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"I call it a Dickens festival," says Lauris Johnson of Southfield, director and co-writer of the adaptation of Charles Dickens" "A Christmas Carol," This may be the fourth annu-

Super Sunday Brunch al reading, but it's really a new pro-

al reading, but it's really a new pidection.

"It's changed more for this year than it has ever before." Johnson said. "The blocking is different. The actors aren't going to come and stand there at the podlums. This time we're doing it more like "The Canterbury Tales," which we did in the spring, where we acted out more and there was more memorization, and it was more like they were portraying scenes with narration in between.

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evening meal is served by the hotel staff dressed in Victorian costumes. Soon, act one of "A Christimas Carol" begins.

"The first act goes from the beginning, the introduction of Scrooge and his nephew through Marley's ghost. And then the second act takes care of the first two ghosts. And the third act does the last ghost and his revelation," Johnson said.

Each of the three acts lasts about 20 minutes. They are separated by periods for the serving of other courses and for the stage performers in "Christimas Carol Feast" is a professional actor from the Detroit area.

DAVE FOX IS Scrooge. Bill

DAVE FOX IS Scrooge. Bill Drummonds of Troy gives life to such characters as Fred, the nephew, and the Ghost of Christmas Present. Drummonds has rewritten two of the scenes for the production, one of

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Laurie Johnson of Southfield is director and co-writer of an adaptation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," to be performed at the Hotel St. Regis "Christmas Carol Feast."

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