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John Ton (blue jacket, left of lamp post) and friends after the dedication of his mural.

Scrooge: The Musical



Tony Panighetti as Scrooge

Cabrillo Stage Production
with new cast runs
December 17 through 30 at
the Cabrillo Crocker Theater

Cabrillo Stage, the professional musical theatre company, remounts its holiday production, *Scrooge, The Musical*, with a new cast and new staging. The beloved Christmas tale will star Bay Area professional actor Tony Panighetti in the title role, which performs in the Crocker Theater, December 17 through 30.

The ideal Christmas treat, based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, *Scrooge* is the timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, a lonely miser who is visited on Christmas Eve by three spirits who teach him lessons of love and giving. Don't miss Ebenezer, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future and a whole host of Dickensian characters in this award-winning, international smash hit musical by Leslie Bricusse.

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CAPITOLA MURAL DEDICATED

Saturday, November 20 saw the community and members of the Capitola Arts and Cultural Commission come out in the rain to dedicate the new mural on Wharf Road. They were joined by the artist Jon Ton with his creation of typical Capitolans and visitors going to and from Capitola-By-The-Sea. Junior guards running, moth-

ers pushing strollers a bicyclist challenging the hill, people admiring and photographing the view all with the Monterey bay as a background all captured for posterity.

After the call for artists earlier this year by the Arts and Cultural Commission, the Art and Cultural Commission of the City of Capitola commissioned Ton for \$25,000. because of his experience

in doing murals, said Karen Nevis, member of the commission.

"This mural is supposed to be a mirror reflection of the people here," said John Ton, 53, the artist in charge of the project. The wall is located on the right hand side Wharf Road on the way to Capitola Village. The project started on Sept. 6 and dedicated on November 20.

John Ton is a resident of Aptos and also Petaluma where he has the Clear Heart Gallery. Ton started as a sign painter in 1972. In the mid-nineties, digitization took over the sign industry, and he became interested in murals because he already had developed his talent for large projects and for scaling.

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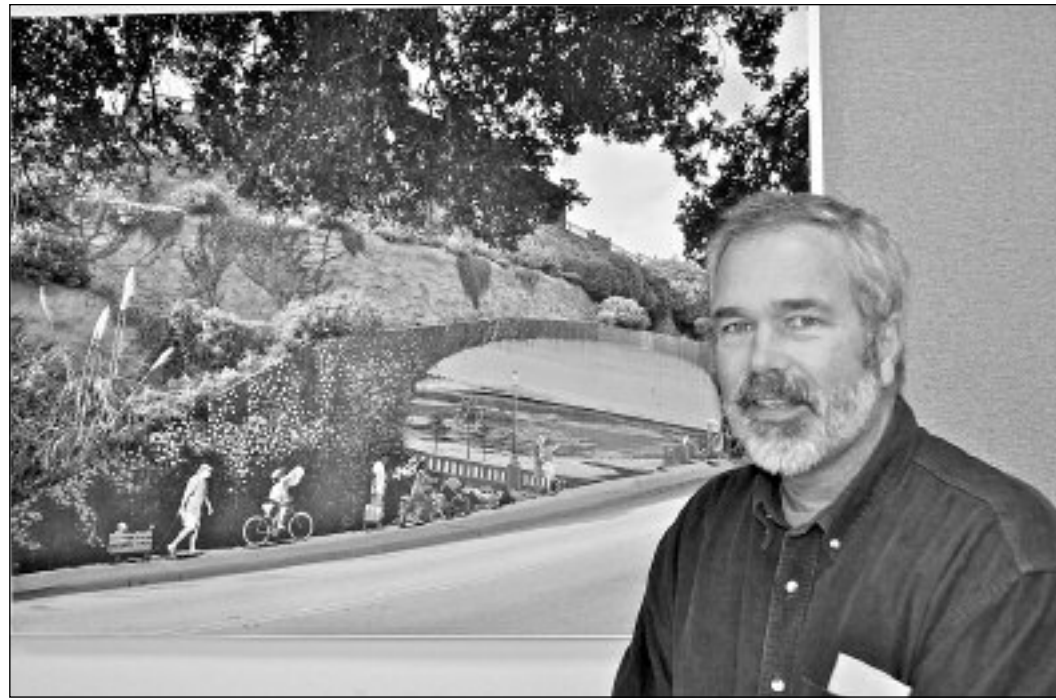
He painted his first mural in 1994. Some of Ton's other murals can be seen at the boardwalk and at the corner of Laurel Street and Mission Street in Santa Cruz.

