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*Richard Tabor as Jacob Marley's Ghost of Christmas Past. (Photo by Tom Hird)*

*A Christmas Carol*, the holiday classic based on the story by Charles Dickens, makes its annual appearance on the California State University, East Bay stage on Friday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 and 8 p.m. Each show will take place in the University Theatre on Cal State East Bay's Hayward campus located at 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.

Each year, the CSUEB production takes a new bend. This year's version, under the direction of Ann Fajilan, will incorporate unworldly creatures in the form of puppets, multimedia video streaming, and theatrical special lighting and smoke effects, telling the story of regrets, repercussions and rewards.

"As supernatural creatures and loveable characters taunt Ebenezer Scrooge, we too are reminded of our sense of humanity and will rush to edit our own New Year's resolution lists," said Fajilan. "Ebenezer Scrooge wasn't always the mean-spirited, evil monster that we have be-