcome.



#### Belinda Cratchit Rebecca Warnes

This is Rebecca's first appearance on stage and she has enjoyed her rehearsals and working with Spotlight. Rebecca enjoys her drama and is working towards her next LAMDA exam. She is a member of The Dance Factory in Beccles and regularly competes in dance festivals around the county. Watch out for her in the dance numbers!

#### **CAST of SCROOGE**

Scrooge Andy York

Bob Cratchit Joe Learner

Mrs Ethel Cratchit Debbie Lambert

Tiny Tim Yazmin Feek

Kathy Cratchit Sky-Louise Smith

Martha Cratchit Cerys Caims

Belinda Cratchit Rebecca Warnes

Peter Cratchit Archie Bishop

Tom Jenkins/Mr Fezziwig Tommy McGee

Jocelyn Jollygoode/Phantom/Chorus Steve Taylor

Hugo Harty/Chorus Gecko Dmitrievich-Shcherbatskaya

Mrs Fezziwig/Chorus Joy Woods

Isabel/Helen/Chorus Suzy Gedney

Jacob Marley Andy Osborne

Ghost of Christmas Past/Chorus Sorrel Adams

Ghost of Christmas Present/Wine Merchant/Phantom//Chorus John Mondon

Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come/Punch & Judy Man/Phantom/Chorus Ian Goddard

#### Act I

- "Sing a Christmas Carol" Company
- "M.O.N.E.Y" Scrooge
- "Christmas Children" Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, Kathy Cratchit & Company
- "Father Christmas" Tom Jenkins & Company
- "I Hate People" Scrooge & Company
- "Make the Most of this World" Jacob Marley
- "It's Not my Fault!" Scrooge
- "Sing A Christmas Carol" (Reprise) Scrooge & Children
- "December the Twenty-Fifth" Fezziwigs & Company
- "Happiness" Ebenezer, Isabel, Scrooge & Christmas Past
- "You...You" Scrooge & Young Ebenezer
- "Love While You Can" Christmas Past
- "It's Not My Fault" (Reprise) Scrooge
- "I Like Life" Christmas Present, Scrooge & Company





#### **CAST of SCROOGE**

Ebby (Young Scrooge)/Chorus Ryley Jay

Jenny (Sister of Scrooge)/Chorus Molly Rix

Bess/Chorus Ellie Cairns

Mrs Dilber/Mary/Chorus Emily Todd

Miss Dilber/Chorus Claire Garrod

Mr Pringle/Dick Wilkins/Topper/Chorus Lee Peck

Mrs Pringle/Chorus Heidi Rix

Beggar Woman/Chorus Lorraine George

Bissett the Butcher/Phantom/Chorus David Clark

Chestnut Seller/Chorus Maureen Haynes

Baker Woman/Chorus Bev Gilbey

School Teacher/Chorus Mary Snow

Posh Shopper/Bakery Girl/Chorus Laura Frosdick

Urchin/Schoolboy/Chorus Kate Bishop

#### Act II

- "The Milk of Human Kindness" Tom Jenkins, Boozers & Scrooge
- "The Beautiful Day" Tiny Tim & Cratchits
- "The Minister's Cat" Mary & Company
- "Happiness" (Reprise) Scrooge
- "A Better Life" Scrooge
- "Thank You Very Much" Tom Jenkins, Scrooge & Company
- "The Beautiful Day" (Reprise) Tiny Tim & Bob Cratchit
- "I'll Begin Again" Scrooge
- "Finale Act II" Scrooge & Company
- "I'll Begin Again" (Reprise) Scrooge
- "Curtain Calls" Company





#### Jacob Marley Andy Osborne

Andy has been a member of Spotlight since 2007 and has appeared in a number of shows including *The Full Monty*, *Oliver*, *Buddy*, *The Buddy Holly Story*, *Honk!*, *Grease* and *Tommy*. In the last 3 years he has directed *Tommy*, *Bad Girls* and *Quadrophenia* for the Group... 2 of which were nominated for Best Musical by NODA East District 6. Andy was more than willing to step in to fill the role of Jacob Marley and will also be helping backstage during the show. Andy wishes you all a very Happy Christmas.



Sorrel has been performing in shows around East Anglia since she was little, taking parts such as Queenie in *Honk!* and Gianetta in *The Gondoliers* and has even dipped into Panto land playing Aladdin at Leiston theatre. This is her 12th show with Spotlight, and is looking forward to being part of shows with them for many more years to come.



