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**Steel Beam Theatre's *Scrooge the Musical* Celebrates
the Joy of the Season and the Hope of Tomorrow, November 19-December 23,
2011**

The entire family will love ***Scrooge the Musical***, an upbeat musical version of *Scrooge* adapted from the 1970 Academy Award-winning movie based on Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. This age-old story reminds us during the season of hope that it is never too late to begin again. Both the play and the movie were written by Leslie Bricusse, a prolific composer, lyricist and playwright of such blockbuster shows as *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, *Dr. Doolittle*, *Hook*, *Jekyll & Hyde* and *Victor/Victoria*. Steel Beam Theatre's production of ***Scrooge the Musical*** opens Saturday, November 19 and runs through Friday, December 23. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00pm. Additional performances on Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:30, and on Saturdays at 3 pm. There is free parking next to the Theatre, which is handicap accessible, and a variety of restaurants nearby. Single tickets are \$25 for adults, \$23 for students/seniors and \$22 for groups of 10 and over. For tickets, visit www.SteelBeamTheatre.com, or call 630-587-8521. ***Scrooge the Musical*** is sponsored in part by **BMO Harris Bank** and **The Kane County Chronicle**.

The director of ***Scrooge the Musical*** is Kevin Wiczer of Wheeling. He holds a bachelors degree in acting and directing from Columbia College Chicago. Wiczer's directorial credits include: *We Were Dancing* (The Classic Theatre), *The Sunshine Boys* (Woodstock Musical Theatre Company), *Romeo's Ghost* (Gorilla Tango Theatre Chicago), *Nunsense II: The Second Coming* (Elgin Theatre Company), *Jekyll & Hyde* (Music On Stage), *Into the Woods* (Wishing Star Theatre), and most recently the Midwest premiere of Frank Wildhorn's *Dracula: The Musical* (Music On Stage & Theatre Nebula). Wiczer is also an on-camera and voiceover talent for radio and television commercials.

Scrooge the Musical's music director is Jeff Poindexter of Palatine and choreographer is Will Nifong of Chicago. The ***Scrooge the Musical*** cast includes

Steve Connell of Crystal Lake as *Scrooge*; Tony Lage of West Chicago; Bobby Arnold, Deric Gochenauer, Will Nifong and Miriam Reuter, all of Chicago; Julie Bayer of Naperville; Lauren Romano of Glen Ellyn; April Martinez of Schaumburg; Matthew Aldis, Dennis Brown, Luke Donia and Rob Nowak, all of St. Charles; and Nancy Kolton and Mary Nigohosian of Batavia .

SBT's ***Scrooge the Musical*** young actors, many of whom have appeared in SBT Children's Theatre productions, include: Jason Jewell of Chicago and Mikey Taylor of South Elgin, alternating as *Tiny Tim*; Kathleen Miulli, Sydney Nitschke and Ellie Spindle, all of Geneva; Lucy Gruber, Aidan Morris and Sofie Peltier, all of St. Charles; Joe Masini of Batavia and Nicolas Sole of Carol Stream.

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