

Actor Biography Sheets – *A Christmas Carol*

Abigail Frank, *Belle*

Abigail is elated to share the stage for the first time with her son, Jessie, in this Christmas classic! She has enjoyed various roles from elementary school to Dallas College and Pocket Sandwich Theatre. Abigail spends her time reading, studying for her BSIT/MSITM, homeschooling her three sons, and attending events at the Paris Public Library. She wants to thank JJ, JQ, and JC for giving her enough trouble to always keep her on her toes!

Abigail Mae Vasquez, *Valentine*

Abigail is excited to make her debut in *A Christmas Carol*. Abigail is a proud 6th grader at Crockett Intermediate School. Abigail loves the “Hamilton the Musical” and, when not in school, you’ll find her doing service work with her Girl Scout troop.

Adam Ross Vasquez, *Peter Cratchit*

Adam is excited to make his debut in *A Christmas Carol*. Adam is a proud 5th grader at Crockett Intermediate School. When Adam is not in school, you will find him on the football field with his NCA team or at church.

Alyssa Ottmo, *Martha Cratchit, Ensemble*

Alyssa is grateful to be a part of *A Christmas Carol* at Paris Community Theatre. She has been a part of PCT for four years. Alyssa is a senior in high school. She wants to thank her family and theatre teachers for all their support!

Ana Pedro, *Lucy (Julia’s sister)*

Ana is excited to be a part of *A Christmas Carol* at Paris Community Theater. She recently worked in *Shakespeare in Hollywood* earlier this year. Ana is working on her master’s in business administration and loves to run in her free time. She wants to thank her parents, sister, and boyfriend for all their love and support.

Ashley Fletcher, *Fan*

Ashley is very excited to make her acting debut as Fan in *A Christmas Carol* at PCT.

Audrey Hobbs, *Gillian Cratchit*

Audrey is excited to be on stage again with all her friends and her dad. She recently appeared in *William’s Window* at Paris Junior College. A few other shows she was honored to be a part of include *A Christmas Story*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Sherlock Holmes*, and *Dracula*. Audrey would like to thank the audience for their support, and she hopes you all enjoy the show.

Avalynn (Ava) Williams, *Want, Ensemble*

Ava is a third grader at Aikin Elementary, and this will be her first play. She is very excited to be a part of the theater. Ava is a straight A student and loves school. She has many friends. Ava enjoys gymnastics class when not attending school. Ava loves fundraising and meeting new people. She wants to thank the theater for giving her a chance to show her skills and to thank her family for supporting her.

Benjamin Isaiah Mata, *Delivery Boy*, Ensemble

Benjamin became involved with Paris Community Theatre when he auditioned, and won, the lead role of Ralphie in the play *A Christmas Story* in 2023.

Brenda Ottmo, *Costumer*

Brenda is grateful to costume for PCT's *A Christmas Carol*. She has been costuming for the past four years as well as assisting in many community events. Brenda thanks her family and friends for all their love and support.

Charleigh Berry, *Orson*, Ensemble

I am 11 years old. I go to school at North Lamar. I have 2 sisters, Kyra & Aidyn. We live in Deport with my three dogs. I play softball and I also play tuba in the band. I played the Giant in *Jack and the Magic Beans*. I love theatre! I have taken theater classes for a year now and look forward to improving my acting skills.

Chris Brunson, *Ghost of Christmas Present*

Chris is very excited to be in this amazing play with such a stellar cast. His last work was here on the PCT stage as Oberon, King of the Fairies. With no formal acting work before his 30's, Chris decided to start acting to surprise his kids. A father of 5, he brings many skills and personalities to the stage. Chris would like to thank his family and friends for the support and love they have shown to his newfound passion for acting. "Take a chance and Break out of the Box!"

Cynthia Hutson, *Spirit of Christmas Past*

Cynthia is excited to be a part of this production. She has not been on stage for several years. Currently a Math Interventionist, she enjoys working with her students. She has one son that she is very proud of. She enjoys spending time with family. She wants to thank everyone who encouraged her through this wonderful experience.

Dalen Hobbs, *Jacob Marley*, *Businessman*

Dalen is excited to return to PCT and join his daughter, Audrey, for another wonderful holiday show. This is the 18th year Dalen has performed at PCT and is excited for another entertaining year. He would like to thank his beautiful wife, Michelle, for watching the "little guy" while we go play.

Dennis Messer, *Caroline's husband*, *Businessman*, Ensemble

Dennis is excited to be returning to PCT for *A Christmas Carol*. He recently worked with PCT in last season's production of *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. Dennis lives in Clarksville with his wife, Cindy, and their dog, Maggie.

