

# Seedlings Theatre Company Auditions

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A classic story with a modern heart

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### About the Show

This lively adaptation of A Christmas Carol invites the audience to laugh, reflect, and rediscover the true spirit of Christmas. With a touch of modern humor and a heartfelt message, this version breaks the fourth wall and fills the stage with warmth, laughter, and redemption.

### VIDEO AUDITIONS INFO

To make the process merry and bright (and quick!), auditions can be submitted by **video** this year.

**Deadline:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 11:59 PM

Videos must be uploaded through our online audition form at <https://form.jotform.com/seedlingstheatreco/a-christmas-carol-audition-form>. If you have trouble uploading, email them to: **SeedlingsTheatreCo@gmail.com**

### Audition Guidelines

All ages (8–88) are welcome! Families are encouraged to audition together or individually.

#### How to Film:

- Hold your phone **vertically (portrait)**.
- Make sure your **voice is clear** and there's no background noise.
- Stand or sit in good lighting.
- No costumes required—just your personality!

### What to Perform

Record **2 or 3 short sides or monologues** from this packet.

Choose pieces that show your **range**—a mix of comedic and heartfelt is encouraged.

Lines do not need to be memorized, but act with energy and intention.

Each piece should be about **60–90 seconds**.

### Performances

- Dec 5 @ 6 PM – Wheatfield Public Library
- Dec 6 @ 2 PM & 6 PM – The Hub NWI, Hebron
- Dec 7 @ 2 PM – Westchester Public Library, Chesterton
- Dec 13 @ 2 PM & 6 PM – The Hub NWI, Hebron

# Audition Sides

## Side 1 – Scrooge & Bob Cratchit (Comedic Character Interaction)

SCROOGE: Cratchit! Get away from that fireplace.

CRATCHIT: (shivering) I was just going to throw a little more coal on the fire.

SCROOGE: Do you know what this is? (points to head)

CRATCHIT: Your head?

SCROOGE: And what's inside my head?

CRATCHIT: (peering in ear) Your brain?

SCROOGE: Correct! Now use it! If you are cold, what can you do that costs nothing?

CRATCHIT: Put on more clothes?

SCROOGE: Precisely.

CRATCHIT: I already did, sir. Jacket, coat, scarf, mittens—nothing left.

SCROOGE: Then think harder! Think, Cratchit, think!

CRATCHIT: (muttering) My brain's too cold to think.

SCROOGE: What was that?!

CRATCHIT: (snaps to) Nothing, sir! Just saying my brain... is... on hold.

## Side 2 – Scrooge & Nephew Fred (Warm Optimism vs Cynicism)

FRED: Merry Christmas, Uncle!

SCROOGE: Humbug!

FRED: Surely you don't mean that. Christmas is a time for kindness and good cheer.

SCROOGE: What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough.

FRED: And what reason have you to be gloomy? You're rich enough!

SCROOGE: Fools, the lot of you. Every idiot who says "Merry Christmas" should be boiled with his own pudding.

FRED: (chuckling) Even you can't scare away the season, Uncle. My mother loved you—and I do too. Someday you'll dine with us at Christmas, whether you like it or not!

SCROOGE: Bah! Humbug!

## Side 3 – The Ghost of Christmas Past (Comedic, Interactive)

PAST: Shhh! I'm The Ghost of Christmas Past—well, sort of. (looks at self) Not very ghostly, am I?

(to audience) Would you help me scare him? When I say "boo," you all scream "BOO!" Ready? One, two, three—BOO!

(to Scrooge) There! See? Terrifying!

I'm not here to frighten you, Scrooge. I'm here to remind you of what you've forgotten—how it felt to love, to laugh, to care.

Come now, take my hand. We're going time traveling... traveling... traveling!

## **Side 4 – Belle (Tender, Emotional Realism)**

BELLE: The man I fell in love with no longer exists. You weigh everything by how much money a person has.

You used to dream of adventure and kindness—but now your master-passion is an idol of gold, and that idol has displaced me.

I will not live a half-life, waiting for you to remember me. Tonight I set you free.

(removes ring) Goodbye, Ebenezer.

## **Side 5 – Ghost of Christmas Present (Physical Comedy / Heart)**

PRESENT: Anybody know where one Ebenezer Scrooge lives? (to audience) That lump? Ah, yes. (trips) Oof! You'd think ghosts could float better than this.

Scrooge, I am The Ghost of Christmas Present, here to show you the world beyond your counting house.

You think I'm clumsy? Maybe. But I respect myself—and that's more than you do.

(grins) Now come on, old man. We've got a few lives to change before sunrise.

## **Side 6 – Scrooge's Final Monologue (Transformation)**

SCROOGE: Spirit! Tell me I may alter my life and change what is to come.

I am not the man I was.

I will live in the knowledge of the Past, Present, and Future.

All three spirits shall dwell within me, and I will honor Christmas in my heart, and keep it all the year!

Tell me—tell me I may yet erase the writing on that stone!

## **Additional Short Monologues**

### **Jacob Marley – “Mankind Was My Business”**

You see these chains? They weigh more than I do and I must carry them forever.  
In life, I made them link by link, every time I turned away from kindness.  
Mankind was my business! The common welfare was my business!  
Charity, mercy, forbearance, benevolence—all were my business.  
The true business of this world, Ebenezer, is to care for people...  
And you, my old friend—you are forging a chain heavier than mine.

### **Tiny Tim – “My Prayer”**

Hello everybody! My name's Tiny Tim.  
Sometimes kids make fun of me 'cause I can't run and play like they do, and that hurts twice as much.  
But the priest says God will answer our prayers and make me well.  
I told him I think God makes me this way to remind people of His birthday —  
the one who made lame beggars walk and blind men see.  
I just hope He hurries up, 'cause my legs get tired fast.

### **Nephew Fred – “Why I Keep Trying”**

My mother loved Uncle Scrooge, and I her.  
For her sake, I will never give up on him.  
He edges his way along life's path warning all sympathy to keep its distance,  
but still—I see my mother's kindness in his eyes.  
Someday he will share our Christmas table,  
and when he does, I'll raise a glass to the miracle of forgiveness.

### **Mrs. Cratchit – “The Truth of Poverty”**

I will not drink to that miserable old goat who keeps you working like a slave!  
He has the power to make our lives better but does nothing.  
With five children, we should have a goose twice the size, at least.  
Our dear sweet Tim can't see the proper doctor because that man pays a pauper's wage.  
(softens) I'm sorry, Bob.  
It's just—when I look at our son, I see how good life could be... if only there were a little more kindness  
in the world.

## **Ghost of Christmas Present – “Lesson of the Children”**

Every child is every man’s responsibility, Scrooge.

Caring for people—loving them—that is your business.

If the children of today are not given love and respect, they will grow into adults who reflect the neglect and pain of their childhood.

That is the true poverty of this world—not hunger, but the absence of compassion.

## **The Lady (Charity Collector) – “Where Is Your Humanity?”**

We are raising funds for the children’s shelter—so they may have one bright day of laughter and warmth.

You can put me down for nothing?

You would let children starve, and call it economy?

Oh, Mr. Scrooge, where is your humanity?

You may be rich in coin, but you are bankrupt in heart.

## **Scrooge – “Awakening”**

I’m alive! I’m not dead! They let me come back!

(spins, laughing) I’m as light as a feather, as happy as an angel, as merry as a schoolboy!

A Merry Christmas to everybody!

A Happy New Year to the whole world!

Boy! You there! Do you know the shop with the prize turkey in the window?

Wonderful! Go and tell them it’s to be sent to the Cratchits—with my compliments!