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THE VERY MERRY  
**XMAS CAROL**  
HOLIDAY ADVENTURE  
SHOW

By Justin Jain, Dave Johnson, Brian McCann,  
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# *The Very Merry Xmas Carol Holiday Adventure Show Cast*

Narrator	Charissa Hamel
Ebenezer Scrooge	Michael Garrison
Frosty the Snowman	Samantha Stewart
Rudolph T.R.N. Reindeer	Delaney Halverson
Fred/Christmas Man	Adrian Kowalski
Bob Cratchit/Ghost of Christmas Future	Jim Leeper
Bob Marley	Keona Ward Taylor
Jacob Marley	Monte Engh
The Big Wise Tree	Cheryl Clark
The Drummer Boy	Colton Buell
Ma Broombucket	Carolyn McCleary
Alfred Broombucket	Elijah Mozena
Princess Candy Kane	Rachel Peterson

## **Act I**

Scene 1	London
Scene 2	A Very Many Marleys
Scene 3	The Iceman Cometh
Scene 4	An Xmas Explained
Scene 5	The Christmas Camp
Scene 6	Ye Old Christmas Tree
Scene 7	Narrator's Card
Scene 8	Enter the Reindeer
Scene 9	Drum Solo
Scene 10	Christmas Man
Scene 11	A Very Merry Distress
Scene 12	Sugar Plum Fairies

**15-minute intermission**

## Act II

Scene 13	Presents
Scene 14	Narrator's Gift
Scene 15	A Very Princess Candy Kane
Scene 16	Dance a Reindeer Dance
Scene 17	Scrooge's Very Merry Grave
Scene 18	The Carol is the Key
Scene 19	Narrator Family Time
Scene 20	Drummer Boy Battle
Scene 21	A Very Merry Ending

## Production Team

Director	Kent Whitmore
Assistant Director / Stage Crew	Shawn Pavlik
Producer / Stage Crew	Becky Plager
Set Construction	Al Witte
Set Painting	Shawn Pavlik, Nicole Titus, Kent Whitmore, Jim Leeper
Light Consultant	Doug Moon
Light & Sound Operators	Doug Moon, Dale Davis
Costumes	Cheryl Clark
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## Cast Biographies



**Colton Buell** (The Drummer Boy) is excited to be making his ACT debut. Colton has participated in school and church plays and has attended several of ACT's drama workshops at Kirkendall Library. His hobbies include playing sports, reading, and spending time outside. Colton is in seventh grade and is thirteen years old.



**Cheryl Clark** (Big Wise Tree) has acted and directed at ACT and at the Des Moines Playhouse. Her favorite roles are Truvey (*Steel Magnolias*), Sarah (*Quilters*), and Sister Amnesia (*Nunsense*). Cheryl is serving as Past President of the ACT Board. She loves to read and knit as well as sew (she made the costumes for this show). Cheryl works for Iowa State University Extension.



**Monte Engh** (Jacob Marley) is a very familiar face at ACT. He last appeared in *110 Stories* in September. Favorite shows include *Finders Creepers*, *Wizard of Oz* (nonmusical version), *Bedfull of Foreigners*, and *Hankerin Hillbillies*. He is also a member of the ACT Board. Monte enjoys biking and traveling. He has participated in mission trips from the Midwest to the Gulf Coast. Monte has also traveled to Malawi, Africa and to the Holy Land. Monte is employed with Kum & Go.



**Michael Garrison** (Ebenezer Scrooge) is appearing in his eighth show at ACT. He was assistant director for last year's holiday show, *The Regifters*, as well as appearing in last season's *Some Sweet Day* and *Musical Chairs*. Michael has appeared at Newton Community Theatre and Knoxville Community Theatre. This past summer, he appeared in Urbandale Community Theatre's *Beauty and the Beast*. He enjoys karaoke, video games, and watching movies. He is employed with Redbox. Michael is serving his first year on the ACT Board of Directors.



**Delaney Halverson** (Rudolph T.R.N. Reindeer) is making her first appearance on stage. She is eleven years old and is a sixth grader at Ballard Middle School. Delaney enjoys soccer and playing piano. She loves to spend time with animals, but especially enjoys being around horses.



