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JACOB MARLEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Tom Mula

Directed by Richard Cook

November 28 – December 21, 2008 (99¢ preview November 26)

PARK SQUARE THEATRE

20 W. Seventh Place, St. Paul

Tickets: \$15-39

Box office: 651-291-7005 or www.parksquaretheatre.org

**Christmas' most famous ghost comes alive at Park Square Theatre
*Jim Lichtscheidl stars in Twin Cities premiere of
JACOB MARLEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL***

Saint Paul, Minn. -- Across the river at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, audiences have always understood that "Marley was dead." But at Park Square Theatre in Saint Paul, this is NOT the same old Christmas Carol! Move over Ebenezer Scrooge, it's time for Jacob Marley to tell his story.□□

In JACOB MARLEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL, Marley discovers that even in the afterlife, Scrooge will once again determine his future. In this Twin Cities premiere, **opening November 28** (99¢ preview on November 26), the amazing Jim Lichtscheidl brings to life Jacob Marley – along with a malicious little netherworld-sprite named Bogle and a supporting cast of 16 other characters – all with wise-cracking humor and heartfelt emotion.

Park Square Theatre Artistic Director Richard Cook directs Lichtscheidl in a virtuoso solo performance of Tom Mula's 1998 play based on his book of the same name. Cook says, "Storytelling has seldom been so magical – and the beauty of the tale is how it so fully engages the audience's imagination and spirit, through splendid language and the simplest of stage techniques. This is a restorative tale – a touchstone for laughter, sweet tears and empathy galore as, through Marley and Bogle, we rediscover the human joys of caring for each other."

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Lichtscheidl played the title roles in Park Square’s *Merton of the Movies* (the show that opened the theatre’s first full season in its Hamm Building home 13 years ago) and Lee Blessing’s *Fortinbras*. “It’s an honor to have his work back on our stage,” says Cook. The multitalented Lichtscheidl is well-known in the Twin Cities for his accomplished stage work, including a 2006 Ivey Award for creating and performing in Theatre Latte Da’s *Knock!*.

Jacob Marley’s Christmas Carol debuted at Chicago’s Goodman Theatre in 1998, and has since been performed to rave reviews and standing ovations in many theaters across the country. For seven seasons, it was broadcast on National Public Radio.

A 99¢ Preview of ***Jacob Marley’s Christmas Carol*** will be held Wednesday, November 26; **the show opens Friday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.** Performances are Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. matinees on Sundays through December 21. All performances are in the company’s intimate theater in St. Paul’s historic Hamm Building, 20 W. Seventh Place. Tickets are \$34 on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays; and \$37 on Saturdays (with opening night at \$39). Group, senior, and special prices for those 30 and under are also offered. Tickets are available at 651-291-7005 or online www.parksquaretheatre.org.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			26 (B) 7:30pm 99¢	27 Thanksgiving	28 (O) 7:30pm \$39	29 7:30pm \$37
30 2:00pm \$34	<u>DECEMBER</u>			4 7:30pm \$34	5 7:30pm \$34	6 7:30pm \$37
7 2:00pm \$34				11 (D) 7:30pm \$34	12 7:30pm \$34	13 (A) 7:30pm \$37
14 2:00pm \$34				18 7:30pm \$34	19 7:30pm \$34	20 7:30pm \$37
21 (C) 2:00pm \$34						

B=Beer & Blue Jeans (99¢ Preview) O=Opening D=Post-show discussion A=ASL/AD C=Closing

Park Square Theatre’s 2008-09 season opened to a near sold-out run of **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** and features five area premieres including **DEFIANCE** by John Patrick Shanley; Park Square Theatre’s first ever holiday show, **JACOB MARLEY’S CHRISTMAS CAROL**; Jeffrey Hatcher’s **DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE**, directed by David Mann; the acclaimed musical **GREY GARDENS**, co-produced with Ordway Center for the Performing Arts; and **I HAVE BEFORE ME A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT GIVEN TO ME BY A YOUNG LADY FROM RWANDA**, directed by Warren C. Bowles; as well a reprise of **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM**. The season concludes with Agatha Christie’s **SPIDER’S WEB**.

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