



THE MERRY STORY OF CRC'S CHRISTMAS CAROL READING!



While Ebenezer Scrooge dreamed, the piper piped the music of Christmas. Inevitably the story of Christmases Past, Present and Yet-to-Come moved out of grimness to its exuberant conclusion.

CBC's **Judy Maddren's** voice stitched the story's seamless thread while all around her the characters she evoked rose up to add their three dimensions with solemnity, eeriness, bravado, twinkle, humour and delight.



This happy vision was first imagined by **John Crompton** who adapted the text and directed the performance. **Harry Wilson** leapt, without hesitation, on board too! And there was sound, a soundscape and stage lighting too, managed superbly by a brilliant team.

Ebenezer United Church opened its arms to this adventure, and Minister **Carolyn MacMillan** made us formally welcome at the performance.



The dreamer **Cindy Lunau** put us on this stage and determined that this would be a wonderful way to put CRC fund-raising into Christmas Past. We are blessed to have her in our Christmas Present in countless ways.



At front of house, there was a great chatter as the full house of guests streamed in to drink Peller Estate wine donated by **Sweetgrass Equestrian** and devour mountains of sugar plums generously baked by Ebenezer United Church elves.

Draw tickets flew into 6 boxes – to win:

Mary Cuerrier’s steam engine and 2-car-long train, a gingerbread masterpiece; **Shirley Allen’s** one-of-a-kind handmade quilt, festive Christmas table runner and irresistible red flannel throw; **Doug Tripp’s** priceless tickets to Tafelmusik’s unrivalled *Messiah*; and **Patricia Patrick’s** glorious floral centrepiece.



Alix Mabee had once again filled the house with smiling volunteers and the happy spirit of CRC was bursting all around.



A beaming Mary Carley

Ho-Ho’s of Thanks to:

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| Marilyn Baxter | Mary and Bob Carley |
| Marilyn Grossi | Calvin Newbery |
| Sheila Richardson | Norm Rudy |
| Marg Schneider | Grant Ward |
| Paul Smith | Sarah Smith |

AND, to the congregation of **Ebenezer United Church** who baked, lifted, manned the elevator and managed the reception feast.

The Counting Books!

CRC’s Reading of The Christmas Carol raised our spirits as well as our bank balance, bringing in another **\$8500!**

This happy result would not have been possible without our loyal sponsors:



Geoff Gooderham & Miriam Pearlman
Donors of sound equipment.

Standard Broadband in Acton was our “SCROOGE” Sponsor. The company also generously sponsored our Jane Siberry/James Gordon concert in June.

Gord and Michele Dawe of REMAX/Connex Rockwood were our “TINY TIM” Sponsors and gracious perennial CRC supporters.

Sweetgrass Equestrian on 5th Line Nassagaweya was tastefully providing Peller Estates wines for the reception. Sweetgrass was also a sponsor for our Blue Springs Golf Tournament in May.

Our Cast and Crew



Left-to-right: Robin Aggus (*piper*); Linda Hendry (*Mrs. Cratchit*); Elaine Hall (*Young Cratchit/Lady in the Street*); Bruce Magee (*Fezziwig*); Rand Peter (*Tiny Tim*); Spencer Lippa (*Young Boy*); Alex Kanarek (*Marley/Ghost of Christmas Present*); Michele Dawe (*Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come*); Adam van Koeverden (*Scrooge's Nephew*); Mary Cuerrier (*Scrooge's Fiancée/Scrooge's Niece*)



Susan Johnson
(*Costume Design and Production*)



Norah Menzies and Harry
Wilson (*Ghost of Christmas
Past and Scrooge*)



Judy Maddren (*Narrator*);
Linda Hendry (*Mrs. Cratchit-in-
waiting*)



Lynn Fisher (*Costume
Coordinator*) and
Richard Lay (*Bob
Cratchit*)



Mac Hunter (*Sound*); Colin Smith (*Sound Effects*);
John Crompton (*Director, Lighting*)