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'A Christmas Carol' running at MBT through Dec. 21

For the 23rd straight season, **Meadow Brook Theatre** (MBT) audiences will experience the true meaning of Christmas as it presents the holiday favorite "A Christmas Carol" Friday, Nov. 28, through Sunday, Dec. 21.

Charles Nolte's adaptation of the timeless Charles Dickens classic tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a joyless miser and hardhearted businessman. Scrooge and the audience embark on a journey of reflection and redemption, guided by four holiday spirits and one most special little boy.

For the fourth consecutive year, the play features award-winning actor Dennis Robertson as Ebenezer Scrooge. Voted best actor by the "Detroit Free Press," the veteran stage and screen actor previously performed in last season's production of Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution."

"Working with the entire team at the Meadow Brook Theatre is an honor and a pleasure," Robertson said. "There is no more sublime role than Ebenezer Scrooge, and this marvelous production brings out the true complexity of human spirit represented by his character."

The Meadow Brook Christmas carolers will perform traditional Christmas music 30 minutes before each show in the theatre's elegantly decorated lobby.

Those who dream of becoming a star also have a chance to visit Charles Dickens' London and join the entire Christmas Carol cast. MBT is offering five opportunities to perform onstage with the actual company by entering the Silent Night Auction. Besides benefiting the Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble – Michigan's largest professional nonprofit regional theatre – you'll create a holiday experience to remember for many Christmases to come.

To enter, simply choose the performance you'd like to bid on from the MBT's **Silent Night Auction** Web page and enter the required information. The current highest bids also can be seen on that page. If you're the high bidder, you and a guest will join the cast of "A Christmas Carol" for that particular show and participate in all the street scenes. The high bidder also will receive four tickets to that performance to invite their friends and family to their onstage debut. The minimum bid is \$100. All accepted bids are 100 percent tax deductible. All bids that are not accepted are immediately entered into a raffle to win tickets to the show. Bidding ends Friday, Nov. 21, at midnight.

Tickets for "A Christmas Carol" and Meadow Brook Theatre's 2003-04 season can be obtained by calling the MBT Box Office from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at (248) 377-3300 or by visiting the **Meadow Brook Theatre** Web site. Senior, student and group discounts are available.

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