



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **“HUMBUG!”** **LIT MOON’S TAKE ON “A CHRISTMAS CAROL” IN NEW, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, HOLIDAY PRODUCTION**

- **Three Performances at Center Stage on December 21 & 22**
- **Puppetry and Music Integrated with Acting**
- **Adapted from Dickens and Directed by John Blondell**
- **Tickets on Sale Now: \$17 for Adults, \$10 for Students/Seniors;  
ONE KID FREE with Every Paid Adult Ticket**

**Santa Barbara, CA, November 15, 2007** – A holiday classic gets a new twist when Lit Moon Theatre Company presents their take on Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” in a production entitled “Humbug! A (Lit Moon) Christmas Carol” adapted by and directed by acclaimed Lit Moon Artistic Director John Blondell. Performed in their visual, image-oriented Lit Moon fashion, each actor will portray several characters. The action will be integrated with puppetry and original live music. It should appeal to adults and children alike – perhaps become a new Santa Barbara tradition. Lit Moon Theatre Company presents “Humbug! A (Lit Moon) Christmas Carol” at the Center Stage Theatre on Friday, December 21 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 22 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets to “Humbug! A (Lit Moon) Christmas Carol” are priced at \$17 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors. Get one FREE child’s ticket for every adult ticket purchased; additional children’s tickets are \$7. They are now on sale at the Center Stage Theatre Box Office, (805) 963-0408 or [www.centerstagetheater.org](http://www.centerstagetheater.org).

#### **A Departure from Scrooge**

Blondell notes that this will not be a traditional treatment of the story of Ebenezer Scrooge. “The rich humanity of Dickens’ story – and his words – are all there,” he says. “We just use our way of making theatre to open it up in a fresh way.”

The four-person cast is comprised of Lit Moon company members Stanley Hoffman, Victoria Finlayson, Kate Louise Paulsen, and Erin Brehm. Each actor will play several roles during the course of the performance. Live music has been composed and will be performed by James Connelly and Anna Abbey.

“We will present this beloved story in an unusual and delightful way,” promises Blondell. “The action will be very close to the audience, and we won’t shy away from the sentimentality of the story and the season.”

### **About Lit Moon**

Lit Moon Theatre Company is a collective of theatre artists founded in Santa Barbara 1991. Long regarded as Santa Barbara’s most innovative theatre company, the company is recognized both here and abroad for its visual, image-oriented brand of theatre-making. This independent, laboratory theatre company integrates aesthetic experimentation with cross-cultural interaction and understanding.

Since 1998, Lit Moon has created numerous residencies with artists from Russia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, and the Czech Republic; presented seven Lit Moon World Theater Festivals; and toured to extensively, most recently returning from engagements in Poland, Macedonia, and Montenegro in October 2007.

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#### **CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:**

Friday, December 21, 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 22, 2 & 8 p.m.

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