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## **Players on Air present “A Christmas Carol: The Musical” at the Carroll Arts Center**

New this holiday season at the Arts Center, Players on Air presents “A Christmas Carol: The Musical!” Ebenezer Scrooge and his ghostly encounters come to life in this lavish and thrilling production based on Charles Dickens’s novella. The performances are Friday, December 11 at 8pm, Saturday, December 12 at 3pm and 8pm, and Sunday, December 13 at 3pm. Each performance will have limited capacity and safety measures will be implemented.

Broadway heavy hitters, Alan Menken (*Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Disney's The Little Mermaid*) and Lynn Ahrens (*Ragtime, Seussical*), breathe fantastic new life into the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. A prosperous curmudgeon who believes that personal wealth is far more valuable than the happiness and comfort of others, Scrooge is forced to face his selfish ways when three ghosts on Christmas Eve lead him through his Past, Present and Future. Thanks to their guidance, Scrooge is able to embrace the true spirit of Christmas with a thankful heart. This spectacular musical adaptation originally premiered in December 1994 at the Paramount Theatre in Madison Square Garden where it was performed annually until December 2003.

A theatrical arts company based in southern Carroll County, Players on Air is excited to bring this seasonal production to the Arts Center for the first time. “We hope this production helps everyone remember what life is really about! Being together and loving those around us,” said the show’s director Laura Wonsala. “Organizing a rehearsal process that follows health and safety guidelines was not easy, but this dedicated cast has put in the work to make this show happen for the community.”

Audiences are encouraged to arrive early to do their holiday shopping in the Tevis Gallery at the Arts Council’s annual Gallery of Gifts, which features contemporary arts and crafts by 15+ talented regional artists. There is something for everyone in this eclectic display of gift items.

In accordance with the Arts Council’s COVID-19 theatre guidelines, there are limited tickets to this event. To review the CCAC’s full health and safety plan, visit [CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org/covid-19-policies](https://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org/covid-19-policies). Check their website for event updates or cancellations.

A Christmas Carol the Musical is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$15 for ages 25 & under and ages 60 & up. CCAC Members get an additional 10% off. The Carroll Arts Center is located at 91 W. Main Street in downtown Westminster. Online tickets and more info at [www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](https://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org) or call 410-848-7272.

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CALENDAR LISTING (Please list under Holiday, Family Events, or related category):

“A Christmas Carol: The Musical.” Dec. 11, 8 pm; Dec. 12, 3 pm & 8 pm; Dec. 13, 3pm. New this holiday season at the Carroll Arts Center – Ebenezer Scrooge’s ghostly encounters come to life in this lavish Broadway musical adaptation of the classic tale, performed by local theatre company Players on Air. Limited tickets available. \$15-20. Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St., Westminster, MD 21157. 410-848-7272. [www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org).