

# 21st Century Scrooge

With grateful thanks to the inspiration of Charles Dickens

*A spoken word performance devised, read and told by  
Chloë of the Midnight Storytellers*

Workaholic Carol Middleton is a successful City trader. But she has no life beyond long hours at the office, where she bullies timid secretary and solo parent Roberta (Bobbie) Cratchit.

It's a snowy Christmas Eve: Carol is visited by the ghost of her late business partner Annette Marley – complete with heavy chain of wasted life and a chilling warning. Thus begins a terrifying night for the grumpy miser...

The Spirit of Christmas Past forces her to recall the lonely childhood that shaped her sour adult self. The Spirit of Christmas Present challenges her snobbish prejudices with glimpses of a shelter for the homeless and of Bobbie Cratchit's remarkable hospitality in a high-rise flat. And the faceless spectre of Christmas Yet To Come – encountered in the crush of London Underground - gives her a terrifying vision of the grisly fate she risks *unless she changes her ways*.

A close and deeply respectful parallel to the Dickens masterpiece, *21<sup>st</sup> Century Scrooge* takes the audience on an enchanting and thought-provoking journey from Dickensian gloom to a resolution that calls to the true spirit of Christmas in all of us.

**Suitable for adults and age 12+**  
Not suitable for young children

Running time: allow 1 hour

*“A brilliant heartwarming performance, took many by surprise”*

Director, Cotswold Arts Study Centre