

CLARENCE BROWN THEATRE

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

INFO SHEET – *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*, CBT Fall/Winter '24

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

Adapted by Edward Morgan & Joseph Hanreddy

Clarence Brown Theatre, Oct-Dec 2024

Directed by Patrick Lanczki



KEY PRODUCTION DATES

Rehearsals: Oct 9-Nov 11

Tech: Nov 12-20

Performances: Nov 21-Dec 21 (including morning performances 11/26 and 12/4, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19)

TO REQUEST AN AUDITION APPOINTMENT

- Follow all instructions on casting notice on CBT website (where you found this document!)

FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF AUDITIONS

- Prepare 1 of the available **sides** for the part (or parts) you are interested in. You may choose **ANY** side from **EITHER** *Inherit the Wind* or *A Christmas Carol* to be considered for one or both productions.
 - You will act with another actor (auditioner) **or** “reader” (depending on when your appointment is). A **reader** is someone seated near the audition table who will be your scene partner in all ways except physical interaction.
 - Be familiar enough with the language that you can comfortably look up and connect with your scene partner.
 - CBT will provide e-readers for auditioners' use. **If you would like a hard copy for accessibility, please let us know.**
- Please also prepare **30-60 seconds of a preferred song**. If you don't have a song prepared, you can sing a Christmas carol of your choice – It can be acapella, but there will be an accompanist.

FOR CALLBACKS

- You will be assigned a role or roles for individual sessions and given sides to prepare to read with other actors. (Or with a reader). The director will likely work with you on your side, and you will read it more than once.
- **STUDENTS ONLY:** When you receive a callback, it will include a “withdrawal” date. This is a day by which we ask you to withdraw from consideration if you are no longer interested in

being cast. **We will assume that actors who do *not* withdraw by this date will accept roles if offered.**

- Cast lists will be posted the Friday after auditions. **Students will receive an email from Emily Pope. Non-students will receive an email from Vickie Carter or Katie Lupica.**

UNDERSTUDY CASTING/ASSIGNMENTS

- **All** understudies in this production will be **internal**, holding roles in the ensemble. Specific assignments and tracking will be determined after ensemble is cast.
- There will be special understudy rehearsals with expected at-home preparation. There will **not** be guaranteed performances for understudies. Understudies must be on-call for all performances.

CASTING BREAKDOWN

ROLES ALREADY CAST

EBENEZER SCROOGE (Jed Diamond)

MARLEY / YOUNG MARLEY / OLD JOE (David Alley)

AVAILABLE ROLES FOR ADULTS

Please note that combinations of roles are subject to change based on auditions.

MRS. DILBER / MRS. FEZZIWIG: Female, 30s-50s. Mrs. Dilber is Scrooge's housekeeper. Mrs. Fezziwig is a lively party host and the wife of Young Scrooge's first employer. Also plays ensemble roles.

BOB CRATCHIT: Male, 30s. Scrooge's clerk and father of five children. Humble, resilient, and loving despite struggling to provide for his family. Also plays ensemble roles.

TWYCE: Male, adult of any age. Works for Oatway to solicit donations for the poor at Christmas time. Has a habit of saying everything...twice. Also plays ensemble roles.

CHRISTMAS PAST: Female, ageless, a spirit who brings Scrooge back to Christmases of his past. Also plays ensemble roles.

OATWAY: Male, adult of any age. Choir instructor at Boy Scrooge's school. Also plays ensemble roles.

LIZA: Female, 15-18. Member of the choir at Boy Scrooge's school. Also plays ensemble roles.

FAN: Female, 18. Scrooge's late sister, revisited as a girl with Christmas Past. Warm, compassionate, and protective. Also plays ensemble roles.

FEZZIWIG / MUDD: Male, 30s-50s. Fezziwig is a jovial and generous storekeeper and Scrooge's first employer. Mudd is a gravedigger. Also plays ensemble roles.

YOUNG SCROOGE / TOPPER: Male, 18-20s. Young Scrooge is Scrooge at the very beginning of his adult life and as he experiences a major shift in perspective. Topper is a guest at Fred and Catherine's Christmas party. Also plays ensemble roles.

BELLE: Female, 18-20s. Young Scrooge's betrothed. Once in love with a young man who shared her ideals, but finds herself in a relationship she does not recognize. Also plays ensemble roles.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT: Any gender, ageless, a spirit who shows Scrooge the joy of Christmas present all around him. Also plays ensemble roles.

MRS. CRATCHIT: Female, 30s. Wife of Bob Cratchit and mother of five children. Devoted, candid, and resourceful. Also plays ensemble roles.

MARTHA CRATCHIT: Female, 18. The oldest Cratchit child. Working in a millinery apprenticeship to help support the family. Also plays ensemble roles.

PETER CRATCHIT / DICK WILKINS: Male, 12-15. Peter is the Cratchits' older son. Looking to begin work to help support the family. Dick is a fellow apprentice and good friend of Young Scrooge. Also plays ensemble roles.

FRED: Male, 20s-30s. Scrooge's cheerful and generous nephew. One of the story's narrators. Also plays ensemble roles.

CATHERINE: Female, 20s-30s. Fred's spirited and compassionate wife. One of the story's narrators. Also plays ensemble roles.

MISS LUCY: Female, 20s/30s. Guest at Fred and Catherine's Christmas party. Also plays ensemble roles.

MADLINE: Female, 20s/30s. Guest at Fred and Catherine's Christmas party. Also plays ensemble roles.

BARNABY: Male, 20s-30s. Guest at Fred and Catherine's Christmas party. Also plays ensemble roles.

CHRISTMAS FUTURE: Any gender, ageless. A spirit who shows Scrooge what might come to pass if he does not change his selfish ways. Also plays ensemble roles.

MERCY MIGGOTT: Female, adult of any age. Former chamber maid for Scrooge. Also plays ensemble roles.

GRIMGRIND / PHILPOT: Male, adult of any age. Grimgrind is an undertaker. Philpot is Twyce's partner in charity. Also plays ensemble roles.

SCADGER: Male, adult of any age. A grave digger. Also plays ensemble roles.

REVEREND: Male, adult of any age. Church leader in Scrooge's neighborhood who solicits alms for the poor. Also plays ensemble roles.

AVAILABLE ROLES FOR YOUNG PERFORMERS

BOY SCROOGE: Male, 9-12. The youngest version of Scrooge that he revisits with Christmas Past. A lonely boy at a boarding school. Also plays ensemble roles.

TINY TIM / REMEMBRANCE / IGNORANCE: Male, 6-10. Tiny Tim is youngest Cratchit child. Frail from childhood illness but exuberant for all things related to family and Christmas. Remembrance and Ignorance are spirits that help Christmas Past and Present instruct Scrooge. Also plays ensemble roles.

MARY CRATCHIT: Female, 12-15. A middle Cratchit daughter. Also plays ensemble roles.

BELINDA CRATCHIT / FORGIVENESS / WANT: Female, 7-9. Belinda is the youngest Cratchit daughter. Forgiveness and Want are spirits that help Christmas Past and Present instruct Scrooge. Also plays ensemble roles.

ALICE CRATCHIT: Female, 9-12. A middle Cratchit daughter. Also plays ensemble roles.

SMUDGE: Any gender, 9-12. A child who must beg on the street but maintains a sense of humor and is eager to be helpful. Helps Scrooge buy a turkey. Also plays ensemble roles.