**Charissa Hamel** (Narrator) is no stranger to the world of theater. She just finished playing Jack's Mom in Knoxville Community Theatre's *Into the Woods*. She has also appeared at Urbandale Community Theatre (*Beauty and the Beast*) and Graceland University (*Doubt* and *Urinetown the Musical*). Charissa has a BA in Music - Vocal Performance and has worked coast to coast doing props, scenic painting, and theatrical makeup. In her spare time, she enjoys playing jazz on her piano. She is a Commercial Associate Underwriter at Nationwide Insurance.



**Adrian Kowalski** (Fred/Christmas Man) is also making his ACT debut. He performed in *The Weathercock* while doing a study-abroad program on a historical replica ship. Adrian also has extensive experience doing oral arguments in appellate advocacy and trial competitions. He enjoys chess, history, and travelling. Adrian is originally from Gdansk, Poland.



**Jim Leeper** (Bob Cratchit/Ghost of Christmas Future) just wrapped up appearing in ACT's season opener, *Done to Death*. He has also appeared at the Des Moines Playhouse, ACTORS, and Central College as well as the Maury County Arts Guild in Columbia, Tennessee. Favorite roles include Harry McMichael (*Not Now Darling*), Nick (*Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas*), and Leslie Tate (*It Runs in the Family*). Jim's hobbies include sports, nature photography, and traveling to national parks.



**Carolyn McCleary** (Ma Broombucket) is a ninth grader at Northview Middle School. She is appearing on the ACT stage for the first time. She has participated in Prairie Ridge Middle School's plays: *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* and *Brief Interviews with Internet Cats*. Carolyn enjoys watching YouTube, participating in show choir, and reading.



**Elijah Mozena** (Alfred Broombucket) is excited about his first community theatre performance. He has had a few small parts in school plays like a rock and one of the seven dwarves in *Snow White*. Elijah enjoys playing the saxophone. He is a ninth grader at Northview Middle School. Elijah is thankful for the love and support of his family.



**Rachel Peterson** (Princess Candy Kane) had one of the main roles in her 7<sup>th</sup> grade play, *Brief Interviews With Internet Cats*. She also appeared in *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* in sixth grade. Rachel's hobbies include watching YouTube, hanging out with friends, listening to music, acting, and show choir. She is excited to be in her first ACT play. Rachel attends Northview Middle School and is in ninth grade.



**Samantha Stewart** (Frosty the Snowman) made her ACT debut in *The Little Princess* in 2014. She has also appeared in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and has attended ACT's Summer Drama Camps. Her hobbies include drama and soccer. Samantha is a seventh grader at Prairie Ridge Middle School and is thirteen years old.



**Keona Ward Taylor** (Bob Marley/Herby) has appeared at Class Act Productions (*Alice in Wonderland* as a Sea Creature) and the Des Moines Playhouse (*Camp Rock* as a Camp Rocker and Camp Star). This summer, Keona participated in ACT's Music Theatre Camp. She enjoys singing, hanging out with her friends, baseball, softball, and football (just for fun). Keona is a seventh grader at Southeast Polk Jr High.



**Kent Whitmore** (Director) has entertained ACT audiences for many years. Favorite roles include *Harvey* (Elwood Dowd), *High Society* (Dexter Haven), *The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase* (Mitch Bryant), and *The Trouble with Cats* (Phillip Julian). Kent and his wife, Vonnie, enjoy spending time with their two children, Alicia and Bryce, and their grandson Leland. He enjoys anything theater related (including directing), walking, and Toastmasters. Kent is a social worker at Broadlawns Medical Center.



**Shawn Pavlik** (Assistant Director) is trying his hand at directing during this ACT show. His favorite roles include Eldon Wise (*Caucus the Musical*) and Javert (*Les Miserables*) at Newton Community Theatre and Hysterium (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*) and Gary (*Musical Chairs*) at ACT. Shawn lives in Ankeny with his wife, Laura, and his two sons. He is working on his Masters in Mathematics.



**Becky Plager** (Producer) has been in several ACT shows. Her last show was *The Trouble With Cats* which was the biggest role she has ever had. It was a wonderful role and she made some good new friends. ACT is another family to her - friends for life! Besides theater, Becky enjoys spending time with family and friends, house remodeling, and volunteering. She is employed by DuPont.

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