

# Entertainment

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## Dickens fare Shows, dinner, celebration coming



Booth Colman (above) is Scrooge and Kevin Skiles of Rochester (right) is Tiny Tim in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol," opening a four-week run Thursday.



Have a Dickens of a Christmas by enjoying some of the festivities associated with that great English novelist and his holiday classic "A Christmas Carol."

On college campuses from the suburbs to the city of Detroit, there will be productions of the immortal tale that carries a message for people of all ages. Both Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University and the Bonstelle Theatre at Wayne State University are performing "A Christmas Carol."

Meals ranging from simple to lavish also are associated with Meadow Brook's stage adaptation by Charles Nolte and with Dickens' original story.

The Mature Minglers in Bloomfield Township is inviting members and guests to attend an afternoon performance of "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook and to have a glass of dinner afterward in the university's Gold Room.

The Hotel St. Regis Detroit hostelry with an English flair will go all out in presenting a "Dickens Christmas Celebration" in three evenings. Victorian carollers will sing, followed by a reading of "A Christmas Carol," while a six-course traditional English Christmas menu is being served.

Bonstelle are Andrew Harrison of Lathrup Village and Christopher Jones of Southfield.

Hollywood actor Booth Colman returns for the fifth season in the role of the miserly Scrooge at Meadow Brook. He has been in more than 50 movies and many TV roles, as well as on Broadway and in other Meadow Brook productions. Local actor Bethany Carpenter portrays Belle, and local actors Thom Handline and Mary Bremer appear as Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cratchit.

Other roles are taken by Detroit actress Mar Riehl and New York actor Joseph Reed as the Spirits of Christmas Past and Present. Local actor Glen Allen Pruest is Jacob Marley's ghost, as well as the Spirit of Christmas Yet to Come.

ANY STORY about Charles Dickens' Christmas classic wouldn't be complete without mentioning that Terence Kilburn, artistic director at Meadow Brook Theatre, played the role of Tiny Tim in the 1938 film version of "A Christmas Carol."

Performances of Meadow Brook's "A Christmas Carol" directed by Nolte will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday and continue a four-week run through Sunday, Dec. 28, in Rochester Hills. Extra matinees have been scheduled, and there will be performances during Christmas week including Christmas-1987. For ticket information call the box office at 377-3300.

At Wayne State, the cast of local performers is headed by Laurence Fron as curmudgeonly Ebenezer Scrooge. Dave McDonald and Karlanne Arnold are Mr. and Mrs. Cratchit, Germaine Goodman and Craig Martin the Ghosts of Christmas Past and Present.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Dec. 12-13 and 19-20



Andrew Harrison of Lathrup Village is hoisted on the shoulders of Dave McDonald as Bob Cratchit in "A Christmas Carol" at the Bonstelle Theatre.

and at 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 13-14 and 20-21, in Detroit.

For ticket information call the box office at 577-2960. Door sale at the Bonstelle, 3424 Woodward, begins one hour before curtain.

THE MATURE Minglers' outing to Meadow Brook will be for the performance at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9. A bus leaves at 12:45 p.m. from the Mature Mingler Center at 7273 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, and at 1 p.m. from Holy Spirit Church, 4800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Dinner at 5 p.m. includes soup, baked lasagna with garlic bread and wild rice, spinach salad, glazed carrots, lemon meringue pie, rolls and beverage. Tickets for the bus trip,

show and dinner are \$20 for Mature Minglers, \$25 for non-members.

The event is sponsored by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association. For more information, call the Mature Mingler Center at 540-5295.

The St. Regis' Dickens Christmas Celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 8-10. The six-course dinner offers shrimp pate, sorrel soup, Belgium endive with julienne of beets and walnuts, stuffed crown roast of pork, apple walnut dressing, quail with red currants and gooseberries on a nest of leeks, roast goose, plum pudding and roasted chestnuts.

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**EXHIBITION**  
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Thurs., Dec. 4, 1986 - 12 to 8 p.m.  
Fri., Dec. 5, 1986 - 10 to 2 p.m.

**AUCTION**  
Fri., Dec. 5, 1986 - 7 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 6, 1986 - 11 a.m.  
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