

Humber River Shakespeare presenting A Christmas Carol

The Humber River Shakespeare Company will be presenting its annual production of Dickens' holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, at various locations in the GTA.

Their only stop in Caledon will be Dec. 18 at Alton Mill Arts Centre, starting at 7 p.m.

With a heart locked up tighter than a cash box, Scrooge must encounter visits by three spirits for the chance to open up his heart and relish in the joys and aspirations of his fellow man. This adaptation of Dickens' classic tale reawakens the true spirit of Christmas in a heart-stirring tale of profound beauty and redemption.

With Victorian costumes, enchanting masks and an antique trunk of story-telling treasures, five actors transport the audience from Scrooge's cold bedroom, to Fezziwig's joyful party, the Cratchits' meager table, to the dismal churchyard and the brightness of a Christmas morning fresh with snow. It's an exercise in imagination, and an hour-long treat that audiences of all ages have embraced as an annual tradition.

Now entering its ninth season, the Humber River Shakespeare Company continues to offer professional and accessible theatre year-round to communities in the Humber Watershed and beyond ? from touring Shakespeare-in-the-Park in the summer, to innovative and original Canadian works in unique spaces in the fall.

?Performing A Christmas Carol is our way of giving back and sharing a universal message of hope and charity and kindness in these times of global strife,? explained Artistic Director Kevin Hammond. ?This particular tale is especially heartwarming and appropriate at this time because it reminds us to be compassionate and loving towards our fellow men, women and children. It is a treat and an honour to perform the show each year and I am always amazed at how moved the audiences are.?

Other performances are set for Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at Montgomery's Inn (4709 Dundas St. W., Etobicoke); Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at Stephen Leacock Theatre (130 Gwendolyn Blvd., Keswick); Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at Black Creek Pioneer Village; Dec. 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. at Montgomery's Inn; Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at Aurora Cultural Centre (22 Church St., Aurora); Dec. 13 at 1:30 pm at McMichael Canadian Art Collection (10365 Islington Ave., Vaughan); Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church (404 Willard Ave., Toronto); Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Black Creek Pioneer Village; Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at King Heritage and Cultural Centre (2920 King Rd., King City); Dec. 19 at 2 and 7 p.m. at Montgomery's Inn; and Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at Montgomery's Inn.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Seating is limited. Guaranteed tickets are available on line at www.humberrivershakespeare.ca