

On Stage

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A Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol



Book and Lyrics by Phil Olson.
Music by Paul Olson
Directed by Andrea Reedy

It's Christmas Eve in Bunyan Bay, Minnesota and cantankerous bar owner Gunner Johnson gets in an argument with his wife, Clara, tells her he's skipping Christmas, he storms out of the bar, goes snowmobiling cross the lake, falls through the ice and goes into a coma. He comes back in his dream where he's visited by folk legend, Sven Yorgensen, who plays the ghost of Christmas past, present, and future, Sven take Gunner on a journey similar to that in Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" only very different. Will Gunner come out of his coma and find redemption with Clara at The Bunyan? Find out in this hilarious comedy the California Toluca Times calls "a crowd-pleasing, holiday hoot!"

This sequel to last year's dinner theater brings back the majority of the cast to continue the adventures in Bunyan Bay. Dean Stevens reprises the role of Gunner and Jane Kennedy-Funk returns as his wife Clara. Also returning is Bri Magel as Bernice, and Robby Pedersen portrays Kanute this time out. New to the cast this year is Mike Deaton who easily slips into the role of crooner Sven Yorgensen.

The Bunyan Bar has been restored and renovated, and will make you feel right at home as you remember the fun times we had last year. A whole new list of Sven Yorgensen classics await you such as "The Christmas Cheese Polka," "It's Christmas Time, so Please Give Me Some," "The Wheel is Turnin', but the Hamster is Dead," "Gunner Fell Into an Ice Hole," "I Love You More Than Football" and of course the #1 best-seller, "I'm so Hosed."

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Andrea Reedy is directing the show again this year, with set design/construction by Jim Wilcox. The show is being produced by Bill Dilla.

The musical opened in 2006 with 5 cities, which is unprecedented for live theater. Reviews around the country have been positive, and this production will certainly be no exception.

A Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol runs November 23- December 9th, 2007 at the ACTORS Studio, 120 Abraham Drive. Thursday, Friday and Saturday night shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2:00. The first week of the show, there is no Thursday performance because of Thanksgiving. You may use the order form on page 3 to order tickets, or starting November 2, they may be purchased at ACTORS ticket outlet at Gallery 319, in downtown Ames at 314 Main Street, or by calling 232-2354.

Consider A Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol for your company's or organization's holiday season outing. Blocks of advance sale tickets are available at a discounted rate. For more information, contact Bill Dilla at 663-9390 or email wmadilla@hotmail.com.

Please direct any non-ticket related phone inquiries to ACTORS at 292-2073.



Robby Pedersen and Bri Magel rehearse a dance in *A Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol*.

Coming Soon

Who's On First?

By Jack Sharkey

Directed by Mike Deaton

Performances: February 15-March 2, 2008

Take a husband, wife, lover and friend, add a strange lamp, a gun and a rubber chicken plus a party that begins at 8 p.m., then again at 8 p.m. and then again at 8 p.m. and you have this nightmare comedy. Four people find themselves reliving one horrible hour over and over as themselves, as Japanese, as British aristocrats, as gangsters, and almost anything else you can think of.

All concerned find themselves back at the party's beginning again and again doomed to live that same hour over and over again until they get it right. Is it all an accident? Or is their dilemma part of someone's fiendish plan?

AUDITIONS

December 9-10, 2007 at 7PM

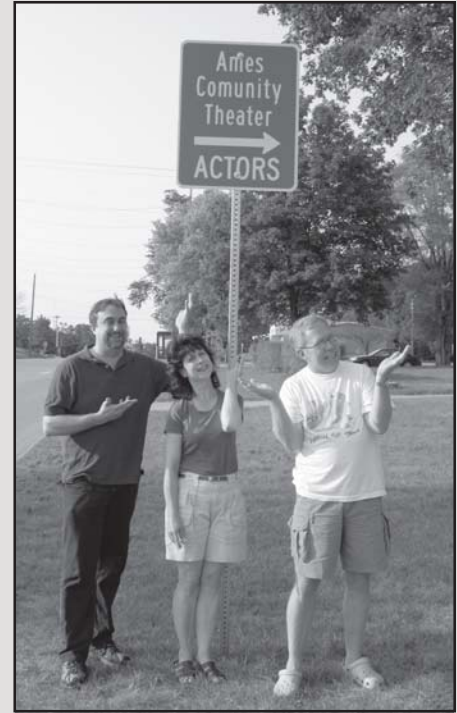
Roles available for 2 men and 2 women.

Signs and Seating

Another way we have “shuffled the deck” at ACTORS this season is by the addition of two new, but long-needed, additions to our organization.

First, the City of Ames approved blue signs to be placed along South Dakota to help direct traffic to the theater. Although they were originally misspelled, the corrected signs are now correctly pointing people to our facility. Thank-you to Mary Richards for organizing the original petitions, and to Troy Rutter and Stan Rabe for pushing to get them up.

The biggest and most impressive addition is the addition of more risers in our auditorium, which gives each and every row their own unique viewing angle of our main stage. The riser project would not have become a reality without the oversight and hard work of Tom Hertz, and the many volunteers who came and constructed platforms, glued carpet, and put the new risers into place.



One of the original misspelled signs before it was corrected.

A Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol ticket order form

To Order Tickets: 1) Enter your Name and Phone Number.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

		Season Ticket	+	Student or Senior	+	Regular Price	=	Total Tickets
2) Enter desired Ticket Quantities -->								
3) Check the desired show(s).								
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	Nov. 23, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	Nov. 24, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	Nov. 25, 2:00PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	Nov. 30, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	Dec. 1, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	Dec. 2, 2:00PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday	Dec. 6, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday	Dec. 7, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday	Dec. 8, 7:30PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday	Dec. 9, 2:00PM	1 Coupon	\$15.00		\$18.00		Due
		TOTALS: _____ Coupons + _____		\$ _____	+	\$ _____	=	\$ _____

4) Calculate Totals by multiplying the Ticket Quantities, at the top of each column, by the price following the selected date.

5) If you are an ACTORS' BRAVO Member, subtract \$0.50 per ticket. Member # _____ Discount = - \$ _____

6) OR, if Total Tickets is 20 or more, subtract \$0.50 per ticket (Only one discount per ticket)

Group Discount = - \$ _____

7) Please consider including a tax-deductible contribution to ACTORS' Building fund. Contribution: \$ _____

8) Enclose a check made out to ACTORS for the Total Due. Total Due = \$ _____

9) Please indicate any special seating needs. _____

10) Send this form along with the appropriate number of Show Credit Coupon(s) and/or a check and a

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**Disney's
High School Musical**



**Don't
Hug Me
Christmas Carol**



Doubt



Who's On First



**Leader
of the Pack
The Ellie Greenwich Musical**

Night on the Town

Congratulations to ET & Lucille Taylor, our "Night On The Town" winners for A *Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol*. They receive dinner for two at The Broiler Steak House or Lucullan's, flowers from Mary Kay's Flowers and Gifts, a chauffeur driven car from Wilson Cadillac-Toyota-Scion and two tickets to the show.

Drawings are held for each production. BRAVO members at the Stage Manager level and up are qualified to win.

Studio

120 Abraham Drive, Ames Iowa 50014

Tickets

Gallery 319, 314 Main St., Ames

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Our Mission

The mission of ACTORS is to provide leadership in the performing arts for the people of Central Iowa through live theatrical presentations and educational opportunities for all ages.

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