

A Christmas Carol at the Regal Theatre

Saturday 5th December at 2.30pm

Subject to the lifting of lockdown restrictions on December 2, The Regal plans to reopen with a matinee screening of the recently released *A Christmas Carol* (Cert PG). The show will be open to the public and marks the beginning of a programme of Christmas screenings to run through the weeks that follow.

A Victorian family prepares a paper theatre for a performance of *A Christmas Carol*, based on the novel by Charles Dickens. The audience enters the imagination of one of the children, and soon the cardboard stage transforms to reveal a magical world containing real dancers and stylised sets. The classic tale unfolds in a rich and absorbing tapestry of drama, featuring sumptuous visual effects which are inspired by the techniques of early cinema.

In a twist of format, characters are portrayed by dancers and voiced by actors, including Simon Russell Beal, Martin Freeman and Carey Mulligan. The combination of danced action and spoken narration brings fresh dimension to Dickens' characters and poetic language, while remaining true to the beauty of the original narrative.

Tickets will go on sale nearer the screening date costing £7.50 (£5.50 – Regal Film Society members, Friends of the Regal, full-time students and unemployed) and booking details will be available from the Regal Theatre website: www.regaltheatre.co.uk

Regal Theatre volunteers have taken great care to implement government guidelines to ensure that audiences and volunteers are protected, with safety precautions and practical social distancing measures in place. Everyone is also asked to use the hand sanitiser provided and wear a face mask on entering the theatre.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to offer online booking and the theatre bar will not be open for refreshments until further notice.

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