



A Christmas Carol: Writing Competition

Queen's Hall is thrilled to be partnering with the brilliant Triple Treat Theatre Company once again to bring Charles Dickens' classic story A Christmas Carol to life on stage later this year. Expect to be transported to a world of twinkling lanterns, toe-tapping carols and larger-than-life characters!

If that's not exciting enough, we are running a creative writing competition for young people, with the chance to win some fantastic prizes!

The Challenge – A Christmas Future...

We want to hear what a Christmas Future might look like. We could be taken to another planet, or spend a Christmas run by robots – we can't wait to read your ideas!

The title for children in Years 4 – 6 is: **What does your dream Christmas look like?** and the title for children in Years 7 – 9 is: **What will happen on Christmas Day in the year 3000?**

Competition Guidelines

- Open to children living in or attending school in Northumberland
- Two categories split into year groups: Years 4 – 6, and Years 7 – 9
- Maximum 500 words
- Illustrations encouraged – it can be a story, a diary entry, a poem...
- Creativity is essential, spelling is not! We don't want to read a story from AI, your parent or teacher, we're excited to see YOUR work!
- Entries can be submitted electronically or on paper
Email your entry to nessie@queenshall.co.uk with the subject line 'A Christmas Future', or hand it in at the Box Office during opening hours (Mon–Sat, 10am–12pm & 1pm–4pm)

Entries must include:

- Name
- Age
- Parent, carer or teacher's contact details

Prizes

Overall Winner:

- A line from their winning entry will be included in the Christmas show.

Winners in both age categories will receive:

- Family ticket to the VIP performance of *A Christmas Carol*
- A drama workshop for the winner's class, home school network, or the individual child, delivered by Triple Treat Theatre in spring 2027
- A £20 Queen's Hall Arts voucher

Runners-up:

- Runner-ups will receive book tokens

Closing date: Friday 30 October, 5pm.

Judging will take place in early November. Winners will be announced in mid-November and invited to the VIP performance during the Christmas run. Drama workshops will take place during the 2027 spring term (date to be agreed).

If you are a teacher and plan to run this as a class activity or have any questions, please let us know by emailing nessie@queenshall.co.uk.