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**ACT-San Diego Announces Auditions for
"A Christmas Carol"**

SAN DIEGO (August 15, 2015) –The award-winning Actors' Conservatory Theatre (ACT-San Diego, www.actsandiego.com) announces auditions for Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, for ages 8-18, directed by veteran actor/director Bernard Baldan, on September 8, 2015 from 4:15-7:45 p.m. at the Ocean Aire Rec Center, 4770 Fairpoint Way, San Diego, 92130. Callbacks will be held September 10, 2015 beginning at 4:15 p.m. Performances will be held at the Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, San Diego, 92101 from December 11 through December 20, 2015.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is a timeless, heart-warming, often hilarious, sometimes frightening tale of redemption and triumph of the spirit. Christmas Eve in Victorian London. Crotchety miser Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his dead partner Jacob Marley. Scrooge is told that what they do in life will determine what happens to them in the afterlife. Chained and miserable, Marley tells Scrooge that his only chance of escaping the same fate is through the visits of three ghosts. The first spirit, the Ghost of Christmas Past, shows Scrooge that he was once a happy young man, carefree and in love but his worship of money destroyed the course of his life. The Ghost of Christmas Present shows him how others, including his nephew Fred and his clerk Bob Cratchit, view his life. The Ghost forces Scrooge to see himself as he truly is; hated, feared and loved by nearly on one. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows Scrooge the frightening fate that awaits him. Scrooge learns from his visits and changes himself from a miserly wretch, into "as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city ever knew".

Auditioners should prepare a one minute song and a one minute comedic monologue. They should bring a CD or sheet music in the appropriate key. An accompanist will be provided. A \$325 production fee will be payable at the audition. Family discounts and need-based scholarships are available. A downloadable application (which must be completed in full before auditioning) as well as a character breakdown can be found at www.actsandiego.com/auditions-christmas-carol.

Rehearsals (subject to change), start October 5, 2015 and will run weekday evenings (usually from 6-9 p.m.) in Carmel Valley.

ABOUT THE COMPANY : Actors' Conservatory Theatre (ACT – San Diego) is a nonprofit youth theatre company whose mission is to provide educational & artistic opportunities for young artists to perform, act, and learn the art of stagecraft in a highly professional environment. ACT – San Diego produces youth theatre productions of the highest quality with a production staff led by professional directors, choreographers & technicians.

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