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**COURT**  
THEATRE

7 November 2017

**For immediate release**

*A Christmas Carol*

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens

Written and Directed by Dan Bain

Featuring Jared Corbin and Kathleen Burns

Music by Thomas Harris

2-23 December 2017

*The Forge at The Court in the Pub Charity Studio*

## **Festive Fun Returns in *A Christmas Carol***

Deck the halls, dust off your baubles and get ready to be part of a show that makes everyone laugh like the Dickens: *A Christmas Carol* is returning to The Forge at The Court Theatre.

In Charles Dickens' novella, the miserable Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by ghosts with visions of his past, present and future to learn the true meaning of Christmas. In writer and director Dan Bain's adaptation, two actors and a musician bring the story to life, incorporating audience members into the performance.

In 2016, the mix of classic Christmas spirit and interactive fun proved a big hit with audiences, resulting in a sold-out extended season. Due to popular demand, the show has returned for another serving of festive fun.

To keep the show new, engaging and exciting for audiences, Bain has updated the script. "A lot of the show reflects on the year in the theatre and wider community, so all of those jokes are fresh. The core story of Dickens' *Carol* remains the same; however the show itself is different every night thanks to the random factor of our audience volunteers."

Jared Corbin and Kathleen Burns reprise their roles as performers and audience guides. "We were lucky enough to get the same cast, which lets us build on the fantastic work they did last year," says Bain. "[Corbin and Burns] are great at picking people who want to play and ensuring they're safe, look good and have fun." Tom Harris also returns as musician. "Tom's music is integral to add magic to the piece," says Bain.

*A Christmas Carol* runs from 2-23 December and is suitable for all ages. Enjoy an evening of festive fun that gets everyone into the Christmas spirit.

### **Additional Information:**

#### **Cast:**

- [Jared Corbin](#)
- [Kathleen Burns](#)
- [Thomas Harris](#)

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## **Production Team:**

- [Dan Bain: Writer/Director](#)

## **Ticket Prices:**

- Adult/Senior/Court Supporter: \$20
- Children (Under 18): \$15

Bookings: phone 03 963 0870 or visit [www.courttheatre.org.nz](http://www.courttheatre.org.nz)

## **Show Times:**

- 6pm: Mon/Thurs
- 7pm: Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat
- 4pm Matinee Saturday 16 December

**Running Time:** approx. 80 minutes, no interval

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