



# A Christmas Carol

(1938)

## Synopsis

In this Hollywood production, a concise straight forward approach to the Dickens' source material is adopted. Ebenezer Scrooge is warned by Marley's ghost on Christmas Eve that he must change his miserly ways or face damnation. He is told that he can expect visitations from 3 ghosts and is shown his past, the present that he has made and the future, which includes his own death and that of Tiny Tim. Scrooge gets the message and changes his ways on Christmas Day and thus saves himself and Tiny Tim. Leonard Maltin says, "Nicely done adaptation of Dickens' classic with Owen a well-modulated Scrooge, surrounded by good MGM players and period settings."

## Cast

<u>Actor</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>Actor</u>	<u>Character</u>
Reginald Owen .....	Ebenezer Scrooge	Leo G. Carroll .....	Marley's Ghost
Gene Lockhart .....	Bob Cratchit	Lionel Braham .....	Spirit of Christmas Present
Kathleen Lockhart .....	Mrs. Cratchit	Ann Rutherford .....	Spirit of Christmas Past
Terry Kilburn .....	Tiny Tim	D'Arcy Corrigan ....	Spirit of Christmas Future
Barry MacKay .....	Fred	Ronald Sinclair .....	Young Scrooge
Lynne Carver .....	Bess		

## Trivia & Quotes

This was the only film in which Gene Lockhart appeared with his wife Kathleen Lockhart and their daughter June Lockhart.

Lionel Barrymore was originally set to play Scrooge, but had to back out due to illness. Barrymore instead suggested his friend Reginald Owen take over the role.