



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...

What does your dream Christmas look like? What will happen on Christmas Day in the year 3000? You might even take us to another world - we can't wait to read your ideas!

Competition Guidelines

- Open to children living in or attending school in West Northumberland
- Two categories split into age groups: 8-11 and 12-14 years
- 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: Monday 19 October, 5pm.

Judging will take place in late October. Winners will be announced in early 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.