

AUDITION NOTICE
A CHRISTMAS CAROL WADSWORTH MANSION, MIDDLETOWN CT

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The East Haddam Stage Company announces auditions for their return engagement at the Wadsworth Mansion, Middletown CT. This is a site-specific, audience immersive production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Justin Haigh. This is a professional, non-union production under the direction of Kandie Carle.

All positions receive a stipend.

*Auditions are by appointment, and will take place at the Wadsworth Mansion,
421 Wadsworth Street, Middletown CT on Monday September 12th 2022, from 5:00-7:00pm.*

Performances will take place in December, at the Wadsworth Mansion, 421 Wadsworth Street, Middletown CT. (total number of shows is 6). Shows open on Thursday December 2nd, and will take place on Friday evenings, at 7:00pm, Dec 2, 9, 16, and on Sunday afternoons at 1:00pm, December 11th & 18th, with one afternoon show on Thursday December 22nd. All rehearsals and shows take place at the Wadsworth Mansion. (The audience moves from room to room, following Scrooge). Rehearsals begin on Tuesday November 1st, and will run between Monday and Thursday evenings 5:00-7:00pm. Not everyone is called for all rehearsals. Tech week is everyone, November 28th - December 1st.

EHSCO is looking to cast teens and adults, all play double roles.

Teen-young adult roles available are:

Lydia / Martha Cratchit, teenage girl, 16-18, Lydia is an impoverished young woman beseeching Scrooge not to call in the family loan. Martha Cratchit is the older sister to Tim.

NOTE: All cast / volunteers under the age of 18 will require a guardian / parent to sign a consent form.

Adult roles are:

Mr. Bailiwick / Ghost of Christmas Present. Male, age 25-50 Bailiwick is a charity worker attempting to get a donation from Scrooge for a good cause. Ghost of Christmas Present is a Jolly St. Nicholas type who likes a good party and shows Scrooge the life of the Cratchits.

Mr. Barleycorn / Mr. Fezziwig. Male, age 35-50. Barleycorn is a charity worker along with Bailiwick. Mr. Fezziwig is young Scrooge's employer. Hosts a big party (actor who can sing a plus).

Fred Hartwell / Augustus Scrooge. Male age 20-35. Fred is nephew to Scrooge. Always a positive guy. Augustus is Ebenezer's downtrodden father in a flashback scene.

Belle / Alice Hartwell. Female, age 20-30, Belle is young Scrooge's fiancé, but she breaks it off, as he's obsessed with money, and she cannot tolerate that. Alice Hartwell is the wife to Scrooge's Nephew, Fred.

Producers are looking for diversity in casting. All BIPOC actors are encouraged to audition. The show is set in Middletown, mid-19th century, and we want the cast to reflect a multi-cultural community.

Please Prepare:

Please bring a hard copy of your picture and resume (electronic submissions may be made to info@EHSCO.org, but a hard copy must also be presented at the audition). NO SELFIES PLEASE.

Please prepare a short, MEMORIZED, monologue of your choice. There will be scripts and sides at the audition for cold readings. Please familiarize yourself with the general story of *A Christmas Carol*.

Questions? Call the East Haddam Stage Company, 860-873-3521, or write info@EHSCO.org If you are unable to attend this audition call, please contact EHSCO to make arrangements.

ALSO looking for volunteer running crew, 3 positions available, ages 16 or older, for community service credit. Will be in costume and seen by audience. Needed from November 21st on. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS, MUST SHOW PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION to work on this project. Verification will be requested. All COVID related guidelines from the state of CT and the CDC will be adhered to for the safety and health of all.