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The World Premiere of

CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A New Play Adaptation by Claudine Quigley Piechotta
with music and dance

Costume Designer

Sharon Rill-Soester

Stage Manager

Leo Tirone
Maddy Jimiera

**Technical
Director**

Joey Schiwall

Producer

Suzanne Safran

Scenic Design

Stu Kesilman

Set Design/Build

Albert Piechotta
Brian Sechrist

Assistant Music Director

Brandon Horak

Choreographer

Kristine Flynn

Music Director

Abigail Marchione

Director

Claudine Piechotta

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SONGS

Act 1

In the Bleak Mid-Winter	Alyssa Cooke, Lila Trout
Who Will Buy?	Alyssa Cooke, Julia McCarty, Tessa Taurino & Carter Granson
The Holly and the Ivy	Chorus
Save Yourself	Alyssa Cooke. Dancers: Kailyn Angelitis, Carey Bigley, Ashlyn Bradley, Mikayla Bradley, Annika Grasso, Karinna Fechtmann, Mia Kelly, Julia Kingsbury & Olivia Kirchner
Walking in the Air	Evan Carroll
Sir Roger DeCoverly	Dancers: Annika Grasso, Julia Kingsbury, Kailyn Angelitis, Ashlyn Bradley, Mikayla Bradley & Mia Kelly
The Russian Dance "The Nutcracker"	Dancers: Kailyn Angelitis, Carey Bigley, Ashlyn Bradley, Mikayla Bradley, Annika Grasso, Karinna Fechtmann, Mia Kelly, Julia Kingsbury & Olivia Kirchner
You're Somebody Else	Lila Trout

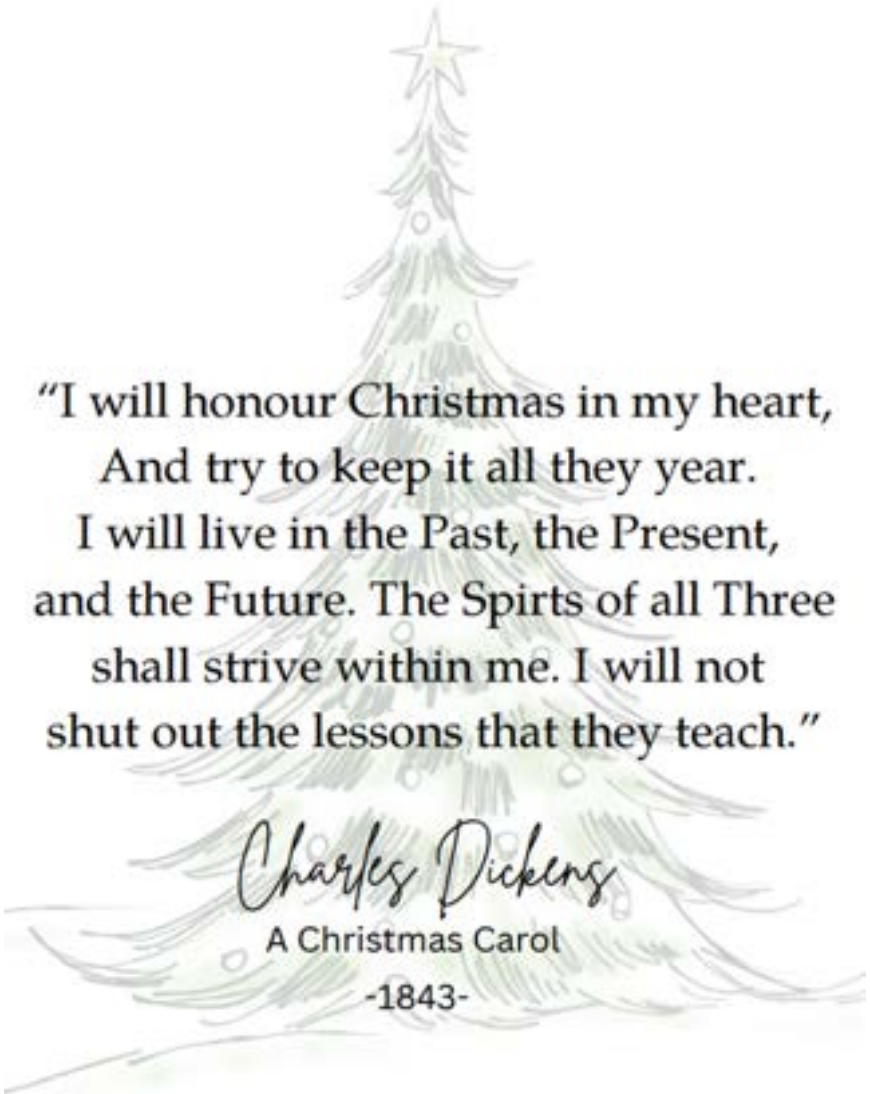
Act 2

Who Will Buy? (Reprise)	Caitlin Brace, Alyssa Cooke, Julia McCarty, Tessa Taurino & Carter Granson
We Need a Little Christmas	Kailyn Angelitis, Mia Kelly, S Tubinas, Amelia Coggschall & Gia Cherubini
I Saw Three Ships	Carter Granson, Jordan Blaszczyk, Olivia Kirchner & Ellie Quinlisk. Dancers: Jordan Blaszczyk, Annika Grasso, Olivia Kirchner
Come Home	Jordan Blaszczyk & Ellie Quinlisk

