

McCarter THEATRE CENTER

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McCARTER THEATRE CENTER ANNOUNCES SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Get in the spirit of the season with a wreath building workshop and a special public reading of Charles Dickens' timeless novella, both on December 1.



Start the holiday season with a series of events tied to McCarter's annual production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.
Photo: Greg Wood (center) with members of the 2017 cast. Photo by T. Charles Erickson.

Princeton, NJ: McCarter Theatre Center has announced two special collaborative community events happening on December 1, 2018 in connection with its annual production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. All are invited to take part in a special **wreath making workshop** with McCarter and Morven Museum and Garden at the McCarter Production Shops on December 1 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., as well as the annual *A Christmas Carol* Family "Filibuster" Read-Aloud at the Princeton Public Library later in the same day from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Both events are free and open to the public, but reservations are required (more information below).

A Christmas Carol Family "Filibuster" Read-Aloud

Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Princeton Public Library

Usher in the spirit of the season by participating in the third annual public community reading of Dickens' 1843 novella. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the beloved Victorian masterpiece—the original "Ghost-Story"—in its literary form, which Dickens' wrote to be read aloud.

The entire story will be read from start to finish in the Community Room. All are invited and encouraged to attend—individuals, families, book clubs, and groups—and to participate by reading a portion of the book for the delight of those assembled. All reading levels are welcome.

Please RSVP via this linked form to sign up for a time slot online, or call the library's Welcome Desk at (609) 924-9529. Drop-ins are also welcome. This event is free and open to the public.

Wreath Making Workshop

Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. and 1p.m. (two sessions) at McCarter Production Shops

McCarter and Morven Museum and Garden will host a wreath-making workshop to help deck the halls of McCarter this December. Embrace your creative energy as you build a little magic for all to enjoy.

Guests will receive instruction and inspiration by staff from Morven Museum and Garden. The event is free to attend, and is recommended for ages 12 years and up. **Wreaths are available to decorate and donate to Deck McCarter's Halls at no charge or to purchase and decorate for yourself.** All wreaths are 16" and available for purchase for \$50 at time of reservation.

This special event will take place at McCarter's Production Shops at 755 Alexander Road in Princeton. Limited space is available for both sessions, reservations may be made via phone at 609-258-2787.

About Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Ebenezer Scrooge (Greg Wood) is no fan of Christmas. He "bah humbugs" every glimmer of holiday happiness. Cheer is costly and good-will is bad for business. This Christmas, however, things are going to be a little different. McCarter's annual tradition, *A Christmas Carol* will usher you into the spirit of the season with all the joy, wonder, and generosity Scrooge discovers.

McCarter's version of Ebenezer Scrooge's magical journey through Christmas past, present, and future combines period-specific music with 21st century design and special effects. Featuring a cast of professional actors joined by more than three dozen ensemble members chosen from the greater Princeton community, audiences will experience an immersive Dickensian environment from the opening of the theater doors to the final bows. Adults and children will meet Dickensian characters and discover new surprises in the lobbies during the pre-show; and enjoy a myriad of enhanced special effects and new dance numbers on stage. The production runs December 4 – 29, more information is available at mccarter.org.

About McCarter Theatre Center

McCarter Theatre Center's mission is to create world-class theater and present the finest performing artists for the engagement, education, and entertainment to the community. Under the artistic leadership of award-winning playwright and director Emily Mann and Managing Director Michael S. Rosenberg, McCarter produces a vibrant six-play Theater Series each season. Winner of the 1994 Tony Award® for Outstanding Regional Theatre, world premieres include Christopher Durang's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* (2013 Tony® - Best Play); Tarell Alvin McCraney's *The Brother/Sister Plays*; Emily Mann's *Having Our Say*; and Danai Gurira's *The Convert*. Other works which later moved to Broadway include Brian Friel's *Translations*, Nilo Cruz's *Anna in the Tropics* (Pulitzer Prize), and Frank McGuinness' translation of *Electra*. Through the leadership of Special Programming Director William W. Lockwood, McCarter brings the best artists from around the world to Princeton, New Jersey, including upcoming visits from Dianne Reeves, Esperanza Spalding, Andy Borowitz, and many more. Education and outreach efforts serve tens of thousands through student matinees, in-school residencies, and adult education classes.

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