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PRESS RELEASE

Subject to the lifting of lockdown restrictions on December 2, the Regal plans to reopen with a matinee screening of ***A Christmas Carol*** (Cert PG), at **2.30pm on Saturday December 5**, hot on the heels of its UK cinema release. The show will be open to the public and marks the beginning of a programme of Christmas screenings to run through the following weeks.

'I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!'

This special film presentation to celebrate Christmas is based on the novel by Charles Dickens and voiced by a cast of leading actors, including Simon Russell Beal, Martin Freeman and Carey Mulligan.

A Victorian family prepares a paper theatre for a performance of *A Christmas Carol*. 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.

The mix 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.

The film also features the voices of Daniel Kaluuya, Andy Serkis, Siân Phillips and Leslie Caron.



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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 and published in the local press.

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. Many of those who have already attended events since the reopening of the Regal gave very positive feedback about their experience, saying they felt confident that their safety was given utmost priority.

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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