SONGS

Act 2 (continued)

Do They Know it's Christmas?	Chorus with soloists: Annika Grasso, Zoey Olson, Ashlyn Bradley, Karinna Fechtman & Julia Kingsbury
Winter Song	Carey Bigley & Ellie Quinlisk. Dancers: Annika Grasso & Julia Kingsbury
It's a New Day	Caitlin Brace
Here We Come a Wassailing	Chorus
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	Brian File & Full Cast



“I will honour Christmas in my heart,
And try to keep it all they year.
I will live in the Past, the Present,
and the Future. The Spirits of all Three
shall strive within me. I will not
shut out the lessons that they teach.”

Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol

-1843-

CAST

Cast Members in Order of Appearance

Flower Seller (soloist), Ghost (soloist), Martha Cratchit, Ghost of Christmas Future	Alyssa Cooke
Chorus, Businessperson, Milk Seller (soloist)	Julia McCarty
Chorus, Businessperson, Jam Seller (soloist)	Tessa Taurino
Knife Grinder (soloist), Young Man Scrooge, Topper	Carter Granson
Ebenezer Scrooge	Brian File
Bob Cratchit	Noble Simpson
Chorus, Businessperson	Rayne Peters
Redemption Spirit (soloist), Chorus, Featured Dancer	Carey Bigley
Chorus, Dancer, Want	Mikayla Bradley
Chorus, Featured/Lead Dancer, Do They Know It's Christmas (soloist)	Julia Kingsbury
Chorus, Dancer, Do They Know It's Christmas (soloist)	Karina Fechtmann
Chorus, Dancer	Ashlyn Bradley
Gentlelady, Chorus, Fanny	Addie Fisher
Fred (soloist), Dancer	Jordan Blaszczyk
Gentlelady, Dancer, Sister 2	Olivia Kirchner
Marley, Chorus	Zoey Olson
Ghost of Christmas Past, Mrs. Dilber	Evan Carroll
Boy Scrooge, Peter Cratchit, Errand Boy	S Tubinas
Nick Wilkins, Belle's Husband, Ignorance, Old Joe	Eli Brosowsky
Mrs. Fezziwig, Dance Captain, Featured/ Lead Dancer, Sister 1	Annika Grasso
Belle (soloist), Ghost of Christmas Future	Lila Trout
Ghost of Christmas Present	Erik Morehouse

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Cast Members in Order of Appearance (continued)

Tiny Tim	Caitlin Brace
Mrs. Cratchit	Kailyn Angelitis
Belinda Cratchit, Dancer	Mia Kelly
Cratchit daughter, Belle's child, Maid	Amelia Coggshall
Cratchit daughter, Belle's child	Gia Cherubini
Lily (soloist), Redemption Spirit (soloist)	Ellie Quinlisk

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Musicians

Piano	Todd Bunce
Guitar, Keyboard, Auxiliary Percussion	Brandon Horak
Violin	Eileen Telly

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Crew Members

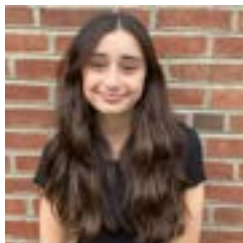
Stage Manager	Leo Tirone
Stage Manager	Maddy Jimiera
Sound Effects	Melissa Beadling
Run Crew	Silas Berardine
Spot Light	Teddy Biedermann
Run Crew	Lucy Fallon
Sound Board	Jack Galardi
Run Crew	Sam Geary
Spot Light	Brenya Gommel
Light Board	Moss Gommel
Sets	Annika Greb
Run Crew	Lily Ivers
Run Crew	Sofiya Kmet
Run Crew	Emma Muench
Run Crew	Gillian Svor
Run Crew, Pit Orchestra	Allyson Kling
Makeup/Hair Crew	Lila Trout, Annika Grasso, Carey Bigley, Carter Granson, Mikayla Bradley, Zoey Olson, Caitlin Brace
Set & Art Crew	Brian File, Evan Carroll, Anna Kesilman, Kate Kesilman, Julia Kingsbury, Kailyn Angelitis, Tessa Taurino, Gia Cherubini, Noble Simpson, Erik Morehouse
Props Crew	Griffan Arbogast, Jackson Manning, S Tubinas, Amelia Coggshall, Olivia Kirchner, Ellie Quinlisk, Eli Brosowsky, Jordan Blaszczyk, Rayne Peters
Fundraising & Marketing Crew	Alex Storck, Ella Patras, Katie Meeks, Addie Fisher, Alyssa Cooke, Ashlyn Bradley, Karinna Fechtmann, Mia Kelly, Julia McCarty

WHO'S WHO



Alyssa Cooke *as Flower Seller (soloist), Ghost (soloist), Martha Cratchit, Ghost of Christmas Future*

Alyssa is so excited to be starting her second year with the Harlequin club! Her favorite role so far was Joanne in Rent last year. Getting this show up and running has definitely not been easy so a huge thank you to Mrs. Piechotta and Ms. Marchione for giving the Harlequin club this amazing opportunity!! Good luck everybody! Bah Humbug!!



