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As the Titanic sank, the valiant band played on. All were recognized for their heroism.   
  
Here at The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, our merry troop of eight actors, ranging in ages of nine to 79, is performing live theatre to bring in some much needed holiday cheer for the end of a very difficult 2020.   
  
Dicken’s ***A Christmas Carol*** is one of the most beloved holiday stories and it’s become a tradition for theatres across the world to perform in these holiday months. But this year, never has the redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge, who finds empathy for those less fortunate, more heartwarming.

Here at The CENTER, safety remains our number one priority during this pandemic, so audiences get to enjoy this uplifting story, complete with 33 of the world’s most cherished Christmas carols, from the comfort of their warm cars. Our masked actors (complete with gloves and long johns) perform on the elevated loading dock/stage overlooking the parking lot. It’s truly a heroic feat to bring the message that we all so need to hear. God bless us, everyone.

**Performances for *A Christmas Carol* are November 19 - December 20;** Thursday through Sunday at 7pm (no show Nov. 26, Nov. 27). Tickets are $20. Tickets can be ordered by visiting centerforperformingarts.org or by calling the box office at (845) 876-3080. Box office hours are 1 pm - 5 pm Thursdays through Saturdays.

*The CENTER, a non-profit arts and education organization, is located at 661 Route 308, three miles east of the village center in Rhinebeck.*

***The Media is cordially invited to preview and review this production.***