

Audition Information for

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

We are very happy that you are interested in auditioning for Tilden Drama's 2024 fall play! Below, you will find information regarding the audition requirements and process. Please read this very carefully and make sure that you are fully prepared **before** the day of the audition.

This is a **MONOLOGUE** audition

Students will prepare and perform a short monologue. What is a monologue? A monologue is an excerpt from a play, movie, or book where a single character speaks for an extended period of time. Please pick from the monologues provided.

Please sign up for an audition time using the Sign-Up Genius link on the website.

AUDITION SCHEDULE

- **INTEREST MEETING**
Thursday 9/5 -- 3:15-5:00 pm
- **MONOLOGUE WORKSHOP**
Tuesday 9/10 -- 3:15-5:00 pm
- **AUDITIONS**
Friday 9/13 -- 3:15-until...
- **CALLBACKS (IF NEEDED)**
Monday 9/16 --3:15-6:00pm
- **FIRST REHEARSALS**
Wednesday 9/18--3:15-5:15pm
Thursday 9/19--3:15-5:15pm
- **FIRST STAGE CREW MEETING**
Friday 9/20--3:15-5:15pm

Callback List and Cast List will be posted on [TildenDrama.com](https://www.tildendrama.com)

The Characters of “A Christmas Carol”

CHARACTERS

EBENEZER SCROOGE: A cold-hearted miser
JACOB MARLEY: The ghost Scrooge’s former business partner
BOB CRATCHIT: Scrooge’s clerk
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST: The first of the Spirits
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT: The second of the Spirits
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME: The third of the Spirits
FRED HOLLYWELL: Scrooge’s Nephew
SCROOGE (Age 20): Scrooge as a young man
FAN: Scrooge’s younger sister
BELLE: Scrooge’s first and only love
FEZZIWIG: Scrooge’s former employer
MRS. FEZZIWIG: The wife of Scrooge’s former employer
MRS. CRATCHIT: The wife of Bob Cratchit
TINY TIM: The youngest Cratchit child
PETER CRATCHIT: Eldest son of Bob Cratchit
MARTHA CRATCHIT: Daughter of Bob Cratchit
OLD JOE: Proprietor of a pawn shop
CLARA HOLLYWELL: The wife of Fred Hollywell
LILY: Sister to Clara Holywell
TOPPER: A guest at Fred’s Christmas Party
MEG: Poor Woman, mother of Peter & Mary
BEN: Poor Man, father of Peter & Mary
PETER: Poor young boy
MARY: Poor young girl
FIRST MAN: A Business Associate of Scrooge’s
SECOND MAN: A Business Associate of Scrooge’s
THIRD MAN: A Business Associate of Scrooge’s
CAROLING BOY: Boy singing carols outside of Scrooge’s office
BELLE’S HUSBAND: Married to Scrooge’s first love
POOLE: Person seeking charitable contributions
HACKY: Persons Seeking charitable contributions
LAUNDRESS: Scrooge’s Laundress
CHARWOMAN: Scrooge’s Housekeeper
FRED’S HOUSEKEEPER: Employed by Fred
POULTERER: Goose seller
SCROOGE (Age 7): Scrooge as a young boy (silent)
IGNORANCE & WANT: sickly urchins (silent)

**This show will not be double cast.
Students may be cast in more than one role.**

Monologues

#1. Scrooge: I wish to be left alone. Since you ask me what I wish, that is my answer. I don't make merry myself at Christmas, and I can't afford to make idle people merry. I help support the establishments I have mentioned...they cost enough...and those who are badly off must go there. And if they would rather die than go there, they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population. It's enough for a man to understand his own business, and not to interfere with other people's. Mine occupies me constantly. Good afternoon!

#2. Belle: Ebenezer, dance with me! Please, dance with me! (*beat*) Oh, I matter little to you now, very little. Another idol has replaced me. A golden one. There is nothing which gives you such passion as money. When we were engaged, we were both poor, but we were happy. Regardless of wealth, it's better to be happy. You are changed. You were another man then. While you've never tried to break our engagement in words, you have broken it in your changed nature, in your altered spirit. In everything that made my love of any value in your sight. So, I release you from your promise.

#3. Marley: Man of the worldly mind, do you believe in me or not? It is required of every man that the spirit within him should walk among his fellow men, and travel far and wide; and if that spirit goes not forth in life, it is condemned to do so after death. It is doomed to wander through the world and witness what it cannot share, but might have shared on earth, and turned to happiness. I wear the chain I forged in life. I made it link by link, and yard by yard. Would you know the weight and length of the strong coil you bear yourself? It was as heavy and long as this seven years ago. You have labored on it since! It is a ponderous chain!

#4. Mrs. Cratchit: What has ever got your precious father then? And your brother, Tiny Tim; and Martha warn't as late last Christm...Oh Martha, you're here! Why, bless your heart alive, my dear Martha, how late you are! Well, never mind so long as you are here. Sit down before the fire, my dear. You father and Tiny Time will be along. Some days I think he's doing better, but others I am not all too sure. But we do what we must to keep our spirits high.

#5. Bob Cratchit: Merry Christmas everyone! Martha, dear, we are so glad to have you! And heavens! What a goose! I do not believe there has ever been such a tender and flavorful goose cooked in all the days of the world! And oh, what a wonderful looking pudding! Emily, my love, what a masterpiece you have create! Everyone sit down, sit down...let us eat...but before we do, dear family, a toast! To Mr. Scrooge, the founder of the feast!

#6. Fan: Ebenezer! I have come to bring you home, dear brother! Yes! Home, for good and forever and ever. Father is so much kinder than he used to be, that home's like Heaven! He spoke so gently to me one night when I was going to bed, that I was not afraid to ask him once more if you might come home; and he said yes, you should; and sent me in a coach to bring you. And we're to be all together and have the merriest Christmas in all the world! Come with me, dear brother...

#7. Fred: There are many things from which I have derived good but have not profited, Christmas being one of them. And I have always thought of Christmas time as a kind, forgiving, charitable, happy time. A time when men and women open their shut-up hearts to their fellow creatures. And though, uncle, it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me a world of good. And I say, God bless it!

#8. Mrs. Cratchit: The founder of the feast? The founder of the feast indeed! I wish I had him here. I'd give him a piece of my mind to feast upon, and I hope he'd have a good appetite for it. It should be Christmas Day, I am sure, on which one drinks the health of such an odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling man as Mr. Scrooge. You know he is, Robert. Nobody knows it better than you do, poor fellow. I'll drink his health for your sake, and the Day's, not for his. Long life to him. A merry Christmas and a happy new year! –He'll be very merry and very happy; I have no doubt!