Julia McCarty *as Chorus, Businessperson, Milk Seller (soloist)*

Julia is a 10th grader at West, and is very excited for this year's play! She loves theater and all things acting. She recently worked with Tom Sizemore in an upcoming independent film called Imperatus! She's done many productions before and can't wait to share this beautiful story with you all!



Ellie Quinlisk *as Lily (soloist), Redemption Spirit (soloist)*

Ellie is thrilled to be performing as Lily in A Christmas Carol! She is a senior and has previously been in Rent, Singing in the Rain, and Into the Woods. She would like to thank everyone involved in making this show, and her amazing friends and family for all of their encouragement and support. She is so grateful to be a part of this show and hopes that you enjoy it!



Tessa Taurino *as Chorus, Businessperson, Jam Seller (soloist)*

Tessa Taurino is an 11th grader at CB West. Throughout her career, Tessa has participated in many performances in the CB area, including last year's musical Anything Goes, Montgomery Theatre's Addams Family show, where she played Morticia Addams, and Town and Country Players productions. Good luck to my talented cast members! Enjoy the show, all!



Carter Granson *as Knife Grinder (soloist), Young Man Scrooge, Topper*

Carter Granson is extremely excited to be in his first play at West. He is playing the roles of Blacksmith, Young Scrooge, and Topper. He has been in many shows in the past such as The Sound of Music, Annie, and Newsies. He is very excited to show everyone what the group has pulled together in such a very short amount of time and he hopes everyone enjoys it!

WHO'S WHO



Brian File

as Ebenezer Scrooge

Brian is in his junior year at West. He is both the Co-Vice President and the leader of the set crew in the Harlequin Club. He was last seen as Billy Flynn in Chicago. He thanks his friends and family, as well as Mrs. P, Mrs. Safran, and Ms. Marchione for their support this year. He also wants to make it clear that he does NOT think Christmas is a humbug. Enjoy the show!!



Noble Simpson

as Bob Cratchit

Noble Simpson is a sophomore at CBW High School and is acting and drawing for the 2023 production of A Christmas Carol. Since 2020, he has enjoyed working in various plays such as The Lion King Jr, The Grinch, and Descendants Jr. In his free time, Noble enjoys studying linguistics, cooking, and drawing. Noble would like to thank his Mom and Dad for always being supportive.



Rayne Peters

as Chorus, Businessperson

Rayne Peters is excited for her first performance in the Harlequin Club. A Sophomore, she has loved theater from an early age and is happy to be a part of this amazing group. Some productions she has been in are The Lion King, Charlotte's Web, Annie Jr, and Newsies Jr. Rayne would like to give a big thanks to her family for all their support through the years.



Carey Bigley

*as Redemption Spirit (soloist), Chorus,
Featured Dancer*

Carey is excited to be performing in this year's production of A Christmas Carol. This is her second year in the Harlequin Club. Her favorite past role was Velma Kelly in Chicago. She would like to thank her dance teacher Stephen Casey, her vocal coach Anne Odland, her family for their support, and the entire cast, crew and directing team for making this show possible.



Jordan Blaszczyk

as Fred (soloist), Dancer

Jordan, a dynamic and creative soul, has a flair for the dramatic. Known for his boundless imagination and infectious energy, he has been captivating audiences since his debut. A lover of all things artistic, his performances are a blend of emotion and wit, leaving spectators in awe. His passion for storytelling is evident in every role. Jordan is a star on the rise.

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Mikayla Bradley

as Chorus, Dancer, Want

Mikayla is very excited to perform as a part of the chorus in A Christmas Carol! She is a sophomore and this will be her first show with the Harlequin Club. Most recently, she performed in Finding Nemo over the summer. Mikayla would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive, as well as the crew and directors for bringing this show together.



Julia Kingsbury

as Chorus, Featured/Lead Dancer, Do They Know It's Christmas (soloist)

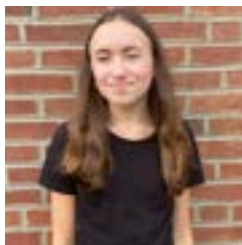
Julia Kingsbury is a sophomore who is thrilled to be in the chorus and a lead dancer for her first show at West! Along with the Harlequin Club, she is in the Treble Choir, set painting crew, and she has danced competitively for 3 years. She would like to thank everyone involved in A Christmas Carol for their hard work through it all! She hopes you enjoy the show!



Karinna Fechtmann

as Chorus, Dancer, Do They Know It's Christmas (soloist)

Karinna is a junior and is incredibly excited to be performing as a part of the Chorus and a dancer in The Christmas Carol! Some of her favorite past roles have been being a soloist in Beauty in the Beast and Sandy in Annie. She wants to thank her family, friends, and all of the directors for their continued support! She hopes everyone will enjoy the show!



