

Dick Terhune

A Christmas Carol

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2025-2026

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Season 50

Community Players engages and enriches Southeast Nebraska through the arts by deepening connections, utilizing inclusive programming, and producing quality live theatre.

Office Hours

M-F 10 am - 5 pm

Box Office Hours

M-F Noon - 5 pm &
2 hours prior to shows

Costume Shop Hours

W 5:30 - 7:30pm or by appointment

Visit us at

www.beatricecommunityplayers.com



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Show Info & Bio



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Adapted for solo stage performance by
Patrick R. Spadaccino

from Charles Dickens' novel
A Christmas Carol

Directed and Performed by
Dick Terhune

There will be a 15 minute intermission

A CHRISTMAS CAROL is produced by special
arrangement with WriteStuff Creative Services, LLC.

A Beatrice native and graduate of BHS, **DICK TERHUNE** was one of the founding members of Community Players along with his parents, Terry (first president, master carpenter and actor) and Shirley (longtime house manager). He performed here in productions of *The Boyfriend*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *The Apple Tree*, *Once Upon a Mattress* and *Cinderella*. He also performed for a decade at the Lincoln Community Playhouse (where he was inducted as a Playhouse "Legend" in 2018) and at Pinewood Bowl. He has performed this one-man version of *A Christmas Carol* since 2019 at theatres around the country. He currently resides in Connecticut where he regularly works on stage, film and TV. Recent stage credits include *The Mousetrap* and *Rock of Ages* (both directed by Hunter Foster), as Editor Webb in *Our Town* (alongside Jane Kaczmarek), and as Karl Lindner in *A Raisin In The Sun*. He recently co-starred on an episode of *FBI: Most Wanted* with Dylan McDermott on CBS and Paramount+. You may recognize his voice from commercials for Great Wolf Lodge, Little Caesar's, Yoplait (and others), games including *World of Warcraft*, *Diablo Immortal*, *Vampire: The Masquerade* and the animated series *Transformers: Cyberverse* as Macadam and Prowl. This performance is lovingly dedicated to the countless volunteers who brought this organization to life and have kept it alive and thriving for fifty fabulous seasons!

Production Credits

Stage Manager

Barb Armstead

Costume

Renee C. Purdy

Assistant Stage Manager

Scott Clark

Music

Midnight Syndicate

from their album

"Christmas: A Ghostly Gathering"

www.MidnightSyndicate.com

Lighting Design

Mel Voorhis

Lights & Sound

Barb Armstead, Zach Anderson,
& Mel Voorhis

Box Office

Grace Frahm & Mel Voorhis

Set Construction

Mason Gustafson

Front of House Volunteers

Mason Gustafson,

Natalie Gustafson, Jim McNeal,

Wanda Redd, Jean Spilker,

Marshall Tuttle, & Mel Voorhis

Scene Painting

Tyler J. Rinne

Please silence and put away your phone.

If you are wearing any sort of light-up holiday apparel, turn it off.

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Notice: So as not to disturb other patrons or the performers, patrons arriving late or that exit the auditorium during the performance will be asked to remain in the lobby until seated at an appropriate moment by the House Manager. A closed-circuit TV is set up in the lobby so you will not miss any of the performance.

No generative artificial intelligence (AI) was used during this or any Community Players production.

Community Players

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Coming Attractions

End of Year Giving

For 50 years, Community Players has been a home for the arts in Beatrice. We provide exceptional entertainment to our community, unique opportunities for youth to express themselves, and chances for empty-nesters to cross lifelong dreams off their "bucket list." Recently, we conducted an audience survey that prompted a respondent to say: **"You are doing tremendous things with what little you have."**

Yes, it's true that CP operates with "little." Our building, a former autobody shop, is nearing the end of its lifespan, and speaking frankly, we outgrew it 15 years ago when we added Stage Door programming, which features 60+ youth actors every season. By producing 8-10 shows a year, we remain one of Nebraska's most active community theatres, all with a full-time staff of only three. But there is nothing "little" about the over 300 volunteers and 7,500+ audience members we connect with every season.

Community Players' vision to lead Southeast Nebraska as a center for excellence in the performing arts has flourished for a half century. What's our secret? The "little" things. A child too shy to speak that finally finds her wings onstage. A volunteer that goes the extra mile to make theatre magic. And a donor like you that donates during this holiday season. If you are moved to help, you can scan the QR code or see us at the front desk.

SEASON 50 GALA

Bright Lights, Big Dreams

Date: March 28, 2026

Location: Beatrice Country Club (1301 Oak St.)

Join us for a gala celebrating the last 50 years of CP as well as looking forward to our exciting next act! Enjoy the entertaining "Broadway Bar," a high-energy musical experience where CP Alum Curtis Reynolds brings musical theatre, pop, and classic songs to life, with opportunities for the audience to request their favorite tunes! The evening also includes a catered prime rib buffet, exciting silent auction experiences and packages, and sparkling conversation with fellow theatre patrons and community leaders! Scan the QR code above to check out sponsorship opportunities and to purchase tickets to the event.





MARIAN: PRINCESS OF THIEVES | Acting Up

Auditions: Jan. 21, 2026
Show Dates: May 1-3, 2026

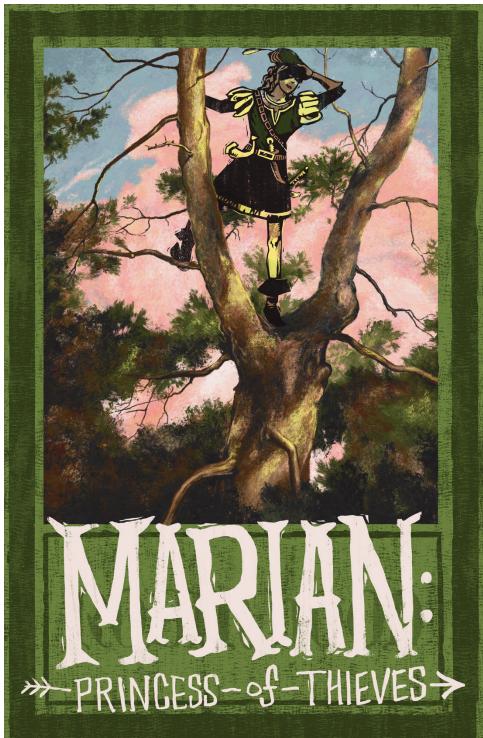


Still need a Christmas gift for a 5th - 8th grader in your life? Register them for next semester's Acting Up program. Students learn all aspects of production and culminate each semester with a family-friendly production. This year, they'll be performing a retelling of the story of Robin Hood that focuses on all the girl power that is Maid Marian!

QUIZ | Mainstage
Auditions: Dec. 15 & 16, 2025
Show Dates: Feb. 13-15
& 20-22, 2026



April 2003. Army Major Charles Ingram, his wife, and a coughing accomplice have been convicted of cheating on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? The evidence is strong, and the nation is gripped by the sheer audacity of the plot to snatch the massive jackpot. But are they really guilty? You must give your "final answer" in this immersive mystery based on true events.





Our family grew up in CP.

Yours should, too!

Janet Claassen and Family

