Olney Theatre Center’s A CHRISTMAS CAROL: A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS returns featuring Paul Morella’s acclaimed solo performance


Back for its seventh Holiday season, Morella’s one-of-a-kind adaptation has been universally hailed by critics. The Washington Post declared “interpretations of the Dickens classic must run into the thousands, and if you have a favorite — well, God bless you, every one. Right now, mine is actor Paul Morella’s solo version at the Olney Theatre Center.” MD Theatre Guide said, “Mr. Morella ignites the imagination with his natural storytelling abilities.” Washington City Paper said “no single performance can compare with Olney’s Paul Morella.”

Morella plays almost 50 characters in his time-honored retelling, imagining the novella with a different twist each year. He remains faithful to Dickens’ prose, imagery, and characterizations, yet year after year, delves deeper into each character.

According to Morella, "This year’s production of A Christmas Carol will continue to build on the tradition of making the experience even more immersive, personal and immediate than ever. There will be heightened production elements, richer atmospherics, greater depth to the characters (with an added scene or two), and an ongoing commitment to keeping this classic tale fresh, exciting, imaginative and resonant."

This heartwarming tale of holiday redemption and renewal has received critical acclaim, sold-out houses, and become a holiday tradition for many DC theatre-goers.

“Paul’s masterful solo performance presents Dickens’ novel like you’ve never seen it before,” says Olney Theatre Center Artistic Director Jason Loewith. “This holiday season audiences can rediscover this classic story of A Christmas Carol and be immersed in the wonderful atmosphere created for this theatrical adventure. All of us at Olney are proud to continue the tradition of presenting this intimate A Christmas Carol, now for the seventh time!”
A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas is made possible in part by production sponsors James Pape and Nancy Newman-Pape.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS
By Charles Dickens
Adapted and Performed by Paul Morella

November 25 – December 31, 2016
Press Night: Saturday, December 3, 2015 at 7:45 pm

Performances are Wednesday-Saturday evenings at 7:45 pm; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3:00pm; Weekday Matinee performances on December 23, December 24, December 28 and December 30 at 3:00pm; Matinee and evening performances on Tuesday, December 22 and a special evening performance on Tuesday, December 27. No performances on December 2, December 9, and December 25 and no evening performance on Saturday, December 31.

Tickets: $20-$40. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more.

A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas is intended for ages 10 and up.

About Paul Morella

About Olney Theatre Center
Olney Theatre Center is an award-winning, nonprofit, Equity theatre. Our mission is to produce and present extraordinary theatre and performance from our four-theatre campus for an ever-more diverse set of audiences in our community, and to educate the next generation of theatremakers to follow in our footsteps. We strive every day to unleash the creative potential of our artist and audiences, and in so doing, become Maryland’s premier center for theatre performance and education. In the past two years, Olney Theatre has had seven world or regional premieres, including Andrew Hinderaker’s Colossal (2015 Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding New Play or Musical), and Jennifer Hoppe-House’s Bad Dog (2015 Steinberg Award nominee). Olney
Theatre places a priority on engaging our community by ensuring that we remain affordable, accessible and inviting to new and returning audiences.

Located just north of Washington, D.C. in arts-rich Montgomery County, Maryland, Olney Theatre Center offers a diverse array of over 300 professional productions year-round. It is situated on 14 wooded acres in the heart of the beautiful Washington-Baltimore-Frederick "triangle," within easy access to all three cities, and is also home to National Players, America’s longest-running touring company. Olney Theatre Center is led by Artistic Director Jason Loewith and Managing Director Debbie Ellinghaus. For more information, please visit www.olneytheatre.org.

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CALENDAR LISTING
Olney Theatre Center presents Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas, a solo performance by Paul Morella in the Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab, November 25 through December 31, 2016. Tickets start at $20 and can be purchased through the Olney Theatre Center Box Office at 301.924.3400 or www.olneytheatre.org.