Ashlyn Bradley

as Chorus, Dancer

Ashlyn is a sophomore and cannot wait to perform as a part of the chorus in a Christmas carol! Some of her favorite past roles include Professor Ray in Finding Nemo and Urleen in Footloose. Ashlyn would like to thank her family as well as her friends in the Harlequin club for supporting her. And of course a big thank you to the directors for all their help! Enjoy the show!



Addie Fisher

as Gentlelady, Chorus, Fanny

Addie Fisher (10th grade) is part of the chorus, a gentlelady, and Fanny. Two of her favorite past roles were Mrs. Wormwood in Matilda and Tiny Tim in a Christmas Carol. She wants to thank her family for being so supportive. She would also like to thank Mrs. P for being a great director. Finally she would like to thank all of her cast for helping to put on a great show.

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Olivia Kirchner *as Gentlelady, Dancer, Sister 2*

Olivia was previously in Footloose. She also played Trunchbull in Matilda last year. Olivia is so excited to grow now that she is in high school. She would like to thank her parents for being so flexible and Ms. P for working hard to put the show together. She also wants to thank the cast for the welcome and supportive environment.



Zoey Olson *as Marley, Chorus*

Zoey Olson is super excited to be Marley and a Chorus member in her first production at West! She has done all the Tohickon plays, her favorite being Newsies. Zoey is so grateful for Mrs. Piechotta and Ms. Marchione who stepped in and gave an amazing opportunity to put on a fall production. She would also like to thank her friends and family for their love and support.



Evan Carroll *as Ghost of Christmas Past, Mrs. Dilber*

Evan is a senior at West and this will be her sixth time performing in a Harlequin Club production. Her officer position is art head, and she leads the art crew along with Kate and Anna. She's looking forward to working with new club members and Harlequin Club's new director.



S Tubinas *as Boy Scrooge, Peter Cratchit, Errand Boy*

This will be their first show at West as a cast member instead of crew. As a junior, they'd like to thank the crew of last year and this year!



Eli Brosowsky *as Nick Wilkins, Belle's Husband, Ignorance, Old Joe*

Eli, a 10th grader with a flair for the stage, was last seen as Sergei in Matilda. His youthful energy and dedication shine through in every role. Offstage, Eli is a diligent student with a love for the arts. His performances are always a must-see!

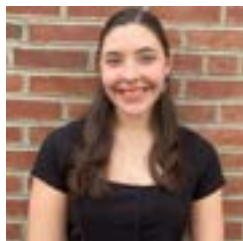
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Mia Kelly

as Belinda Cratchit, Dancer

Mia Kelly is in her sophomore year of high school and is so excited to play her role of Belinda Cratchit in A Christmas Carol this year at CB West. Some of Mia's favorite roles she has played in the last have been Race from Newsies and Liz from Chicago. Mia would like to thank every that put in hard work to make Christmas Carol happen.



Annika Grasso

as Mrs. Fezziwig, Dance Captain, Featured/Lead Dancer, Sister 1

Annika is a Senior at West. She is thrilled to be in the cast of A Christmas Carol as Fezziwig, Lily's sister, a featured dancer, and dance captain. Her favorite role thus far has been Sylvie in Amelie Spring of 2022. She'd like to thank her cast/crew mates for all they've taught her, and her family and friends for their support. She hopes you enjoy this classic show!



Lila Trout

as Belle (soloist), Ghost of Christmas Future

Lila is a Junior and so happy to be performing in A Christmas Carol! This is her second year in the Harlequin Club and she is fundraising liaison for this year! She has most recently been seen in RENT, Anything Goes, and Footloose, and is excited for more productions at West! She wants to thank her family, friends, and the producers for all their help! Enjoy the show!



Erik Morehouse *as Ghost of Christmas Present*

Erik is a sophomore at CB West and is excited to portray Ghost of Christmas Present in A Christmas Carol. In recent years he enjoyed playing Rolf in the Sound of Music, Albert in Newsies, and many others. He would like to thank his family and everyone that helped made A Christmas Carol come to together. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Caitlin Brace

as Tiny Tim

Caitlin is very excited to be a part of A Christmas Carol as Tiny Tim. In the past, she's been in shows such as, Beauty and the Beast Jr., Annie Jr., Sound of Music playing Marta, and lastly Anything Goes as an old lady/ passenger. She is a hard worker and is always ready to chip in. She wants to thank her family, friends, and boyfriend for all the love and support.



Kailyn Angelitis

as Mrs. Cratchit

Kailyn Angelitis is a junior who is incredibly excited to perform as Mrs. Cratchit in A Christmas Carol! She most recently performed in Chicago as Mary Sunshine, some of her favorite past roles have been Vi Moore in Footloose and the Tin Man in The Wizard of Oz! Kailyn would like to thank her friends, family, and amazing directors for all their hard work. Enjoy the show!



Amelia Coggshall

as Cratchit daughter, Belle's child, Maid

Amelia Coggshall is excited to be apart of A Christmas Carol. Starring as a Cratchit child, Belle's child and the maid in The Christmas Carol, she leans on her experience from past roles in Newsies, Madeleine and Once Upon a Time. In her down time, she enjoys reading and creative writing and doing puzzles. She is thankful for the love and support from her family.



