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### MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER CONTINUES TINY TIM TICKET PROGRAM WITH REPEAT GRANT FROM GREATER MILWAUKEE FOUNDATION

November 22, 2016 - (Milwaukee, WI) [Milwaukee Repertory Theater](#) is pleased to announce that the annual Tiny Tim Ticket Program will continue to reach over 2,500 patrons due to the repeat grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. The initiative ensures low-income and underserved families, youth, and seniors can share in the magic of live theater by providing free tickets to The Rep's annual production of *A Christmas Carol*. Since 1993, the program has opened The Rep's doors to over 12,500 local residents.

Funded by the Patty and Jay Baker Foundation since inception, the Tiny Tim Ticket Program reached approximately 700 individuals each year from 1993 to 2012, which grew to 1,200 in 2013. Last year, in partnership with the Baker Foundation, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation provided additional support in the form of a \$25,000 grant, effectively doubling the number of participants to 2,500 patrons – the largest in the program's history. With the return of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation grant, an additional 2,500 patrons will experience this year's brand new *A Christmas Carol*.

"We must thank Patty and Jay Baker for their extraordinary vision," said **Managing Director Chad Bauman**. "Additionally, we are honored by this return grant, particularly as it coincides with our brand new production of *A Christmas Carol*. Together, The Rep, the Bakers, and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation have teamed up to make sure that a ticket price isn't a barrier between people experiencing Dickens' timeless tale of love and redemption."

"Seeing *A Christmas Carol* is holiday tradition for many in the Milwaukee area," said **Kathryn Dunn, Vice President of Community Investment for the Greater Milwaukee Foundation**. "Supporting The Rep's Tiny Tim Ticket Program extends that valuable opportunity to thousands more in our community who are now able to participate in this quintessential cultural experience."

## **Participating Organizations**

Milwaukee Repertory Theater Staff work with key community organizations to distribute tickets as part of the Tiny Tim Ticket Program. This year's organizations include:

**African American Children's Theater**  
**Arts @ Large**  
**Aurora Medical Center**  
**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee**  
**Dominican Center for Women**  
**Housing Authority of Milwaukee**  
**Independence First**  
**Ko-Thi Dance Company**  
**Lake Valley Camp**  
**Literary Services of Wisconsin**  
**Milwaukee LGBT Community Center**  
**Milwaukee Public Schools**  
**Neighborhood House Milwaukee**  
**Pathways Milwaukee**  
**Penfield Children's Center**

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee\***  
**Bronzeville Arts Ensemble**  
**Carter's Christian Academy**  
**COA Youth and Family Centers\***  
**Running Rebels Community Organization\***  
**Safe & Sound**  
**Signature Dance Company**  
**Silver Spring Neighborhood Center**  
**Tamarack Waldorf School**  
**United Way**  
**Urban Underground**  
**UW-Milwaukee Planning for the Future**  
**UW-Waukesha Pre-College Program**  
**YWCA Southeast Wisconsin\***

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## **About A Christmas Carol:**

Milwaukee Rep is excited to present a new, family friendly adaptation written by Rep Artistic Director **Mark Clements**, featuring the same traditional story and characters you love. You'll be transported back to the heart of Victorian London for a magical immersive experience on the biggest and most elaborate set The Rep has ever created. **Jonathan Wainwright**, a favorite of local audiences, will take on the role of Scrooge becoming the 12th actor to portray one of Dickens' most recognizable characters. Jonathan has been seen previously in *A Christmas Carol* as Mr. Cratchit and recently appeared as George in The Rep's production, *Of Mice and Men*. Join Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, and Scrooge in this holiday classic the whole family will love! ***A Christmas Carol*** is proudly presented by **Wells Fargo** with media sponsorship from **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** and equipment sponsored by **Studio Gear**. ***A Christmas Carol*** runs at The Pabst Theater from November 29 - December 24. Tickets can be purchased online [www.MilwaukeeRep.com](http://www.MilwaukeeRep.com), by calling The Rep's Ticket Office at **414-224-9490** or in-person at **108 East Wells Street** in downtown Milwaukee.

## **About the Greater Milwaukee Foundation**

For more than a century, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation has helped individuals, families and organizations realize their philanthropic goals and make a difference in the community, during their lifetimes and for future generations. The Foundation consists of more than 1,200 individual charitable funds, each created by donors to serve the charitable causes of their choice. The Foundation also deploys both human and financial resources to address the most critical needs of the community and ensure the vitality of the region. Established in 1915, the Foundation was one of the first community foundations in the world and is now among the largest.

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## **About Milwaukee Repertory Theater**

Milwaukee Rep is a nationally-recognized company that presents compelling dramas, powerful classics, award-winning contemporary works and full-scale musicals housed in its three unique performance venues – the Quadracci Powerhouse, Stiemke Studio and Stackner Cabaret. The Rep also

produces an annual production of *A Christmas Carol*, featuring a World Premiere of a new adaptation in 2016, at the historic Pabst Theater. Under the leadership of **Artistic Director Mark Clements** and **Managing Director Chad Bauman**, Milwaukee Repertory Theater ignites positive change in the cultural, social, and economic vitality of its community by creating world-class theater experiences that entertain, provoke, and inspire meaningful dialogue among an audience representative of Milwaukee's rich diversity.

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