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## GOOD TIDINGS ONE AND ALL!

A Christmas Carol is by far the most popular title for a Christmas show in the UK. In America it plays at practically every theatre (as panto has never got a foothold there - how strange!). Sat in rehearsals over the past few weeks I've been in awe at how this simple novella just keeps on delivering - in terms of its time travelling narrative and its beautifully carved characters. It's obviously the perfect tale of redemption but also, we really do need to keep hearing Dickens' 178 year old plea for levelling up. We have wanted to create a funny as well as entertaining adaptation but we've also been mindful that the story's central message should be preserved. In our current political climate, it's impossible not to draw direct parallels between Ebenezer Scrooge's attitudes (at the outset of the play) and the greed induced and callous attitude of many of our leading politicians towards the poorest and most needy sectors in the UK.

JOHN NICHOLSON - WRITER AND DIRECTOR

## **CREATIVE TEAM**

Performed by: Le Navet Bete\* Directed by: John Nicholson

Adapted by: Le Navet Bete & John Nicholson

Set & Costume Designer: Fi Russell Composer & Sound Designer: Peter Coyte Lighting Designer: Marcus Bartlett Associate Director: Helen Mallett

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Stage Managers: Jay Seldon & Fi Russell

Set Builders: Backdrop Design

Deputy Stage Manager: Zoe Fitzgibbon

Sound Operator: Sam Jones

Technical Manager (Stage) & Flyman:

Tom Welch

Production Manager: Elaine Faulkner

\*Please note that due to a non-COVID related health issue one of the company has had to pull out of the run and writer and director John Nicholson has stepped into this role.

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO ...

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