

# 'Scrooge' And Finney Are The Real Dickens

By BETTY MASSON

Albert Finney has to be to acting what Charles Dickens is to story-telling.

Put the two together, add music, dancing and sets that "are" England of Dickens's time, including a collection of antique toys, and you've got to be the misanthrope not to love "Scrooge."

It's a Christmas release by Cinema Center Films... one which is bound to be popular for years to come.

BASED ON "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, the movie is the seventh made so far about the miser whose favorite word is "humbug." It is the first in color and with music.

Finney is fantastic in the multi-faceted title role. He is the first actor to play Scrooge both as the young and the old man. So good is the makeup and Finney's portrayal of the character, it is almost unbelievable.

You keep looking for the Finney of "Tom Jones," behind the facade of Scrooge and failing to find it.

As the mean old Scrooge, he has not only an aversive stoop and a pugnacious jaw, but also a formidable glint in his eye.

He is quiet, but ruggedly handsome as the young Scrooge.

Then you see the beginnings of the stoop and the thickening jawline as Finney becomes the beginning miser who spurs his fiancée for his greed.

If you're fed up with the current versions of realism, Finney's Scrooge is a good

**SCROOGE**  
now showing at  
**CINEMA I**  
Rating: G

antidote. This is what "acting" is all about.

**THE LATEST** film version has several imaginative touches which give Dickens a slightly new look.

The ghost of Christmas Past, for instance, is played as a grandmotherly type by Dame Edith Evans, and the Ghost of Christmas Present is a jolly round giant. Kenneth More plays the part.

Most interesting is the role of Marley's ghost as portrayed by Sir Alec Guinness. His costuming is most unusual, as is his slightly "humbug" but also a little more human Marley.

Tiny Tim is appealingly played by Richard Beauumont, but his cute little sister, Kathy, played by Karen



ALBERT FINNEY  
(as Scrooge)

Scargill, almost upstages him.

To one who likes Dickens "mean" and has always been uneasy about the musical "Oliver" and downright unhappy about "Great Expectations," the newest Dickens is completely satisfying.

Leslie Bricusse's music and producer Robert H. Solo's imagination only enhance the essential Dickens. It was Bricusse who won an Academy Award for his song "Talk to the Animals" in Dr. Dolittle.

For next Christmas, fellows, how about "Pickwick Papers?" Just one criticism... the intermission is unnecessary. With a show like this, it is no hardship to sit still for two hours.

## Plays Go Downtown

National interest will again focus on Detroit when focus on Brook Theatre Downtown begins its week of seven performances in Detroit, Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be offered Wednesday through Sunday in the Auditorium of the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, after it has concluded its three-week run in the bucolic setting of Oakland University's campus.

Season subscription tickets are still available for all eight Meadow Brook shows through Nov. 29. The Art Institute ticket office (832-2730) and J. L. Hudson ticket centers accept mail or phone orders. Top price is \$5 for single performances.

## amusements U-M Benefit Gala Features Rubinstein

ANN ARBOR

A special "Gala Benefit Concert" for the University Musical Society will be performed by the renowned pianist Artur Schnabel at the University of Michigan.

Plans for this occasion, including a special after-concert supper and pre-concert social affairs, are being made by the Musical Society with the assistance of the university's Development Office and special committees.

Tickets are now available to the general public. All tickets include a contribution to the University Musical Society, ranging from the choice 550 seats at \$50 each (which includes an invitation to the gala supper party after the concert), \$25 (which includes invitation to pre-concert buffet-cocktails in a host home) to others at \$12; \$8.50; \$7; \$6; \$5; and \$3.

This will mark Rubinstein's 15th appearance in Ann Arbor—one week before his 82nd birthday. His concert career since his debut at age 11 in Berlin has included many international honors.

## Sold Out? — Not Quite

Advance ticket sales have gone so well for the Farmington Players' current attraction, "Half Way Up the Tree," that an extra performance has been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 22.