According to Ton, for the 120' by 16' project not much more paint than what one needs to paint a room was used. Ton had two helpers, Maia Negre, 29, a local artist and Angela Guerisoly, a High School student.

Walk on down Wharf street hill and see an artful reflection of Capitola by the Sea. ■

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Cover Photo: Out of nearly 100 people who attended the dedication, several ventured over in the rain with John Ton to see the mural, including Mayor Sam Storey (red jacket, right of lamp post).



Mural Artist John Ton, in front of a print of his new mural at the Dedication Ceremony

"Scrooge, the Musical" from pg 1

The play includes such acclaimed songs as "Thank You Very Much," "A Better Life" and "A Christmas Carol."

Cabrillo Stage completes their four-show 2010 season with Scrooge, starring Bay Area award-winning Equity Actor, Tony Panighetti, as Scrooge. Panighetti received a Backstage West Garland Award for his performance as Mozart in the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts Theatre's production of Amadeus.



He has performed throughout California as well as on the high seas of Alaska, Canada, Europe, and the Bahamas with Crystal Cruise Line's Repertory Theater at Sea.

Some of his Bay Area credits include Beaumarchais in Benjamin Franklin In Paris (42nd Street Moon), Reverend Parris in The Crucible (San Francisco Playhouse), and he has alternated as both male characters in regional productions of I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (Theater On San Pedro Square, Sierra Repertory Theater, Willows Theater Co.). Tony also portrayed Neil in the short film X-Y that received an Audience Award at the 19th Cinequest Film Festival. Cabrillo Stage audiences will remember Panighetti for his unforgettable roles in both Some Like It Hot (2001) and Annie Get Your Gun (2005).

"We all know the story of Scrooge," says director Andrew Ceglio. "It's completely universal in its portrayal of classic archetypes. Today, we are all living in a time when we are all being forced to pull ourselves away from material possessions and re-evaluate how we think, see and live life. With that in mind, Cabrillo Stage's production will give emphasis to the subject of love, friendship and good will." Ceglio's continues,

"Even though these themes are already present in the story, our version of Scrooge will deeply explore the characters and how they tie-in with Scrooge's arch of renewal and redemption."

Cabrillo Stage will be showing Scrooge at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday evenings, as well as 2:00 p.m. matinees. Check schedule at www.cabrillostage.com. ■

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WHAT: Cabrillo Stage presents Scrooge, The Musical, the timeless tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, a lonely miser who is visited on Christmas Eve by three spirits who teach him lessons of love and giving. Don't miss Ebenezer, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future and a whole host of Dickensian characters in the award-winning, international smash hit musical Scrooge! Includes such acclaimed songs as "Thank You Very Much," "A Better Life" and "A Christmas Carol."

December 17 - 30. Evenings at 7:30 p.m., Matinees at 2:00 p.m., Cabrillo Crocker Theater, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos
Tickets: \$16 - \$34, plus service fees 479-6154. Online sales now available or www.cabrillostage.com. Box office opens 11/23.

Cabrillo Stage is a non-profit, non-union professional summer stock musical theatre company dedicated to presenting full-scale Broadway musicals to the greater Monterey Bay Area. Cabrillo Stage is committed to providing a nurturing, supportive, artistic environment that allows all of its artisans, professional and non-professional, the opportunity to create musicals with high quality production values. Producing Artistic Director, Jon Nordgren.