

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Soulpepper's holiday classic *A Christmas Carol* returns *Joseph Ziegler reprises his role as Ebenezer Scrooge*

Toronto, ON – November 4, 2010 – Albert Schultz, Founding Artistic Director of Soulpepper Theatre Company, today announced that the critically acclaimed production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* adapted and directed by Michael Shamata opens December 6, 2010 and runs till December 30, 2010 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts.

Soulpepper founding member **Joseph Ziegler** reprises his critically acclaimed performance as Ebenezer Scrooge. Also featured in the cast are **Kevin Bundy, Oliver Dennis, Deborah Drakeford, Matthew Edison, Maggie Huculak, John Jarvis, Stephen Guy-McGrath, Daniel Chapman Smith, Sarah Wilson** as well as **Charlotte Dennis, Alyson MacFarlane, Elliot Waugh** and **Owen Cumming** as Tiny Tim in their Soulpepper debuts.

*A Christmas Carol* played to sold out houses in 2001, 2002, 2006, 2008 and is one of the company's most beloved productions:

*"A superb adaption ... sublime!"* – Globe and Mail

*"Couldn't possibly be better ... God bless us, everyone!"* – Toronto Star

*"Few versions have been as faithful and as lively as this one."* – National Post

*A Christmas Carol* is perfect for the whole family and affordable too! Our Family Package includes four tickets from only \$149. Please call our box office or go on-line for further details.

*A Christmas Carol* runs December 6 – December 30, 2010 at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, located at 55 Mill Street, Building 49, in the Distillery Historic District. Tickets range from \$29 - \$70 (plus 13% HST) and are available by calling the Young Centre box office at 416.866.8666 or by visiting soulpepper.ca. \$22 tickets (includes 13% HST) are available for 21-30 year-olds at stageplay.ca. StagePlay is sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group.

The production sponsor for *A Christmas Carol* is CIBC World Markets. 2010 Soulpepper Lead Sponsors are: Sun Life Financial, Scotiabank Group and TELUS. Soulpepper gratefully acknowledges annual operating support from the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, and the Toronto Arts Council.

*Soulpepper Theatre Company is an artist-founded, classical repertory theatre company with a three-tiered mandate: to present the world's greatest stories in vital Canadian interpretations; to provide classical training to a new generation of theatre artists; and to provide access and mentorship programs for young people using theatre as the vehicle.*