Gia Cherubini *as Cratchit daughter, Belle's child*

Gia is in 11th grade She has participated in many shows such as, legally blonde, footloose (etc). She would like to thank her mom and dad and friends. She is excited for her friends and family to see the show

Claudine Quigley-Piechotta

Director, Playwright

Claudine Quigley-Piechotta, director, writer and performer is delighted to step onboard as the new Harlequin Club Director. She earned her Bachelors in Acting/Directing from DeSales University and completed graduate studies in classical theatre at The London Academy of Performing Arts. She has been performing and/or directing and writing for over 25 years in theatre, film, radio and television. She has enjoyed teaching, directing and coaching elementary, middle, high school and college students in Central Bucks for the past 19 years. She is proud of this amazing cast and crew and the work and dedication they have poured into this unique inaugural production. She would like to the thank her husband Albert for all hours of help and inspiration, her children and extended family for their support, as well as her amazing production team and the many parents, friends and colleagues that have supported her new role and this production!

Abigail Marchione

Music Director

Abby Marchione is the Director of Choral Activities at Central Bucks West High School in Doylestown, PA. She holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Elizabethtown College, where she studied voice with Dr. Anne Gross. Currently, she is pursuing a Master of Music Education with a Peacebuilding Focus from Elizabethtown. Ms. Marchione began her career teaching middle and high school choir, general music, and music directing for theatrical productions in the Northern Lebanon School District. She is a CB East graduate and returned to Central Bucks in 2020, where she taught elementary general music, strings, and middle school band before coming to West. She sings with Vox Philia, a chamber choir that performs in the greater Reading area.

Joey Schiwall

Technical Director

Joey has been involved with theater and tech in CBSD since 2015. After graduating from CB South in 2018 he was hired by the district and has been running lights and sound throughout the majority of the district, including big events like the CB Save the Music concert. He would like to thank the rest of the production team for the opportunity to spend more time at West with the talented cast and crew.

Kristine Flynn

Choreographer

Kristine is excited to be the choreographer for A Christmas Carol. She has studied dance since the age of 4 with collegiate training in dance/choreography from DeSales University. She has studied various styles from Ailey to Broadway in NYC including studies at the Martha Graham School in NYC where she became a movement demonstrator. She has worked as a teacher and choreographer for students from preschool through college and has choreographed locally for Gaymen Elementary 5th/6th grade productions. She is a mother of three CB graduates and is enjoying working with the students on this terrific show. Merde!

Albert Piechotta

Set Design/Build

Albert is happy to support his wife Claudine as well as the talented creative team, cast and crew in this production of A Christmas Carol. He would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who supported the build especially Eric Trout and Dave Torino who generously donated their time and talent as project management monsters. Additionally, Albert would like to thank his nephew Brian Sechrist as well as Joe Shiwall for their help and technical guidance in implementing the set design. He sincerely wishes each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year filled with joy and charity towards all.

Brian Sechrist

Set Design/Build

Brian Sechrist is an Assistant Professor of Theatre (Technical) at Sterling College. Brian finished his MFA in Theatre in Design and Technical Production. Brian served in the Army for five years in between working for theatre. Brian has had the pleasure to work for Kentucky Wesleyan College in Kentucky, Franklin & Marshall College and Mt. Gretna Playhouse in Pennsylvania, the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage, Ak, and Foothill Theatre in California. In his downtime Brian enjoys spending time with his nephews and nieces, working on carpentry side projects and playing board games and tabletop games.

Suzanne Safran

Producer

Suzanne has worked with the Harlequin Club for the past 6 years. She is active in local and regional theater working as a House Manager, choreographer and in marketing. She is a former NBA dancer and taught dance fitness for 10 years. Her day job is in environmental education. Suzanne reinstated the school's involvement in the International Thespian Society and serves as the Troupe Director. She loves being a part of the creative team and working with this special group of students. Happy Holidays to all!

Stu Kesilman

Scenic Design

Stu Kesilman has greatly enjoyed working with the cast, crew, parents, and production team to help paint the sets for A Christmas Carol, and thanks everyone who helped paint! Stu has coordinated set painting for 30 Central Bucks school shows at CB South, Unami, Tohickon, and now West, in addition to a dozen shows outside of CB. He loves the collaborative efforts that make things come together and he always enjoys helping with his daughters' shows (shout out to Anna and Kate)! Break a leg, Harlequin Club!

Sharon Rill-Soester

Costume Designer

Sharon has been producing and costume designing shows at Town and Country Players in Buckingham, PA, since 2009 including Moon over Buffalo, The Secret Garden and Drowsy Chaperone. She has been Costume Designer at Buck's County Center for Performing Arts including Tony & Tina's Wedding, SouthPacific and Sweet Charity, as well as The Carols and Morning After Grace at Montgomery Theater. She designed costumes for Anything Goes at CB West High School this spring. It has been a pleasure working with the amazing cast and production team. All my love to my husband, Keith.

