

A CHRISTMAS CAROL 2018 YOUTH ACTOR AUDITIONS

Sunday, September 30, 2018

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

ACT, 700 Union Street (corner of Seventh Avenue behind the Convention Center)

Appointment scheduling begins: Wednesday, September 19, and continue until the day of auditions

Callbacks: week of October 8, details TBA

Summary

ACT will hold auditions for the youth actor roles in this year's production of *A Christmas Carol*, directed by **Artistic Director Emeritus Kurt Beattie** and featuring **David Pichette** and **Ian Bell** alternating in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Children of all ethnicities and cultural backgrounds are encouraged to audition for seven salaried youth-actor positions available. We are looking for 3-4 boys and 3-4 girls (depending on whether Tiny Tim is cast with a boy or a girl) between the ages of 6 and 15.

Rehearsals begin on **November 5th**. The production begins performances on **November 23rd** and closes on **December 30th**. Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day are days off, but there are performances on **Christmas Eve at 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm**.

What to prepare

- One short poem or monologue (less than 1 minute) to present from memory
- One brief song to be performed a cappella
- Your picture and resume
- Be prepared to stay at least an hour, accompanied by an adult the entire time
- If you're unable to make your scheduled audition time, please call to cancel

All children will be contacted about the results of the auditions.

To schedule

Please call **ACT Casting Director Margaret Layne** at (206) 292-7660 ext 1226 weekdays between 12 PM and 5 PM.

You may also request an appointment by email to: laynem@acttheatre.org. ***Please indicate your preferred time of day (morning/afternoon) for the audition.***

Roles Available (age ranges approximate)

NB one boy and one girl cast as Cratchits double as YOUNG SCROOGE and FAN.

TURKEY BOY/UNDERTAKER'S ASSISTANT – Age 9-15. Savvy street kid and jack of all trades, gregarious, engaging, Artful Dodger type.

MARTHA CRATCHIT – Age 11-15. Eldest Cratchit daughter. Warm, mature, loving, a second mother to the little ones.

PETER CRATCHIT – Age 11-15. Eldest son, trying hard to be the man of the family when his father isn't around. Practical, helpful, a leader with a sense of fun. (Possible double: Young Scrooge).

CHARLES CRATCHIT – Age 9-12. Middle Cratchit boy. Bright, ebullient, full of fun and high spirits. (Possible double: Young Scrooge.)

BELINDA CRATCHIT – Age 9-13. Middle Cratchit girl. Quiet, sweet, a little shy, but the most intuitive and tuned in to changes in the emotional atmosphere. (Possible double: Fan).

ELIZABETH CRATCHIT – Age 6-10. Youngest Cratchit girl. The female version of Charles — outgoing, spontaneous, affectionate, not afraid to compete for her share of her parents' attention. (Possible double: Fan.)

TINY TIM – Age 5-10. Youngest Cratchit. A fragile child with a walking disability. Chipper, generous, sweet-natured, an old soul and the apple of everybody's eye. Ideally under 4'2" and less than 60 lbs. [May be played by a young girl and doubled with Fan.]

YOUNG SCROOGE – Age 9-14. Intelligent, inquisitive, with an underlying sadness, already showing the effects of a lonely, loveless childhood.

FAN – Age 6-11. Scrooge's younger sister. Classic Dickens girl: radiant, innocent, loving, the embodiment of all things good and beautiful