

Christmas Carol Characters (as described by Linney)

Actors auditioning for characters marked by a * should prepare a short monologue.

EITHER GENDER

- **Two Gentlemen or Ladies:** gentlemen or ladies who visit Scrooge at the beginning of the tale, seeking charitable contributions. Scrooge promptly throws them out of the office.
- **The Ghost of Christmas Past*:** The first spirit to visit Scrooge, a curious childlike apparition with a glowing head. This spirit takes Scrooge on a tour of Christmases in his past.
- **The Ghost of Christmas Present*:** The second spirit to visit Scrooge. A majestic giant clad in a green robe. His lifespan is restricted to Christmas Day. He escorts Scrooge on a tour of his contemporaries' Holiday celebrations.
- **The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come*:** The third and final spirit to visit Scrooge, a silent phantom, clad in a hood black robe, who presents Scrooge with an ominous view of his lonely death.

MALE ROLES

- **Bob Cratchit*:** Scrooge's clerk, a kind, mild, and very poor man with a large family. Though treated harshly by his boss, Cratchit remains a humble and dedicated employee.
- **Caroline's Husband:** part of a young couple that owes Scrooge money but cannot pay.
- **Ebenezer Scrooge*:** The miserly owner of a London counting-house, a nineteenth-century term for an accountant's office. The three spirits of Christmas visit the stodgy bean-counter in hopes of reversing Scrooge's greedy, cold-hearted approach to life.
- **Fezziwig*:** jovial merchant with whom the young Scrooge apprenticed. Fezziwig was renowned for his wonderful Christmas parties.
- **Jacob Marley*:** In the living world, Ebenezer Scrooge's equally greedy partner. Marley died seven years before the narrative opens. He appears to Scrooge as a ghost condemned to wander the world bound in heavy chains. Marley hopes to save his old partner from suffering a similar fate.
- **Nephew (Fred)*:** Scrooge's nephew, a genial man who loves Christmas. He invites Scrooge to his Christmas party each and every year, only to be refused by his grumpy uncle.
- **Old Joe:** Cockney pawnshop dealer who trades in stolen goods. Witty & devious, Joe is a distant relative of Dickens' Fagin with a bawdy sense of humor.
- **Orson:** young boy, also doubles as caroler.
- **Peter Cratchit (age about 12):** Bob Cratchit's son, a threadbare but proud child.
- **Scrooge as a Boy:** young boy, also doubles as caroler.
- **Scrooge as a Young Man:** Scrooge when he is just starting his career.
- **Tiny Tim Cratchit (age about 7):** Bob Cratchit's youngest son, crippled from birth. Tiny Tim is a highly-sentimentalized character who Dickens uses to highlight the tribulations of England's poor.
- **Topper:** jovial, well-to-do, young man preparing to celebrate Christmas and toast Scrooge.
- **Valentine:** young boy, also double as caroler.

FEMALE ROLES

- **Caroline:** part of a young couple that owes Scrooge money but cannot pay.
- **Fan:** Scrooge's sister and Fred's mother. In Scrooge's vision of Christmases past, he remembers Fan picking him up from school and walking him home.
- **Mrs. Fezziwig:** jovial wife of Mr. Fezziwig (see above)
- **Belle:** a beautiful woman who Scrooge loved deeply when he was a young man. Belle broke off the engagement after Scrooge became consumed with greed and the lust for wealth. She later married another man.
- **Mrs. Cratchit:** Bob's wife, a kind and loving woman.
- **Martha Cratchit (age about 17):** Bob Cratchit's oldest daughter, who works in a milliner's shop (hats), a threadbare but proud child.
- **Belinda Cratchit (age about 13):** Bob Cratchit's daughter, a threadbare but proud child.
- **Gillian Cratchit (age about 10):** Bob Cratchit's daughter, a threadbare but proud child.
- **Miranda Cratchit (age about 9):** Bob Cratchit's daughter, a threadbare but proud child.
- **Niece (Fred's wife Julia):** jovial, well-to-do, young woman preparing to celebrate Christmas and toast Scrooge.
- **Niece's sister (Lucy)** jovial, well-to-do, young woman preparing to celebrate Christmas and toast Scrooge.

- **Charwoman:** one of the “three hags” that work at the Rags & Bones. She possesses great energy and ferocity as they trade Scrooge’s possessions with Old Joe.
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- **Undertaker’s Woman:** one of the “three hags” that work at the Rags & Bones. She possesses great energy and ferocity as they trade Scrooge’s possessions with Old Joe.

Please note: Carolers, party goers, and children of Victorian London will be cast at a later date.