Merrimack Repertory Theatre invites young actors, ages 8-16, to open auditions for *A Christmas Carol*. Students who wish to audition for *A Christmas Carol* will need to prepare a one-minute monologue, poem, or story, and bring a recent picture and short résumé to the audition. Students will be called in groups of 12 for a one-hour group audition. The audition is meant to be a fun, supportive, and collaborative workshop led by MRT’s Artistic Director Courtney Sale.

*Children of all cultures and ethnicities are highly encouraged to audition.*

**AUDITION DATES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1**
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Rehearsal hall @ MRT
132 Warren St, Lowell, MA 01852
Metered parking on Warren St | Lower Lochs garage next door

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Peacock Players at Janice Streeter Theater
14 Court St, Nashua, NH 03060
Metered parking at library lot

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8**
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Umbrella Stage Company | Black Box Theatre
40 Stow Street, Concord, MA 01742
Free parking available on site and Stow Street

Callbacks will be on Monday, August 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rehearsal Hall at Merrimack Repertory Theatre 132 Warren St, Lowell, MA 01852.

**PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION SLOT:**
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caaaa72ca1f9c16-mrtyouth

Please be sure to list parent name, parent email address, and child’s name in the comment section. Students must attend auditions with one parent or guardian present. Families will receive more information on the show and process at the auditions.

*A Christmas Carol* will begin rehearsals on Thursday, November 3, 2022, and tech days are November 26-29 with an adjusted schedule for young actors. The first preview performance is on November 30, and the show opens December 3 (rehearsals end). The show closes on December 24. All performances at MRT’s Liberty Hall at 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, MA.

Rehearsals will be Tuesday through Friday during the week (4 p.m. to 8 p.m.) and a full day on both Saturday and Sunday. There are approximately 28 public shows and approximately four maximum student matinees. These show numbers are subject to change at all times. The student matinees are at 10 a.m. during the weekdays. There are two casts of young actors, so the performances are shared between them; however, approval from your child’s school is absolutely necessary if cast. Please note MRT staff is CORI checked. This youth performance opportunity is for a structured and supervised professional experience for students. Students will receive a small travel stipend from MRT for this opportunity. Young actors cast will participate in two educative sessions prior to the start of rehearsal in November, including a young actor orientation and a performance workshop.

This is a casting audition so we are unable to give individual feedback on the work done during the audition. MRT does offer a high school training program, MRT Young Company, which runs the last three weeks of July. Students interested in auditioning for *A Christmas Carol* are highly encouraged to enroll in Young Company. Scholarships are available. [https://www.mrt.org/youngcompany](https://www.mrt.org/youngcompany)

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