Who Brought the Humbug? Continues the Twin Cities Holiday Tradition at the Cowles

Minneapolis, MN, November 11 – Ricci Milan and the artists of Rhythm Street Movement return to The Cowles Center with live music and rapid-fire tap dance for eight performances from December 10 – 19. The high-energy musical investigation brings a heartwarming, family-friendly story to in-person audiences for a holiday “specTAPular” filled with optimism and joy. Shows take place at 7:30 PM on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:00 PM matinees are available on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the run. Tickets range from $35-$75. Learn more at thecowlescenter.org/humbug21.

Who Brought the Humbug? takes place at an ugly sweater party where the special guests are tap dancers, singers, and a seven-piece funk band. All is well until a pair of beatboxers appear, hot on the trail of a humbug grouch who found its way into the party and an investigation begins.

“There’s nothing quite like the energy of the Humbug family audiences,” shares Joseph Bingham, Co-director of The Cowles Center. “This really is one of those unique holiday shows that is truly fun for everyone. And the fact that it’s a homegrown tradition is the cherry on top.”

This is the second year for Who Brought the Humbug? to appear on the Goodale stage since 2019; in 2020 the Cowles supported Rhythm Street Movement’s virtual experience as a show partner.

“I'm insanely grateful for the exciting opportunity to bring this show to stage again – and it's about time we feel all the feels!” proclaims Ricci Milan, Rhythm Street Movement Artistic Director. “We need to laugh and cry tap and clap and cheer together, and we need positive community connection. I'm so proud that our show brings all these things.”

The Humbug cast includes dancers Anna Esposito, Drew Geck, Ashley Gonzalez, Ricci Milan, Hilary Palmer, and Chris “BANJO” Rutledge and musicians David Feily, Reed Grimm, John Guari, Aaron “HEATBOX” Heaton, Sten Johnson, Austin Lee, Ben Peterson, and Dan Ristrom.
This is the first show of the Cowles’ 2021-2022 season to return the VIP table experience, which includes a cabaret-style table for two in the best floor seats, a wine of choice, custom desserts, and a souvenir.

Learn more about the production and get tickets at thecowlescenter.org/humbug21.

ABOUT RHYTHM STREET MOVEMENT

Rhythm Street Movement has a core group of 10 local artists with the mission to cultivate, collaborate, curate, and ultimately create entertaining, interactive, and inspiring community shows and experiences.

Since the company’s conception in 2018, RSM has produced educational dance workshops for children, corporate commercials and events, a series of music videos, two musical albums, and two full-length original theatrical productions.

Their goal is always to create accessible works that invite a wide range of audiences from both sides of the street to find beauty in sharing energy, perspective, and positive vibes in an inspiring way! Learn more at rhythmstreetmovement.com.

ABOUT THE COWLES CENTER

The Cowles Center is a dance and performing arts hub that promotes movement and growth for artists through supportive programs and spaces; engages audiences through dynamic performances; and educates learners of all ages through robust and inclusive education initiatives. The Cowles Center is owned and operated by Artspace. Learn more: thecowlescenter.org.

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