Ghost of Christmas Present / Wine Merchant John Mondon
John has been performing in musical theatre in Beccles since 2005 with
Spotlight, WLOG and Youth Music Theatre. John is also a founder member of
WLOG Rising Stars. Previous shows with Spotlight have been The Pirates of
Penzance, Grease and Peter Pan. Other shows he's appeared in include Little
Shop of Horrors, Return to the Forbidden Planet and My Fair Lady. He is
delighted to be part of such a friendly group. He thanks the cast for their
cooperation and support during music rehearsals.





Ian is pleased to be back on stage with Spotlight for only his 2nd ever show, the first being *Summer Holiday* and has been truly bitten by the acting bug. Prior to this Ian sang in the pit-choir for Spotlight's production of *White Christmas*. Before this he served as stage crew for many Spotlight productions, the first being *Gondoliers* in 2013. He hopes you all enjoy the show and wishes his fellow cast "break-a-leg" for opening night.



#### Jenny Molly Rix

Molly is thrilled to be playing the role of 'Jenny' in her first Spotlight production. She is 8 years old and enjoys singing, dancing and playing the piano. Molly recently performed a solo as cockney 'Sally' in *The WInd in the Willows* at school. She is said to be "excited", yet "a little bit nervous" about playing her role in *Scrooge!* 



#### Young Scrooge Ryley Jay

This is Ryley's first show... ever! He is in Year 8 at the Sir John Leman High School and has been bitten by the acting bug. He has done some street dance before but is thoroughly enjoying this new experience. He has made new friends and hopes that everyone will enjoy the show. Rehearsals have meant working hard but he has learned so much. May this be the first of many more to come.



#### Mrs Dilber Emily Todd

Seasoned actress and singer, Emily, is starring in her first production with Spotlight, as both the poverty-stricken wool-seller and mother: Mrs Dilber, and party hostess Mary: who is as relentless posh as she is bossy! She is thrilled to be back on the Beccles Public Hall stage, for having supported a great many events at the Hall over the years, absolutely nothing beats the buzz of being up on the stage yourself! Emily, albeit no stranger to playing a dastardly villainess, is, on this occasion, very much looking forward to making the audience sigh, smile, laugh and roll their eyes instead.



#### Miss Dilber Claire Garrod

This is Claire's second performance with Spotlight, first being *Summer Holiday*, Claire has enjoyed being part of such a warm welcoming group, she brings plenty of experience both on and of stage from her time with The Seagull Theatre Group. She is looking forward to being involved in future Spotlight productions.



#### Mr Pringle / Dick Wilkins / Topper Lee Peck

Lee joined Spotlight 10 years ago when his father asked if he would be interested in taking part in *Oh What a Lovely War*. Lee enjoys being on and off stage and has appeared in a variety of productions including *Sweeney Todd*, *Wind in the Willows*, *Peter Pan* and *Quadrophenia*. His pastimes include art, aircraft, playing musical instruments and listening to movie soundtracks but his biggest passion is motorcycles. He is looking forward to taking part in *Scrooge!*... Bah Humbug!

#### Stage & Technical Crew

Stage Manager Andy Osborne

Prompts Alison Smith & Emily Johnson

Stage Crew David Rix, Charlie Rix, Nathan Powell & Cast members

Audio John Gallagher

Lighting Brian Barr assisted by Theresa Gallagher & Stephen Brown

Set Design/Construction Clare Osborne, Andy Osborne, Joe Learner & Cast members

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Front of House Manager Barbara Warren

Front of House Team Friends & members of the Group

#### Band

Rehearsal Musical Director John Mondon

Drums/Percussion Robert Lockwood Keyboard 1 Alison Worrall

Keyboard 2 Helen Watson Trumpet 1 Neil McEwen Trumpet 2 Eoin Ford

Trombone Barry Langston Bass Chloe McEwan

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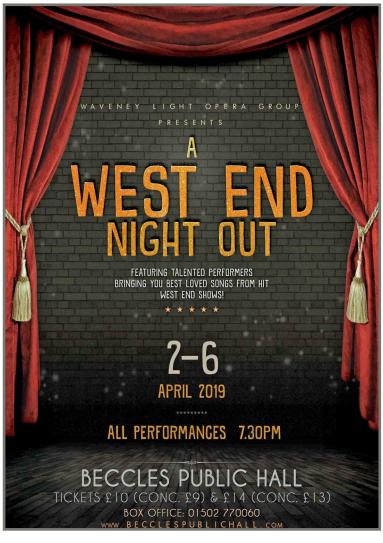
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