Brandon Horak

as Guitar, Keyboard, Auxiliary Percussion

This is Brandon's third year being apart of the Harlequin Club's pit orchestra. After the huge successes of past shows, Amelie and Rent, Brandon look's forward to this new opportunity. A huge thank you to the Director Mrs. P and Ms. Marchione for working so hard to put on this amazing show.

"There is nothing in the world
so irresistably contagious
as laughter and good humor."

Charles Dickens
A Christmas Carol
-1843-

CREW WHO'S WHO



Leo Tirone

Stage Manager

For the second year in a row, Leo has dedicated her time (and sanity) to making sure the shows have run smoothly— but don't get her wrong, it's what she loves doing. Previously, she's worked with BACT as stage manager and sound designer and even won an award for her work. She would like to thank her family, the directors, and her crew for putting up with her antics.



Melissa Beadling

Sound Effects

Melissa Beadling is excited to begin her second year with the Harlequin Club with A Christmas Carol. She loved being backstage for RENT and loved running tracks for Anything Goes even more! She'd like to thank her friends and family on and offstage for all of their support.



Silas Berardine

Run Crew

This year would be the first time they have been in a musical as crew! They are currently a junior (11th). They would like to thank Stanley for transforming them into a theater kid by forcing them to watch musicals for countless hours.



Teddy Biedermann

Spot Light

Theodore Biedermann is grateful to be a part of this winter's show! He is a senior and has been a part of White Christmas, Rent, Anything Goes, and Amelie. He would like to thank the whole cast and crew for some amazing years and shows!



Lucy Fallon

Run Crew

Lucy is a senior and she is sad it is her last year in the Harlequin club. She has been in stage crew since seventh grade. She has been a member of the tech crew for Into the Woods, Legally Blond, Singing in the Rain, Amelie, Rent, and Anything Goes. She is going to enjoy her last year is excited to do Christmas Carol She would like to thank her mom for all her support.

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Jack Galardi

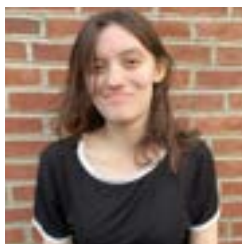
Sound Board

Jack is very excited to be working on their first Harlequin Club show! A senior at West, they're usually found in the band's drum section. They would like to thank their mom and siblings, as well as their wonderful stage manager, Leo, for all her hard work.

Sam Geary

Run Crew

Sam is a senior at CB West and is thrilled to be working on A Christmas Carol! He's done previous work on other productions, and is most proud of his role as ensemble in Rent.



Brenya Gommel

Spot Light

Brenya is excited to return behind the spotlight of her 5th Harlequin production. You may have seen her previously as Joanne's mother in RENT. She'd like to thank Moss for sticking this out with her, as well as Charlie for having a driver's license.



Moss Gommel

Light Board

Moss is so excited to be a part of the Harlequin Club this year. They have been a crew member for school plays from Doyle Elementary, to Lenape Middle School, and now their first production at West. Moss would like to thank their family for always being so loving and supportive!



Allyson Kling

Run Crew, Pit Orchestra

Ally Kling is an 11th grade student at CB West. She has no prior high school theater experience, but is currently involved in CB West's concert choir and marching band. Ally would like to thank Brandon Horak and Caitlin Brace for giving her the idea to try stage crew at CB West!

CREW WHO'S WHO



Sofiya Kmet

Run Crew

Sofiya has been part of crew for 3 years in Lenape Middle School, this year will be her 4th up in West as a sophomore. In 7th grade she worked the curtains, and in her 8th and 9th year, she did set design and moved props as a grip. She wants to thank her parents for continuously letting her do crew and thank her friends for the memories she made with them along the way.



Emma Muench

Run Crew

Emma Muench has just started crew as a junior and hopes to continue with it in the future. She would like to thank her brother for driving her to the meetings and her friends on cast and crew who have been helpful in relaying information when she could not make a meeting.



Lily Ivers

Run Crew

Lily is excited to be doing her first show here at West! She is currently a 10th grade but did crew for all three of the shows at her middle school. Lily would like to thank her family and friends for the support. Enjoy the show!



Gillian Svor

Run Crew

Gillian is very excited for her first year in Harlequin Club. She'd like to thank Melissa and Lily for encouraging her to join crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Annika Greb

