

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 22, 2018

**McCARTER THEATRE CENTER ANNOUNCES CASTING
INFORMATION FOR CHARLES DICKENS' A
*CHRISTMAS CAROL***

***Princeton's Tony-Award winning launches its third annual search
for local actors to appear in Dickens' classic tale this December.***



Members of the 2017 Community Ensemble in performance. (photo: T. Charles Erickson).

PRINCETON, NJ: For the second year of McCarter Theatre Center's new version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, McCarter will again be searching for local actors to take part in this annual tradition on McCarter's Matthews Stage.

McCarter's annual tradition of *A Christmas Carol* includes a Community Ensemble made up of local performers—ages 14 and up*—who help bring the story to life. This enthusiastic group performs alongside the professional acting company and fills the streets of London, dances with the Fezziwigs, carols at Scrooge's doorstep, and brings Christmas cheer to every corner of the theater. The 2018 Community Ensemble will include a wide cross-section of the diverse and talented people from the communities that surround McCarter, people of all ages, physical abilities, races, genders, and levels of experience. At each Casting Information Session, McCarter staff will introduce team members, talk about the auditions, play theater games, and answer

questions. All are welcome, no experience or preparation required.

INFORMATION SESSION DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS:

Saturday, March 3

Grounds for Sculpture
Welcome Center Auditorium
80 Sculptors Way, Hamilton, NJ
11:00am – 12:00pm

Friday, March 9

Rider University
Bart Luedeke Center, Studio 14 (Ground Floor)
2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ
7:00 – 8:00pm

Wednesday, March 21

Hightstown Elks Lodge 1955
110 Hickory Corner Road
East Windsor, NJ
7:00 – 8:00pm

Monday, March 26

Passage Theatre
Mill Hill Playhouse
205 E. Front Street, Trenton, NJ
5:30 – 6:30pm

Auditions for people ages 14 & up*

Tuesday, April 3

Passage Theatre, Mill Hill Playhouse
205 E. Front Street, Trenton, NJ
5:30 – 7:00pm

Saturday, April 21

Playhouse 22
Community Room
East Brunswick Community Arts Center
721 Cranbury Road
East Brunswick, NJ
11:00am – 12:30pm

Thursday, April 26

Rider U. Bart Luedeke Center, Studio 14 (Ground Floor)
2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ
7:00 – 8:30pm

Tuesday, May 1

McCarter Theatre Berlind Rehearsal Room
91 University Place, Princeton, NJ
6:00 – 7:30pm (Session 1)
8:00 – 9:30pm (Session 2)

*Includes anyone who will turn 14 before December 31, 2018. Auditions for children ages 5 to 13 will be held in the fall. More information on *A Christmas Carol* Community Ensemble casting is available at <https://www.mccarter.org/education-community/community/community-ensemble/>



Most venues are accessible for persons who use mobility devices. Please contact casting@mccarter.org for additional information.