



LOUGHEED HOUSE PRESENTS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Written by Charles Dickens
Performed by Steven Méthot

Production Background

On December 19th, 1843, Charles Dickens first published A Christmas Carol in Prose. Being a Ghost Story of Christmas with illustrations by John Leech. The publisher was Chapman & Hall of London.

By Christmas Eve all 6000 copies of its first edition were sold out. In years after its initial success, Charles Dickens would perform a version live for both small and large audiences in Victorian England.



Today Steven Méthot's solo performances of A Christmas Carol - accompanied by musicians Natalie Manzar, and Karen and Michael Pollock (who with him form the quartet "Diminished Fifth"), on harps, flute, concertina, fiddle, guitar and voice- give this story new life for contemporary Calgary audiences.

Steven's audio performance is based on the abridged version of the original story that Dickens created himself when he started performing the tale for audiences in 1849.



Steven performed it from memory in the ornate 1891 Victorian Mission Room of Lougheed House where we recorded it.

Just Like Dickens, Steven animates the voices of all 30 characters, from Scrooge and the Cratchit family members to the ghosts, and more!

For years, Steven, Natalie, Karen and Michael have shared their version of this classic tale in order to help raise funds and awareness for community organizations that they support.

Their performances were created in the same spirit and with the same values that inspired Charles Dickens to write A Christmas Carol: fellowship, community, giving, resilience and the importance of love.



This downloadable radio play is our way to continue to connect A Christmas Carol to the audiences that have come to enjoy it year after year, while still accommodating the challenges and restrictions that the pandemic has brought. We would like to acknowledge the expertise of Boathaus Studios for the audio engineering and sound of this production.

This is why we are releasing it as part of our Holiday Fundraiser. By downloading this experience and selecting your level of contribution, your financial support helps Lougheed House continue to create the cultural and community experiences needed for a life well lived in Calgary.



We are a charity non-profit that raises over 50% of our revenues from active supporters like you who purchase tickets to our events, local crafts in our shop, meals in our restaurant or who give tax-deductible donations.

As witness to over 129 years of Calgary history, ours is a house of story, deeply connected to this city and the people who made it. And Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol is one story that we all know, all enjoy, and can all share at this time of year.

Merry Christmas to you and yours.