



Audition Workshop Sunday 4th May 2025 at 2pm

We are auditioning for child cast, for our December show.

A Christmas Carol, A Ghost Story.

Charles Dickens classic tale as reimagined by Mark Gatiss (League of Gentlemen, Sherlock Holmes).

**Children must be aged 10-16yrs by
October 2025**

The workshop should take about an hour. Anyone with a child wishing to attend the audition, should email: **casting@halifaxplayhouse.org.uk**
No later than Friday 2nd May 2025.

Performances will be 10th to 14th December inclusive, there will be two shows on both 13th and 14th December. Children will finish no later than 10pm on any day of performance.

Parents are asked to bring children, and must wait on site for them, but cannot be in the audition space. Our Studio bar will be open for our Open Mic event and you are more than welcome to take part in the social activity while you wait, otherwise our coffee lounge will be available.

All roles will be blind cast, meaning we are not looking at the genders, ages and character descriptions in the script, but casting actors with appropriate skill levels for the roles.

The audition will be a fun workshop, exploring movement, ensemble work and some vocal activity.

There will then be a group reading of an excerpt of the script, which does not need to be rehearsed, we will all be cold reading. If you require alternative formats, please advise when expressing an interest. There will also be a carol singing activity.

There will a number of roles for each child cast and all children will have some lines in at least one of their roles. There is no cost to take part in our production, and all roles are unpaid.

There will be a 6-8 week rehearsal period leading up to the show, 2 or 3 days a week, outside of school time, and anyone taking part must be available for the majority of the rehearsals, all technical and dress rehearsals and the full show run (we will ensure we meet Calderdale Council's rules on child performance)

The tech and dress rehearsals will be between 5th to 10th December dates to be confirmed.

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We will endeavour to provide as much costume as possible. There may be a requirement for actors to provide basic items such as under-layers and stage/show appropriate footwear.

The child cast will be working alongside an adult cast, and a Calderdale registered chaperone will be on site throughout rehearsals and performances, to meet our Safeguarding and child performance law requirements.