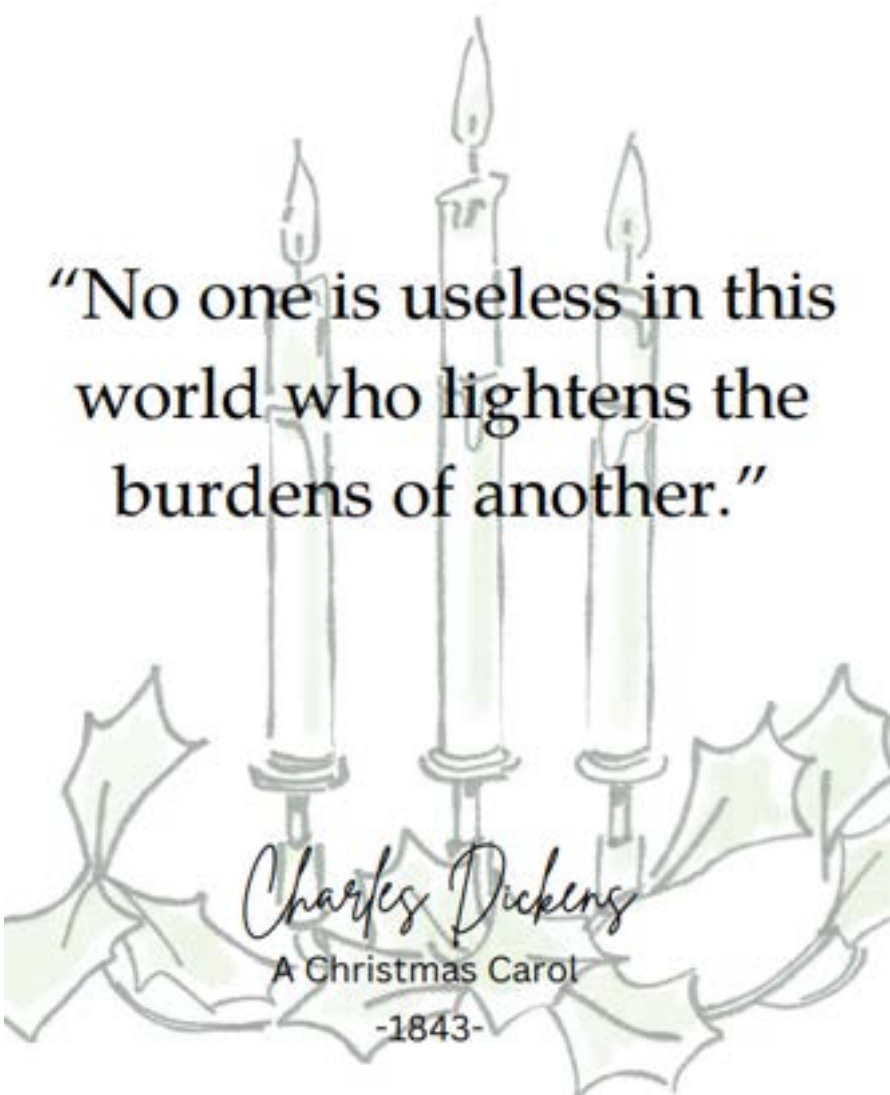
Sets

This is Annika's first time doing stage crew, but throughout her years at west she has admired each performance in the Harlequin Club. She is so glad to be a part of making this show possible, and appreciates all of the fun moments it has brought her in senior year.

Maddy Jimiera

Stage Manager

Maddy Jimiera has been involved with technical theater for all four years of her high school career. She has been a part of the sound crew for 4 years and has stage managed for two productions at CB South. Some of her most recent shows are "And Then There Were None", "Mamma Mia!", and "Peter and the Starcatcher". She is thrilled for the opportunity to work with the creatives and artists at CB West and would like to thank all her friends and family for getting her to where she is today. Maddy sends all her wishes to the cast and crew of "A Christmas Carol" and hopes you enjoy the show!



"No one is useless in this
world who lightens the
burdens of another."

Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol

-1843-

CONGRATS BRIAN!



We love you Scrooge!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom and Jane

A very special thank you to
Mrs. Safran, Mrs. Piechotta
and everyone who worked so
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so this show could
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Love,
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From behind the scenes,
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you always amaze us!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Sidney

XOXO





Break-A-Leg
ANNIKA
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Francis and
Kieran



'Have a heart
that never hardens,
and a temper that never tires,
and a touch that never hurts'

Charles Dickens



Congratulations

**Caitlin, we love watching you
shine on the stage. Good luck
and have fun being Tiny Tim.**

Love, Mom, Dad and Britt



***From the Vocal Studio of
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-Suzy



To our amazing Daughter!

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to find something to be excited
about...to be happy...to smile.*

*Break a Leg, Gial
Love Mom, Dad, Vinny & John*



**CONGRATULATIONS
ELLIE!**



**We are so proud of your hard work and
dedication. Break a leg and let your
beautiful voice be heard!**

Love Mom and David

*A dream is a soft place to land.
(Sara B.)*



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spent countless hours making this show a success. We are truly
grateful for the dedication and commitment you have shown these
students as well as your enthusiasm and love for the Arts.
It wasn't an easy feat and they say "it takes a village" ..
well your village came together and we are certain they will make
you proud!

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this show a
success!!





Break a leg, Carey!

Love Mom, Dad, Grandma, and I love



Noble Mark,

From the time you
were a munchkin
you've taken
centerstage. It's been
an exciting journey
and we look forward
to all your future
accomplishments.

**Break a leg son!
We love you! -Mom,
Dad, and Sky**

Carter!
We are
so proud
of you!



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performances.

Congratulations!!!

