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LINWOOD – Anyone still struggling to find the holiday spirit may want to give this weekend’s production of “A Christmas Carol” a chance to take the “Bah! Humbug” out of their heart.

Ebenezer Scrooge will take the stage at Mainland Regional High School “A Christmas Carol, the Musical,” brought to the stage by Deborah Glenn, director of By Kids For Kids Production Co.

The classic Charles Dickens tale was put to music by Alan Menken, who brought “Beauty and the Beast,” “Little Mermaid” and many other musical favorites to the screen.

The cast of 47 blends talent from all over Atlantic County.

Josh Levin, 15, of Northfield plays Scrooge. He is a veteran of “The Twelfth Night,” “Beauty and the Beast” and the 2011 MRHS musical “The Drowsy Chaperone.”

Lloyd Moss, 14, of Egg Harbor City is playing Bob Cratchit.

“This is my very first show, and I have had a really good experience; I learned a lot and met a lot of new friends that I would never had a chance to meet if I did not try out for the show,” he said Saturday afternoon.

This is a first musical for Sara Kern, 15, of Northfield, who portrays Mrs. Cratchit and said she is enjoying the experience.

Lada Doukhnai, 11, of Mays Landing plays Bob Cratchit’s daughter Martha, and her sister, Kassia Doukhnai, 13, plays the lovable Tiny Tim. The sisters attend the Davies Middle School and have performed in other musical productions.

While the classic story is set to music, the story line remains the same: Scrooge, the central figure, is a miserly and cruel boss who disdains anything associated with Christmas, while Bob Cratchit is the hardworking clerk who struggles to keep his job and care for his family on his meager salary.

Scrooge gets the chance to mend his ways after a Christmas Eve visit from three ghosts who frighten him with trips to Christmases past, present and future.

The music for the Victorian-era saga is upbeat, and the cast has been working for months to bring this memorable holiday tale to the stage.

Show times are 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 and 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at Mainland Regional High School, 1301 Oak Ave.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and senior citizens. For information see www.forkidsbykidsproductions.com
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