



FIFTH THIRD BANK

# A CHRISTMAS CAROL

## SYNOPSIS

Ebenezer Scrooge is a mean old businessman who thinks that Christmas is a frivolous holiday, just an excuse for people not to work. Despite his vast fortune, Scrooge hoards money, refusing to give to charity because he believes that the poor are just lazy and deserve no such help. He doesn't even pay his hardworking and loyal clerk, Bob Cratchit, a fair wage! Despite Scrooge's heartlessness, his nephew and only living relative, Fred, still wants to spend Christmas with his uncle, but the miser rejects him. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, who is now paying dearly for the heartlessness and lack of generosity with which he lived his life. Marley tells Scrooge that three spirits—the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come—will visit him that night. These phantoms will show old Scrooge how he became this hard-hearted, what he's missed because of it, and what will happen to him if he keeps going down this path.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

### RUN TIME

1 hours and 57 minutes |  
There will be a 15 minute  
intermission

### AUDIENCE ADVISORY

Fog and flashing lights. No  
strobe lights are used.



The 2018 performances of Fifth Third's Banks *A Christmas Carol*. Photos by Jonathan Roberts.

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# SENSORY & EMOTIONALLY INTENSE MOMENTS

**PLEASE NOTE:** Throughout the play, the set changes multiple times. Light changes and the use of fog are also present throughout the show. Live music is included in the show. There are sometimes moments of heightened emotion in which characters may raise their voice.

## ACT 1 – 53 MINUTES

Timestamp	Warnings
00:00	The action of the play begins on the side of the stage, not in the center.
00:08	Loud yelling in the counting house scene and Scrooge throws a paperweight at Fred.
00:15	When Marley's face in the knocker, there are loud sounds and eerie lights.
00:17	When the offstage voice of Marley can be heard saying "SCROOGE...," Scrooge throws his bowl and yells. The Ghost of Marley will then rise from the floor. Marley is a scary character, and his presence brings loud sounds of metal chains, loud and creep sounds, cries and almost no lights.
00:21	When Marley exits, he goes through the floor, accompanied by loud noises and odd lights.
00:23	A hoop and silk will drop from the ceiling for Ghost of Christmas Past's entrance.
00:25	In the schoolyard, three kids push Boy Scrooge down to the ground.
00:27	During the Fezziwig party, there is loud group laughter, live music and dance. Some of the dancing makes noise on the stage floor. During this scene, Mrs. Fezziwig is very loud and over the top.
00:52	Loud bells at the end of Act 1 that sound like gongs. Lights in the theatre will go completely dark.

## THERE WILL BE ONE 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

## ACT 2 – 48 MINUTES

Timestamp	Warnings
00:01	At the beginning of Act 2, The Ghost of Christmas Present enters with confetti and loud vocals.
00:08	The oldest Cratchit daughter surprises Bob by popping up from under the table.
00:18	At Fred's party in his parlor, the lights are bright and they flicker.
00:26	After Christmas Present's line: "Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses?," the bell tolls twelve times and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come appears as a giant puppet that fills up the stage. There are almost no lights and fog with a strong smell.
00:35	After Scrooge's line "Death is the subject of your lesson and death I must study...," there is a loud noise and the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come makes a loud bellowing noise. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come stays on stage for around ten minutes throughout the graveyard and Scrooge waking up.
00:36	Scrooge yells at a loud volume throughout the video projections and as the lights get dimmer.
00:38	Scrooge jumps on his bed in excitement.
00:48	Scrooge startles and throws money at Bob Cratchit.

**\*TIMESTAMPS ARE APPROXIMATE**