CONGRATULATIONS
Ashlyn and Mikayla



AND THE CAST AND CREW OF A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations,
Kailyn!

and the cast and crew of
A Christmas Carol

LOVE, MOM, DAD,
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Karina,

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performance. We are very proud of
you. Break a leg!**
Love,
Mom, Dad, Harrison, and Hannah



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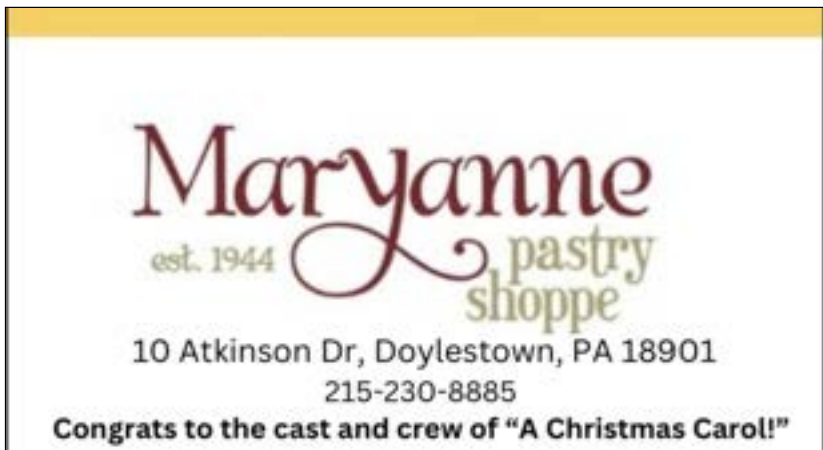
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END NOTES

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

After having taught, directed and coached kids for over 20 years, I was excited when the CB West Theatre Director position became available. I was admittedly daunted by the notion of taking on what I knew would be a 40+ hour a week job (it has been more like 50) with another "day" job. But my family knew where my heart was and urged me to seize the opportunity.

In light of recent history, the performing arts department here had clearly suffered some trauma and was struggling through lots of unexpected changes. It's never easy being that new leader walking into an existing organization, with new ideas and a new approach, especially under these circumstances. But transparency, connectivity and inclusivity are worthy pursuits and ones that staff, parents and kids seemed ready to embrace.

I felt strongly, especially as the new director, that the kids should get a show in 2023. For music and theatre kids (just like my own) the stage, band and choir rooms become your home away from home, a place to discover who you are and what humanity is all about. It's a place where you make genuine friendships. (I'm a fourth generation thespian... so perhaps I'm a bit biased.)

I also knew I wanted a show that was deep that tackled themes of loss, loneliness, separation and even fear, so that we could all find a path forward together. I wanted a piece with an emotional arc that would set the cast on a journey punctuated with forgiveness, understanding and redemption all through the power of human love and kindness.

So in the wee hours of the morning in my 1803 office (yes really) just like Crotchit himself in his cell, I set to work on a new play adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol that would keep the story true to the timeless original but present it in a whole new way through the convention of a Greek chorus, or in our case a group of Dickens' carolers. I then poured over dozens if not hundreds of contemporary, indie and traditional songs to find musical pieces that I felt would bring this script and vision to life for a modern audience.

Songs by artists like Sara Bareilles, Clair de Lune and Bob Geldof don't just coexist alongside traditional carols but are brought to life in dance and story. The play, songs and dances intertwine to drive home these deeply human themes. Thankfully Abigail Marchione (Music Director) Kristine Flynn (Choreographer) and Suzanne Safran (Producer) saw the vision and despite an exceedingly short rehearsal period jumped into the deep end with me.

I knew this adaptation would need to feature a large cast, and I wanted to offer opportunities for all who wanted to be a part of this ambitious project. It would require a willingness to create art; something brand new. It would require a level of trust and a willingness to accept ambiguity. Twenty nine brave performers chose to join the creative team on this journey, and together with our glorious crew members, brand new Tech Director Joe Schiwall, my nephew Brian and husband. Albert's late night set construction plans, our wonderfully intuitive musicians, especially student Brandon Horak who on day one seized the opportunity and began transposing and arranging songs for the cast, and the generous help of an amazing team of parents, we are proud to bring this original production to the stage for the first time ever.

I'm so impressed with these teenagers, who despite a scathingly short rehearsal period wrought with conflicts and obstacles, embraced me and this production with their whole hearts.

Just like in Ebenezer's redemption tale, never underestimate the power of love and kindness to create a new beginning.

I am happy to begin right here.

- Claudine Quigley-Piechotta, Director, Playwright

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Excellent in Performance: Ellie Kuhnle

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Overall Excellence in Theatre: Samantha Gilfillan, Alison Silldorff

Excellent in Performance: Sierra Safran

2019-2020

Overall Excellence in Theatre: Jack Benson

Excellent in Performance: Grant Nalty

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2021-2022: Amelie (PIA Best Show), White Christmas, Comedy of Chris Durang

2020-2021: Pippin, A Night of One Acts

2019-2020: Les Miserables, Chicago

2018-2019: Beauty & the Beast, Peter & the Starcatcher

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“I am as light as a feather, I am
as happy as an angel, I am as
merry as a schoolboy. A
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Hallo!”

Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol

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