Ellie Hubbard, *Caroline*, Ensemble

A Christmas Carol is one of my favorite stories, so I am honored to be a part of it! Even though I haven't been in very many productions, this PCT community has proved to be a great one. Thank you to my family and friends for supporting me always!

Emery Cannon, *Fezziwig's daughter, Ensemble*

Emery has enjoyed being a part of PCT. Her recent credits include *Jack and the Magic Beans* as Scarecrow Girl and Blossom in *The Almost True Tale of Hansel and Gretel*. When she is not on stage, she enjoys being a part of Elevate Movement Dance Academy on the competition team. Emery wants to thank her mother, Tonya, for being a great supporter, and always helping her.

Gwen Miles, *Miranda Cratchit, Ensemble*

Gwen Miles makes her community theatre debut as Miranda in *A Christmas Carol*. She attends Chisum Middle School, serves as sixth grade Student Council secretary, and plays flute in the CMS band. Offstage, she loves time with her miniature dachshund, Honey, and with family and friends. She is grateful to her sister, Olivia, for encouraging her to audition, with special thanks to her family and teachers for their kind, constant support, and cheer throughout rehearsals.

Helen Psomas, *The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Ensemble*

Helen has had the pleasure of doing several shows at PCT including *Vagina Monologues*, *Plaza Suite*, and *Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Suicide Club*, among others. She hopes to do many more. Merry Christmas!

James Esplin, *Robert Cratchit*

James acted in high school in supporting, and a few, major roles. He works as a mechanical engineer locally. James and his wife, Heather, have several kids; one of whom is debuting on stage.

Javier Mata, *Mr. Fezziwig, Businessman, Ensemble*

Javier Mata became involved with Paris Community Theatre when his son, Benjamin Mata, auditioned for the play *A Christmas Story* in 2023 and became part of the ensemble. Since then, Javier was selected for roles in the plays *Shakespeare in Hollywood* and *Almost, Maine*.

Jemma Doughty, *Orphan 2, Ensemble*

Jemma is thrilled to join the Paris Community Theatre's cast in *A Christmas Carol*. She is a fourth grader at North Lamar Intermediate and is enjoying her first theatre experience in Miss Rebecca's after-school children's theatre class. When she is not at school or the theatre, Jemma enjoys drawing and creating comic books. She would like to thank her family for their support!

Jessie Frank, *Tiny Tim*

I am really excited to play Tiny Tim in *A Christmas Carol*! When I was a baby, I spent most nights in the theater for my mom and dad's shows (aww) and I started at PCT's 2025 Summer Workshop. I homeschool and my favorite subject is math. In my free time, I enjoy playing with my brothers, playing Fortnite, Minecraft, and Roblox, and drawing. I want to thank my theater teacher, Rebecca, for teaching me so much and my mom for being such an awesome mom!

Joey Renfro, *Older Scrooge, Topper*

Husband and father of five, Joey is very excited to be involved in *A Christmas Carol*. He loves everything Christmas. Past shows include: *Oliver!*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Mama Mia*, *Almost, Maine*, and several others.

Josey Hayes, *Ignorance*, Ensemble

Josey is so excited to play Ignorance and be in the ensemble in *A Christmas Carol*. She enjoys signing, dancing, and acting out her favorite stories. She has been learning piano for four years and is a proud member of the JES News Crew and Art Club at Justiss Elementary, where she is in 4th grade. Josey wants to thank her mom and dad for their love and support.

Karla Christiansen, *Mrs. Fezziwig*, Old Joe

Karla is thrilled to return to the theater as Mrs. Fezziwig and Old Joe. During her younger years, she graced the stage in various productions, including roles like Wendy in *Peter Pan*, Mrs. Cratchit and Charwoman in production of *A Christmas Carol*. Beyond her acting career, she raised seven children, taught school for 35 years, and actively participates in her church community. After retiring, she and her husband, Paul, relocated to Paris. They absolutely love it.

Kathne Dowd, *Charwoman*

PCT has become a big part of my life. PCT introduced me to so many new, talented, and awesome friends. Thank you, dear family, for your support. Previous PCT shows are *Drop Dead*, *Red Velvet Cake Wars*, and *Shakespeare in Hollywood*.

Lanai Barbee, *Tiny Tim*

Lanai is a 12-year-old who loves being on stage and sharing stories with an audience. She has performed in several theater productions, including *Wizard of Oz*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Alice and the Looking Glass*, and always enjoys stepping into new characters. When she is not acting, Lanai can be found riding horses and baking. She is so thankful for the chance to perform and cannot wait for her next adventure on stage.