The evenings of Nov. 21, 27 and 28 are sold out, but tickets may still be obtained for Nov. 22 and 29 and for Dec. 4, 5 and 6. Ticket chairmen are George or Alberta Mullin at 474-2873.

The show is being staged in the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile Rd.



**LEADING ROLES** — Playing leading roles in "Cabaret" are Anne Lynne and Warren Reinacker. Miss Lynne has the role of Sally Bowles, an English girl who becomes a chanteuse at the Kit Kat Klub, and Reinacker plays Cliff Bradshaw, the American with whom she has an almost-love affair. "Cabaret" opens Friday, Nov. 27, for a five-night run in Bentley High School by the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford. Tickets are available by calling Mrs. Mary O'Connell, KE 7-8109 or Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, 453-5106.



**AT MOUNT BRIGHTON** — So popular has skiing become, lodge facilities have been expanded at Mount Brighton. Observerland skiers, too, are making their plans for a successful season on the slopes.

## Skiers Always Think Snow

## 2 Choruses To Sing At U of D

People have been thinking snow at Mount Brighton. In fact they've been thinking of that white stuff right through the green of spring and summer.

Meanwhile, in Livonia, Joe Czaplak and Bill Zirkel are seeing red and white as they ready plans for this year's Livonia ski school.

The red and white are the patches which members of the "Skule" will wear on their jackets when they go to Mount Brighton this winter for skiing lessons.

**LAST YEAR'S** students will find some changes in the lodge facilities.

Last year the cocktail lounge could seat 135 people. This year, 300 people can be served in the all-carpeted area, with two fireplaces and two dance floors, plus facilities for serving sizzling steaks. It is planned to have a combo here Friday and Saturday evenings beginning New Year's Eve.

A new cafeteria will seat an additional 300 skiers who only want to take time for a hamburger or a hot dog.

Meanwhile, out on the hills, two beginners' runs have been lengthened and widened. They are now 900 feet long and 150 feet wide. One of the intermediate runs has also been doubled in width and another racing run has been added.

**SINCE COMING** up is less fun than going down, more uphill transportation has been added, along with more lights for better night-skiing.

Gene Hill, ski director and co-owner, reports that the snowmaking capacity has been increased, and that come what may in the way of weather, Mount Brighton will be open for skiing Dec. 5. He has his 24 ski instructors all signed up for the season and can handle 1,400 skiers each night.

For those who join the Livonia Ski School, sponsored by Livonia's department of parks and recreation, Thursday and Friday will be less than

Courses will get under way Jan. 7 and 8 and Jan. 28 and 29. Skiers will receive reduced rates. Some 1,900 Observerland residents are ex-

pected to take advantage of this opportunity to take skiing lessons at all levels.

Details of how to sign up for the school will be published later or may be obtained from the recreation office. A preliminary meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Senior Citizens Center, 15218 Farmington Rd.

Meanwhile skiers are advised to get in shape with deep-knee bends, running in place, pushups, toe-touching and sit-ups.

Also for area skiers, the Observer Newspapers Inc. is joining with the Livonia Family YMCA and D.J.'s Ski Shop in sponsoring an indoor ski school starting Sunday, Nov. 22.

Basic skiing fundamentals

will be taught Nov. 22, 29 and Dec. 6 and 16 in the Y, 14255 Stark Road, telephone 261-2161.

The two groups will join forces for the grand finale, "The Bill of Rights" and "America the Beautiful."

A donation of \$2 is asked of adults attending the concert, and a \$1 donation from students.

**Children  
Are Aided**

The Creative Council of the Continuum Center of Oakland University is planning again this year to help young people select unusual gifts for their parents.

Fifty artists and craftsmen from the council will display original art work and crafts in Somerset Mall, Troy, from Nov. 27 through Dec. 5.

Most items will be priced at under \$10 to accommodate small purses. Gift possibilities will include small oil paintings, ceramic sculpture, pottery, collage, macramé, wall plaques, metal sculpture, woven pillows and teared glass.

