Casting Monologues: 'A Christmas Carol'

NARRATOR	This "Ghost Story of Christmas" requires a good story-teller to make the scary parts scary and the happy parts…joyous! This requires an enthusiastic delivery, like an uncle telling his favorite "one-time" story.
EBENEER SCROOGE	I'm Ebenezer Scrooge – now leave me alone! I don't celebrate Christmas and I don't suffer fools like…you! I've got a wicked sense of humor, but I'm not all bad – I'm just…practical. As for Christmas? Bah! Humbug! Humbug, I say!
BELLE	I'm Belle. I was Ebenezer's fiancée when he was young, but grew alarmed as my darling became hard and cruel. He chose financial security over emotional risk, and I could no longer remain engaged to him. It hurt me to leave him, but I had no choice. (TO SCROOGE) Farewell Ebenezer. May you be happy…in the life you have chosen.

MRS. CRATCHIT	As Bob Cratchit's wife, I'm mother to six children, including my crippled boy, Tim. It breaks my heart to see my husband slaving away for that old miser, Mr. Scrooge. (SCOFFS) "Found of the feast," indeed! I'll give him a good piece of my mind to feast upon and I hope he has a goos appetite for it!
MARLEY'S GHOST	I am the ghost of Jacob Marley, Scrooge's long-dead partner. Because of my own greed and avarice, I am doomed to wander the world after Death…without rest or peace. I wail in unceasing torture and remorse! Beware my fate, Ebenezer. Beware! Beware! (GHOST WAIL)
SECOND SPIRIT	I am the Ghost of Christmas Present! (STERNLY) If what I have to show you is too hard a lesson, Scrooge, then look here! (REVEALS CHILDREN) They are man's children! Their names are Ignorance and Want. Beware them both! Without the spirit of Christmas to comfort them, narrow Puritanism and greed would release these wretched beings upon the world! (MOCKINGLY) And you ask, "Are there no workhouses? Are there no prisons?" Hah!