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Director named for annual 'Christmas Carol' production

Award-winning actor to lead the cast and crew in 2020

WEST BEND, Wis. (June 18, 2020) – West Bend Theatre Company is excited to announce the selection of Alan Jordan as the director of the 2020 production of “A Christmas Carol.”

Jordan has appeared in “A Christmas Carol” five times, but this will be his first try in the Charles Dickens classic as the director. His previous credits in the story include Ghost of Christmas Present, Nephew Fred, Marley and Mr. Fezziwig. He’s also provided background music on guitar another year.

Jordan is an accomplished and award-winning actor, having performed with Kettle Moraine Playhouse, Musical Masquers, Hartford Players and West Bend Theatre Company. In 2015, we won Outstanding Supporting Actor from The International Music and Entertainment Association for his role as Lloyd in “Guys on Ice” with the Kettle Moraine Playhouse.

His other credits include Otto Van Trapp in “The Sound of Music” (Musical Masquers), King Triton in “The Little Mermaid” (Hartford Players), Johnathan in “Arsenic and Lace” (Kettle Moraine Playhouse) and Albert Petersen in “Bye Bye Birdie” (Musical Masquers).



“I have worked with Alan on ‘Spamalot,’ ‘The Sound of Music’ twice, and ‘Bye Bye Birdie’ as well as ‘A Christmas Carol,’” said Nancy Storrs, West Bend Theatre Company president. “We're thrilled to have Alan directing with the West Bend Theatre Company.”

When not on stage, Jordan is a small business owner. He owns a State Farm location in Slinger, something he’s done for 16 years.

“I’m pretty darn excited; a little bit nervous,” Jordan said.

He added, "I like to see this tradition continue and it's cool to be able to help others be on stage with this unique play."

About "A Christmas Carol," Jordan said the show has heart.

"This show has mystery, spirituality," he added. "It's got God. It's got redemption. I just love this show. It speaks to me on a very, very core level."

Auditions for this year's production are open by video submission through the West Bend Theatre Company's website. In-person auditions are slated for September or early October, which will be dependent on CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Founded in 2010, incorporated in 2017, the West Bend Theatre Company is a non-profit theater entity presenting live theater, camps, workshops and special events. The mission of the West Bend Theatre Company is to celebrate, enhance, and inspire by producing excellent theatre and by giving back to our community.

The West Bend Theatre Company annually performs Charles Dickens' classic tale "A Christmas Carol" and sells out each year. In 2020, the shows are Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 11-13 at the West Bend Masonic Center, 300 N. University Drive, West Bend. Five shows are planned for 2021 – "Calendar Girls," (May 21-23, 2021) "The Secret Garden," "End of the Rainbow", "Our Town" (September 2021), and "A Christmas Carol."

For more information about the West Bend Theatre Company, as well as upcoming shows, visit our website: www.wbtheatreco.com. Be sure to also follow us on Facebook (@wbtheatreco), Twitter (@WB_Theatre_Co) and Instagram (@westbendtheatrecompany).

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