Lily Greenwell, *Julia (Fred's Wife)*, Ensemble

Lily is excited to be a part of *A Christmas Carol* with PCT. Lily is a senior in high school and enjoys acting and playing musical instruments. This is her third production with PCT, previously participating in *A Christmas Story: The Musical* and *Almost, Maine*. She wants to thank her parents and siblings for supporting her in theater.

Mandy Hale, *Charity Woman 1*, Ensemble

Mandy is thrilled to be a part of this production because it gives her an excuse to wear a bustle and use her mildly believable British accent. A veteran of PCT, her past roles include *Steel Magnolias*, *Mamma Mia*, *Drop Dead*, *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, and several more. When not on stage, Mandy can be found practicing dramatic exits and trying not to trip over her period costume.

Martha Howison, *Prop Master*

I had not done anything in theatre since sixth grade (a long time ago). Then, I was asked to help with props, and I found my theatre niche. *A Christmas Carol* is my third play as prop master and what fun I have had.

Melissa Smith, *Charity Woman 2*, Ensemble

Melissa is in her third performance at PCT. She has enjoyed her roles in *Over the River and Through the Woods* and *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. She is grateful to feel so welcome at PCT.

Miranda Esplin, *Belinda Cratchit*, Ensemble

Miranda is enthusiastic about debuting in this wonderful story, *A Christmas Carol*, and helping it come to life. She does home school in which she does eighth grade math. When she is not reading, Miranda enjoys writing books, singing, dancing, and swimming. She wants to publish her book when she finishes it and might make a series out of it. She would like to thank her parents for the opportunity.

Misty Wicks, *Assistant Costumer*

Misty is excited to be a part of the costume team. She began her theatre journey 2 years ago supporting her daughter, Shelby, and has assisted on *The Almost True Tale of Hansel and Gretel* and *Jack and the Magic Beans*.

Rex Head, *Boy Scrooge*

Rex is a fifth grader at North Lamar Intermediate. This marks his debut on the PCT stage, and he is thrilled to be part of *A Christmas Carol*. Rex enjoys acting and is excited to bring Boy Scrooge to life. He sends a big Thank You to Mom, Dad, Ella, and Everett for their love and support!

Rhylinne Strunc, *Fezziwig daughter*, Ensemble

My recent work includes Scut Farkus in *A Christmas Story* and the housekeeper in *Jack and the Magic Beans*. When not enjoying theater, I can be found on the basketball court or on the sidelines cheering for the Prairiland Patriots. I would like to thank my family for all their continued support with all my adventures.

Rowen Hinkle, *Boy 1*, Ensemble

Rowen, age 10, is thrilled to make her debut at Paris Community Theatre. She is a student at Crockett Intermediate School. She loves playing with her cats and volunteering at Baby Gunn's Animal Rescue. Rowen would like to say thanks to Nonna, Gaga, Mom, and Cece for all the rides.

Sally Boswell, *The Undertaker's Woman*, Ensemble

Sally Boswell has been with PCT since the beginning, onstage, backstage, on the Board, or on just about every crew. In real life, she is a journalist with The Paris News, on and off, since 1975. When not at the theater, she is probably reading or watching TV or movies, probably something to do with Sci-Fi or Fantasy or Historical Fiction...with swords.

Savannah Hubbard, *Mrs. Cratchit*, Ensemble

Savannah is excited to be a part of this talented cast in this timeless Christmas classic. She recently performed at PCT in *Shakespeare in Hollywood* as Puck. Theater has been a lifelong hobby for Savannah, and she is happy to be joined by both her daughters in this production to make PCT a family affair.

Shelby Wicks, *Fezziwig's daughter, Ensemble*

Shelby is excited to be part of *A Christmas Carol*! She has previously performed in two children's productions and also enjoys working on the media team. Shelby would like to thank her mom, dad, and friends for their love and support.

Steven Jeffrey, *Scrooge*

I'm very happy to take part in this production. I am excited to work with Laura Hutchings, the director, again, with this ensemble cast. I recently took part in *Almost, Maine* and *Shakespeare in Hollywood*.

Truly Hubbard, *Fezziwig daughter, Ensemble*

I have enjoyed working with the community theater for a very long time in many amazing shows. I am so honored to be in another. I would like to thank my family for always supporting my theatrical journey.

Wendy Damm, *Laundress, Ensemble*

Wendy is delighted to return to the PCT stage in *A Christmas Carol*. She made her stage debut last season in *Almost, Maine*, and is thrilled to continue exploring new roles and stories with this incredible community. Wendy is grateful for the friendships she has made along the way and thanks those friends for unwavering support.