

## **Media Advisory**

**Hold until November 19, 2008:**

### **Local Celebrities Get Together for CBC Radio's Dramatic Reading of "A Christmas Carol" to Benefit Local Charities**

**Peterborough, Ontario – November 19, 2008** – CBC Radio's Karin Wells and local celebrity readers are encouraging the public to join them, along with the Convivio Chorus and the music ensemble Carried Away, for an evening of holiday cheer at the CBC's annual dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at Showplace Performance Centre in December.

Years ago Charles Dickens presented "A Christmas Carol" in support of his own awareness and dedication in addressing and raising funds to aid poverty, education and healthcare initiatives. For the past 18 years, CBC Radio has followed suit by offering dramatic readings across Canada in support of community fundraising efforts. This year's event will support both Market Hall Performing Arts and the YWCA of Peterborough Victoria & Haliburton.

The performance will take place Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 pm at Showplace Performance Centre. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 and are being sold at Showplace located at 290 George Street North, phone number, 742-7469. All proceeds will go to the YWCA Peterborough Victoria & Haliburton and Market Hall Performing Arts organizations. The event was sold out the last time it took place in Peterborough and organizers of this year's reading are aiming to achieve the same success.

Every year, thousands of Canadians have enjoyed the CBC Radio supported readings of the Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". "People have told me they consider the reading the true beginning of the Christmas holiday season. The readings have also become important fundraising opportunities in the communities that host them, and the two beneficiaries this year represent great local causes for us to support." says Tim Caddigan, who has previously participated as a reader in the event in Peterborough. The readers in this year's production include CBC's Karin Wells and local readers Dr. Jenny Ingram, Paul Wilson, Tim Caddigan and Mollie Cartmell.

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**PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY:** Photo and interview opportunities with the cast  
**In advance** contact Bill Kimball or Karen August of Market Hall Performing Arts at 749-1146. Or  
**Performance Day:** 6:30pm Showplace, 290 George St N

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