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Dexter, Missouri - Students were treated to a live performance of "Bah! Humbug!" at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning in the Dexter High School auditorium. Dexter students enjoyed the sneak preview of the musical.

"Bah! Humbug!", a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale "A Christmas Carol," will come to the Tinnin Fine Arts Center and local schools as part of the Patrons of the Arts 2014-15 season. The show will be performed at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center in Poplar Bluff on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m, and schools across the region Nov. 10-12. Admission is \$5 per person for all ages at the Tinnin Center, while the shows hosted by schools are provided to students at no charge.

"We're very grateful to have the Imaginary Theatre Company back for the third year to perform their delightful children's shows," said Tim Thompson, Director of the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. "Their adaptations take beloved books and stories and make them come to life right there on the stage."

This is the second season that Three Rivers and the Patrons of the Arts have expanded performances beyond the Tinnin Center, and the first that they have worked with schools and sponsors to provide performances at no cost to students. Free performances will come to schools in Dexter, Sikeston, Malden, Kennett, Piedmont, and Willow Springs.

Through the use of literature, folk tales, fairy tales, and new adaptations of classic works, the Imaginary Theatre Company provides the finest in theater for young theatergoers. The

Company is part of the Repertory Theatre Company of St. Louis, and has performed children's shows in the past two Patrons seasons.

Based on the oft-retold tale, the show follows filthy-rich businessman Ebenezer Scrooge as three ghosts help him learn the importance of kindness, generosity, and the true meaning of Christmas. The production updates the story to the modern day, but holds tight to the classic lessons in Dickens' original novel.

Tickets for the Nov. 16 performance can be purchased online at trcc.edu/tinnin. Tickets are also available at the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce, the Three Rivers College Business Office, and at the door.

For a study guide for this production or for more information about the Imaginary Theatre Company, visit www.repstl.org. For more information on upcoming Patrons of the Arts performances, including Chinese Acrobats on Dec. 12, and the Russian National Ballet on March 19, visit trcc.edu/tinnin

Shown in the photo are Tim Thompson, Director of the Tinnin Fine Arts Center; Eric Kirkman and Martha Kissinger of Kissinger & Kirkman Investment Centre, LLC; and Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College, display a poster for upcoming Patrons of the Arts show "Bah! Humbug!" Kissinger & Kirkman are sponsors for the show, which will be performed at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on November 16 at 2 p.m. For more information on Patrons of the Arts Shows, visit trcc.edu/tinnin.

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