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**PITTSBURGH CLO'S *A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL*  
PUTS YOU IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT  
BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS!**



**PITTSBURGH, PA • December 5, 2022** – Beginning 75 minutes before showtime Guests can enter the Byham Theater prior to seeing Pittsburgh CLO's *A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL* and be part of one of the City's favorite holiday traditions! Enter an atmosphere of amazement and holiday *spirit* surrounded by 76 musical theatre themed holiday trees of all shapes and sizes, ranging from the tiny 2-foot shrubs to a towering 18-foot Giving Tree. *Don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift to add to the Best of the Batch Foundation Toy Drive.*

Pittsburgh CLO's Holiday Tree Display began in 2021. Under the creative vision of internationally known scenic designer Jason Kantrowitz, the Byham Theater lobby was turned



into a festive holiday tree garden to welcome back audiences to the first production of *A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL* since the pandemic. The display was so beloved that it has now become a part of PCLO’s annual holiday tradition.

“So many of our Guests have memories of coming Downtown to see the Kaufmann’s windows and how this became a family tradition,” states Mark Fleischer, Executive Producer, Pittsburgh CLO. “Our hope is this creates a similar tradition for families today.”

Guests entering the Byham Theater to see *A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL* will be greeted by 77 musical theatre themed holiday trees of all shapes and sizes, ranging from the tiny 2-foot shrubs to a towering 18-foot Giving Tree. Tens of thousands of shining lights and ornaments plus 275 yards of pretend snow transform the lobby into a winter wonderland. In case you weren’t in the holiday spirit yet, there will also be opportunities to take your picture with holiday characters, and Pittsburgh CLO Academy Student Choirs will be performing at select showtimes.

The Pittsburgh CLO Holiday Tree Display is not just a celebration of the season: each tree lining the entrance lobby is decorated in the style of a show from each of the PCLO’s 76 seasons, a legacy that spans decades. Starting all the way back with 1946’s *NAUGHTY MARIETTA*, the trees pay homage to the generations of theatergoers past and present, culminating with the future: this year’s grand tree celebrating *NATASHA, PIERRE, & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812*, which will run as part of the 2023 Summer Series from August 22 – 27.





PCLO is excited to announce that together with Charlie Batch’s Best of the Batch Foundation, we will conduct a toy drive during all performances of *A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL*. Audience members are encouraged to help support this amazing organization by bringing an unwrapped toy and add it to the collection boxes surrounding the Giving Tree in the inner lobby of the Byham Theater.

**Pittsburgh CLO’s A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL Public Performance Schedule**

*Each show is 2 hours, including 15 minute intermission*

*Doors will open 75 minutes prior to showtime - Photo Ops in the lobby starting as doors open thru start of show.*

| <b>WED</b>                         | <b>THURS</b>                   | <b>FRI</b>   | <b>SAT</b>   | <b>SUN</b>   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                    |                                | <b>9</b><br><br><b>7:30PM</b>                                      | <b>10</b><br><b>2:00PM – ASL**</b><br><b>7:00PM</b>  | <b>11</b><br><br><b>2:00PM</b>                       |
|                                    |                                | <b>16</b><br><b>7:00PM – PCLO ACADEMY STUDENT CHOIR (pre-show)</b> | <b>17</b><br><b>10:00AM – SENSORY FRIENDLY SHOW* with PCLO ACADEMY NEW HORIZONS CHOIR (pre-show)</b><br><b>2:00PM – PCLO ACADEMY GENE KELLY AWARDS CHOIR (pre-show)</b><br><b>7:00PM</b> | <b>18</b><br><br><b>12:00PM</b><br><br><b>4:00PM</b> |
| <b>21</b><br><b>7:00PM – ASL**</b> | <b>22</b><br><br><b>7:00PM</b> | <b>23</b><br><br><b>7:00PM</b>                                     |  |  |

**\*Sensory-Friendly Performance:** Join us for a specially adapted performance of *A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL* on Saturday, December 17 at 10am. Pittsburgh CLO is committed to providing an environment that is welcoming to all audiences; sensory-friendly performances provide an opportunity for patrons of all ages to engage in and enjoy live musical theater together with family and friends. Sensory-friendly performances include slight production accommodations (*lower sound levels, elimination of some special effects, etc.*) that are intended to help make a live performance more enjoyable for audience members with sensory sensitivities, autism, anxiety, movement challenges, disability and more. For more information – please see our [Sensory Friendly Flier](#).

**\*\*ASL: Sign language interpretation will be available at this performance.** *If you require ASL at any other performance time - this can be arranged upon request. Requests for sign language interpreters must be received at least two weeks prior to the event and is subject to the availability of an interpreter.*

Choirs listed will perform prior to start of show on specific dates starting at listed showtime.

Pittsburgh CLO gratefully acknowledges the support of our production sponsor KeyBank.

Groups of 8 or more guests can learn about discounted tickets by calling 412-325-1582 or emailing [Groups@PittsburghCLO.org](mailto:Groups@PittsburghCLO.org).



***A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL*** will be presented at the Byham Theater (6<sup>th</sup> & Fort Duquesne Boulevard) December 9-23. Tickets range from \$25 - \$75. Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.pittsburghclo.org/buy-tickets> or by phone at 412-456-6666 or in person at the Benedum Center Box Office. For more information, please visit: <https://www.pittsburghclo.org/shows/a-musical-christmas-carol>

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Pittsburgh CLO has been a driving force behind the preservation, creation, and promotion of live musical theater since 1946. As one of the largest regional musical theater organizations in the country, it is fortunate for the yearly support of nearly 200,000 audience members. In addition to producing fresh new productions of Broadway classics, the not-for-profit's mission is to develop new works and highlight emerging talent and has been credited with launching the careers of numerous artists such as Billy Porter, Renée Elise Goldsberry, Rob Marshall, Kathleen Marshall, Rob Ashford, Bernadette Peters, and Shirley Jones. The organization's dedication to musical theater extends beyond its six-show Summer Season at the Benedum Center to year-round programming at the 250-seat Cabaret Theater, which saw the world premieres of *Up and Away* and *Game On* in 2018 and *The Double-Threat Trio* in 2019. Its extensive education efforts include the Pittsburgh CLO Academy of Musical Theater; a university internship program; *New Horizons*, and in-school programs *Gallery of Heroes* and *Creative Vision*. Other ongoing initiatives include the Construction Center for the Arts, the Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater and SPARK, a festival for new small-cast musicals launched in 2018. The organization also founded the National High School Musical Theatre Awards/ Jimmy Awards®. To further its mission to grow the art form, Pittsburgh CLO has been involved with 31 Broadway shows (32 Tony Awards®), and in 2014 produced the world premiere of *An American in Paris* in Paris, then on Broadway, where it won 4 Tony Awards®, and in London, Tokyo, Pittsburgh and throughout the U.S. and Europe. Pittsburgh CLO is the subject of a film starring Jeff Goldblum titled "Pittsburgh." For more information: [PittsburghCLO.org](http://PittsburghCLO.org).

#### PITTSBURGH CLO

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