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**A CHRISTMAS CAROL
CAST MEMBER TO APPEAR IN
85th ANNUAL MACY'S
THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE**

Kara Lindsay to appear with the cast of Newsies in Thursday's parade.

Rochester, N.Y., November 22, 2011 – This Thursday, when you are gathered around the TV for the 85th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, look for a familiar face among the performers. Actress **Kara Lindsay**, who appears as Belle in Geva's production of *A Christmas Carol*, will be performing as part of the cast of the musical *Newsies* in Thursday's parade.

Newsies, the story of New York City newsboys who stage a strike in 1899, premiered at the Paper Mill Playhouse in October, and is based on the 1992 Disney movie musical of the same name. Featuring music by Alan Menken, composer of such Disney favorites as *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Little Mermaid*, and lyrics by Jack Feldman, *Newsies* also features a new book by Harvey Fierstein and is directed by Jeff Calhoun. Disney Theatrical Productions recently been announced that *Newsies* is scheduled to begin a limited run at the Nederlander Theatre on Broadway on March 15, 2012. Casting has not yet been announced.

Ms. Lindsay, who played journalist Katherine Plumber in *Newsies*, is one of two Rochesterians who were involved in the world premiere of this production at Paper Mill Playhouse. Rochester native Brendon Stimpson will also appear as part of the *Newsies* cast in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Ms Lindsay is a 2003 graduate of Greece Athena High School and received her B.F.A in Acting/Musical Theatre from Carnegie Mellon University in 2007. She is also a proud alumnus of Geva's Summer Academy which she attended in 2000. She appeared as Laura Ingalls in the national tour of *Little House on the Prairie* with Melissa Gilbert; Cinderella in *Cinderella* at Kansas City Starlight; Sally Bowles in *Cabaret* at Kansas City Rep; Laura in *Little House on the Prairie* at the Guthrie Theater and Paper Mill Playhouse; Miss Ann Page in *Lone Star Love* opposite Randy Quaid at the 5th Avenue Theater; and Demeter in *Cats* at West Virginia Public. *A Christmas Carol*

is a homecoming for Ms. Lindsay who appeared in the premiere of this production last season. She reprises her role as Scrooge's lost love, Belle in this year's production.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, adapted and directed by Mark Cuddy with music and lyrics by Gregg Coffin, begins on November 25 and runs through December 24. The lead co-producer of *A Christmas Carol* is JP Morgan Chase. Co-Producers are Time Warner Cable, FOX 31 and WROC Channel 8.

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