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## GOODMAN THEATRE AND THE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE CHICAGO HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

**\*\*BLACKHAWKS AMBASSADOR AND HALL-OF-FAMER DENIS SAVARD  
MAKES A CAMEO APPEARANCE IN A CHRISTMAS CAROL ON DECEMBER 14\*\***

**\*\*\*PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES WITH #HAWKSANDHUMBUG SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST FOR TWO LUCKY WINNERS  
TO WATCH THE DECEMBER 27 HAWKS GAME WITH SAVARD AND "EBENEZER SCROOGE"\*\*\***

(Chicago, IL) Goodman Theatre proudly announces a holiday partnership with the Chicago Blackhawks in two special events this December. On December 14, the Goodman welcomes Chicago Blackhawks Ambassador and Hall-of-Famer **Denis Savard** to the stage for a one-night-only cameo appearance in *A Christmas Carol*—the 39<sup>th</sup> annual production of Chicago's favorite holiday tradition, directed by Henry Wishcamper, starring Larry Yando as Ebenezer Scrooge. Savard will don costumes created especially for him and appear in select scenes, take a bow and sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" at curtain call. The fun continues off the stage with the #HawksAndHumbug social media contest, which launches on December 14. Fans who show their Blackhawks pride using #HawksAndHumbug on Twitter or Instagram will be entered to win a free VIP experience—a winner plus guest will watch the December 27 Hawks game with Savard and "Ebenezer Scrooge" at the United Center. Scrooge will lace up his skates and hit the ice for "Shoot the Puck" during intermission. For tickets to the December 14 "Blackhawks Night at Goodman Theatre," call the Box Office at 312.443.3800 or visit GoodmanTheatre.org and use promo code HUMBUG to save 25% on mezzanine seating. To enter the free #HawksAndHumbug social media contest for two tickets to the December 27 Blackhawks game, use the hashtag in posts on Twitter and Instagram. Media inquiries only: 312.443.5151.

"We are honored to partner with the Chicago Blackhawks in a collaboration that perfectly exemplifies our work with our city's outstanding organizations," said **Goodman Theatre Executive Director Roche Schulfer**. "We warmly welcome hockey's legendary Denis Savard to our stage, and look forward to continuing the fun on the ice."

Added **Chicago Blackhawks Ambassador and Hall-of-Famer Denis Savard**, "I'm honored to be a part of the historic Goodman Theatre's tradition and appear on stage in *A Christmas Carol*, especially during this special holiday season. This unique partnership between the Blackhawks and the Goodman joins two of Chicago's most iconic establishments for what will be a most memorable experience for all."

Savard played 12 seasons of his 17-year National Hockey League career with the Blackhawks and currently ranks fourth in team history in goals (377) and second in assists (719). Chicago's first-round pick (third overall) in the 1980 NHL Draft, Savard became the second player in team history to record 100-plus points in a season (119) in 1981-82; he compiled three 100-point seasons as a Blackhawk. The seven-time All-Star holds the franchise single-season assist record with 87 (1981-82 and 1987-88), as well as the team's single-season points record (131 in 1987-88). Savard, a Pointe Gatineau, Quebec, native, also spent two seasons with the Tampa Bay Lightning and three seasons with the Montreal Canadiens, where he won the Stanley Cup in 1993. Savard was named a Blackhawks Ambassador on Nov. 13, 2008. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2000 and had his jersey retired by the Blackhawks in 1998.

Savard's fellow Blackhawks Hall-of-Famer, **Bobby Hull**, made his "Goodman Theatre debut" in a 2010 cameo appearance. Other Chicago sports notables to appear in *A Christmas Carol* include **Scottie Pippen**, **Brian Urlacher** and **Robin Ventura**.

America's "Best Regional Theatre" (*Time* magazine) and "Chicago's flagship resident stage" (*Chicago Tribune*), **Goodman Theatre** is a not-for-profit organization distinguished by the quality and scope of its artistic programming and civic engagement. Founded in 1925, the Goodman is led by Artistic Director Robert Falls and Executive Director Roche Schulfer and is dedicated to new plays, reimagined classics and large-scale musicals. The 39<sup>th</sup> annual production of *A Christmas Carol* is on stage through December 31. Fifth Third Bank is the Major Corporate Sponsor; Allstate Insurance Company and KPMG LLP are the Corporate Sponsor Partners; Chicago Tribune Media Group is the Media Sponsor; and American Airlines is the Airline Partner for *A Christmas Carol*.