

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

THEATER



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Hilary Shields, a senior history major, sings Christmas carols with other cast members before the start of "A Christmas Carol" Wednesday in the foyer of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Shields portrays Belle in "A Christmas Carol."

'A Christmas Carol' creates holiday atmosphere

Classic tale brought to life for Eastern

By Amanda Wilkinson
Staff Reporter

The Eastern and Charleston community, both young and old, entered the Doudna Fine Arts Center to be greeted by carols, waiting to experience a holiday classic.

During "A Christmas Carol," directed by theatre arts professor Jean

"Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?"

Alex Vokoun, portraying Christmas Present

Wolski, Ebenezer Scrooge is constantly using "bah humbug" to oppose those with Christmas cheer.

Scrooge went from a cold-hearted, grumpy, old man to a loving, caring man with the spirit of Christmas in his heart in one night.

Jacob Marley, his dead business partner, visited Scrooge as a ghost with a warning that if Scrooge did not change, he would end up

like Marley—in chains for the rest of his eternal afterlife.

Three ghosts visited him throughout the night—the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present and the Ghost of Christmas Future.

Christmas Past, played by Julie Zielinski, showed Blake Morris's Scrooge his past of working as an apprentice and having a Christmas party.

While the rest of the characters danced at the party, Christmas Past and Scrooge had their own dance party while they watched young Scrooge have a good time.

Alex Vokoun, a junior theatre arts major, appeared to Scrooge as Christmas Present and showed him how his actions and words could affect those around him directly.

"Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?" Christmas Present asked Scrooge repetitively. "Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?"

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Christmas Present said Scrooge's actions would have greater consequences than Scrooge knew.

"You will be the one to decide who will live and who will die," Christmas Present said.

Christmas Future, a massive puppet controlled by Jessica Kwiecinski, a sophomore communication studies major, and Tony Boyd, a senior theatre arts major, showed Scrooge that if he kept on the path he was on, he would die and no one would mourn him.

Christmas Future showed Tiny Tim, played by Olivia Passig, a student at Mark Twain Elementary School, would die in the future if Scrooge did not change his ways.

Scrooge threw himself on the floor, crying.

He said he would have Christmas cheer from then on.

"I vow to live in the past, present and future," Morris said. "The spirits of all three shall live within me."

Scrooge changed his tragedy into a happy ending by having Christmas spirit in his heart.



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Ebenezer Scrooge played by Blake Morris, a senior theatre arts major, secretly tells Mrs. Dilbur played by Miranda Buob, a senior theatre and English major, the amount of the donation he will be giving during a performance of "A Christmas Carol" Wednesday in The Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The show will run from Nov.28 to Dec.2.

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