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## MEDIA RELEASE

## Vancouver artist featured at Bah! Humbug!

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Returning for a fifth year, the ever-evolving **Bah! Humbug!** starring Juno award winning musician **Jim Byrnes**, reflects Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES) through story, music and art from Dec. 11-13. This Simon Fraser University seasonal community tradition runs for eight shows, including two matinees at SFU's Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, and this year, features illustrations by Strathcona-based artist **Richard Tetrault**.

"Taking inspiration from Dickens, we're proud to work in partnership with Vancouver Moving Theatre to benefit the dynamic programming done through the Heart of the City Festival," says Michael Boucher, Director, Cultural Programs & Partnerships, **SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs**.

Commissioned and co-produced by SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs in partnership with **Vancouver Moving Theatre**, with support from SFU's Vancity Office of Community Engagement, **Bah! Humbug!** is a benefit for the flagship **Downtown Eastside Heart of the City Festival**, which partners each year with more than forty DTES-involved community arts and non-arts organizations.

Parallels between the economic disparities of Victorian London and Vancouver's DTES give relevance to Dickens' timeless story, now more than 150 years old.

"Dickens' haunting ghost story is filled with social satire, heartbreak and compassion. We hope that our music-filled adaptation shines the light of truth on this old tale and today's Downtown Eastside," says Savannah Walling, Artistic Director of Vancouver Moving Theatre.

**Bah! Humbug!** runs from Dec. 11-13 and 16-20, 7:30 p.m. With 2 p.m. Matinees on Saturdays (Dec. 13 and Dec. 20, 2014) at SFU's Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, 149 West Hastings St. Tickets are \$29 for adults (\$15 students/seniors) and can be purchased **online** or at the door one hour before show time. Members of the public can also attend a preview show (for media) on Dec. 10, with a suggested donation of \$10.

For more information on SFU Woodward's Cultural Programs please visit [this page](#).

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