

Children's Costumes for A Christmas Carol

URCHINS:

Urchins are asked to provide their own costumes, and your child ***SHOULD WEAR*** their costume to the following rehearsal (***SUNDAY NOV. 11TH***) for approval. **Please note that if you are a PRO/EP, TURKEY BOY, LONDON BOY, SMALL CHILD, SCHOOL CHUM, or EB @ 6 you are then classified costume-wise as an urchin.**

The Basics:

LAYERS: It is extremely cold outside where these children live. So, they would be layered as much as possible: shirts, high socks, gloves, vests, sweaters, and hats; anything that they could find or steal to keep warm. A look with layers is ALWAYS much more visually interesting!

COLORS: Browns (**NO KHAKI**), grays, darker greens, darker blues, very dark reds (maroon). With Urchins, there is no such thing as “too dirty.” You are not required to “distress” or dirty the costume; however, you are more than welcome to do so if you are willing.

PANTS: Heavy cotton or wool. Avoid corduroy. Textures are good! (**NO KHAKI**) Thrift shop pants can be easily turned into knickers with some elastic. For another look, just cut them off below the knee or at the ankle and shred the frayed edges. Add knee-high socks or leggings. **NO SWEAT PANTS OR ANYTHING KNITTED AS SUCH.**

SWEATERS: Wool and heavy cotton. Dark and bulky. Don't worry about sizing. **NO V-NECKS. ONLY CREW STYLE.**

SHIRTS: You don't need a shirt under a bulky sweater, but if you are wearing a shirt vest combination, the shirt should be a dirtied oxford of some kind. No knits or patterns. More plain. Please keep in the same color palate.

ACCESSORIES: Tweed newsboy caps or plain knit hats. Dirty. Old wool scarves, knit or plaid. Knit gloves with the fingers cut off. Jackets. Vests. **LAYERS!!! PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT EVERYONE NEEDS A HAT, SCARF, JACKET COMBINATION AS PICTURED. YOU MAY HAVE VARIATIONS. WE MAY CUT SOME ACCESSORIES ON THE 15TH DEPENDING ON HOW MANY OF THE SAME LOOK WE HAVE.**

SHOES: Black or brown plain leather oxford shoes or prairie style boots. Again: dirty, old, beat up. Hit the thrift shops. **THE PRAIRIE BOOT STYLE IS VERY BIG RIGHT NOW. THESE ARE THE BEST CHOICE AND CAN BE FOUND EVERYWHERE CURRENTLY!!! ABSOLUTELY NO TENNIS SHOES, UGS, COWBOY BOOTS, OR ANYTHING MODERN-LOOKING.**

PARTY KIDS & STREET KIDS

The theatre will provide these dresses and boys clothes, for the most part, **but if you have something appropriate or would like to provide a costume for your child as a donation to the theatre, this is encouraged!!! Please let us know.** **Girls' shoes should have prairie style boots or Mary Jane style shoes. Boys should have black or brown plain oxford shoes or boots. Shoes must be provided by the actor. NO UGS, COWBOY BOOTS, OR ANYTHING MODERN.** Prairie style boots are best in brown or black. But plain oxfords can work well with some black tights or stockings. Argyle knee-highs or plain knee-high socks for boys.

Boys should provide their own white dress shirt. Oxford, button-down style. NO TUX SHIRTS, JERSEY SHIRTS, OR T-SHIRTS.

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