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THE CHRISTMAS CAROL PROJECT

An Edmonton Christmas tradition celebrates its 15th year. *The Christmas Carol Project*, a musical interpretation of Dickens' classic tale, plays the TransAlta Arts Barns' **Westbury Theatre December 28 & 29 at 8pm** as part of Fringe Theatre Adventures' Arts At The Barns Series. Tickets, available now at the **Fringe Theatre Box Office**, www.fringetheatre.ca or (780) 409-1910, are **\$30 in advance** and **\$35 at the door**.

Narrated by **Dave Clarke**, *The Christmas Carol Project* features a collection of **original songs** by **Edmonton-based musicians Bill Bourne, Al Brant, Kevin Cook, Maria Dunn, Bill Hobson, Dale Ladouceur, Terry Morrison and Tom Roschkov**, who've each written songs from the perspective of each of their characters.

More than 15 years ago, award-winning Edmonton producer **John Armstrong** had an idea: to showcase the city's diverse music scene and talent using Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* as the vehicle. After he recruited the cast and assigned writing projects, the troupe began to meet, jam, share original songs and create what would become the Christmas Carol Project.

The Christmas Carol Project premiered at Edmonton's Catalyst Theatre in December 1996. Despite a bitterly cold -40°C evening, the show enjoyed a sold out audience. Since its premiere *The Christmas Carol Project* has enjoyed more than 60 performances and multiple tours, released a live recording on Maple Music and recorded an award-winning television special, *The Carol Project*.

For more information about *The Christmas Carol Project*, please visit www.carolproject.com. For details about Fringe Theatre Adventures' Arts At The Barns Series, please visit www.fringetheatre.ca.

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