Some of the women members of the Council will demonstrate their artistic talents during the show, among them Martha Cornille of Birmingham, who will illustrate watercolor techniques and Mildred Webb of Southfield, who will demonstrate the art of macramé.

The University of Detroit Chorus will join forces with the U. of D. Alumni Chorus Sunday, Nov. 22, to present a 4 p.m. concert in the Student Union ballroom. The union is located on the U. of D.'s campus at 4001 W. McNichols.

The U-D Chorus, a mixed vocal ensemble of some 60 students under the direction of Don Large, has won wide recognition for its varied programs.

Music for the Nov. 22 concert will range from the Broadway hit, "Applause," to the sacred "Et Incarnatus Est," and even to the folksong of Laura Nyro's "Save the Country."

The 25-voice Alumni Chorus presents four or five concerts yearly, singing a mixture of traditional favorites and recent hits. The selections for the concert include "More," "The Sounds of Silence" and "Windy." They appear under the direction of Clay Shurnard.

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**Dog Show  
Is Sunday**

The Motor City Specialties

Dog Show will be held in the Detroit Artillery Armory, 15000 W. Eight Mile, Detroit, Sunday, Nov. 22. The dogs will be exhibited between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Among the contestants will be American and Canadian Champion Z's Silver Michetob, a Weimaraner. He is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Zuchelski of Westland, who last year saw two of their Weimaraners take home first place ribbons and trophies from the show, the largest benched dog show in Michigan.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Zuchelski train their Weimaraners for conformation and obedience shows. Their daughter, Debbie who is 12, is starting to train "Mick" in obedience.

### Thanksgiving Menu

Take someone out to eat this week... they'll love you for it

FAMILY DINING	DRIVE-INS — CARRY OUTS	NIGHT CLUBS
<b>1. ALBIES RESTAURANT</b> 2513 1/2 W. Main Road Livonia 454 8170 FOR THE BEST PIZZA IN TOWN  <b>2. BONANZA SKEIN PIT</b> 18400 W. 13 Mile Road, 1/2 mile S. of Farmington STILLAS GUN SPECIALTY AT LOWEST PRICES  <b>3. THE CLOCK RESTAURANT</b> 14255 Farmington Road Livonia 251-6006 FIRE FOOD — ALWAYS OPEN  <b>4. D.J.'s COLONIAL CHEF</b> 11515 Main Road Farmington 335-3026 100% COOKING — 100% GUARANTEED  <b>5. HOPES FISH &amp; CHIPS</b> 20215 Main Road Livonia 454 7284 THE FINEST IN TOWN & AROUND  <b>6. MAMA MIA</b> 11775 Farmington Road Livonia 454 7100 100% COOK AND DRINK  <b>7. RED PONY</b> 72205 W. 13 Mile Road Livonia 521-2300 CORN IS THE TRANSCENDING SPICE  <b>8. SKIPPER'S TABLE</b> 14255 Farmington Road, 1/2 mile S. of Farmington Livonia 251-6006 CORN IS THE TRANSCENDING SPICE  <b>9. TED'S</b> 10000 W. 13 Mile Road Livonia 454 7284 CORN IS THE TRANSCENDING SPICE	<b>16. BURGER POWER at BURGER KING</b> 40205 Farmington Road Livonia 454 7100 100% COOK AND DRINK  <b>17. CHIN KITY'S</b> 25135 Farmington Road Livonia 454 8170  <b>18. DALE YEE'S CHOW MEIN</b> 11110 W. 13 Mile Road Livonia 521-2300 CORN IS THE TRANSCENDING SPICE  <b>19. MOYS RESTAURANT</b> 14255 Farmington Road Livonia 251-6006 CORN IS THE TRANSCENDING SPICE	<b>20. MASTERS</b> 25135 W. 13 Mile Road at Main Road Livonia LIVONIA: LUNCHEON, DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT, NIGHTLY  <b>21. TAYLOR'S TOWNHOUSE</b> 30643 Plymouth Road Livonia 454 7284 FIRE FOOD — ALWAYS OPEN

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