

A Christmas Carol December 2017

A CHRISTMAS CAROL at the Old Vic was attended by a group from the Theatre Club before Christmas. It is a new version by Jack Thorne and directed by Matthew Warchus, staged in a disembowelled theatre with a cruciform performance area with 4 entrances where the stalls used to be. "Nothing like you've ever seen before", with Rhys Ifans playing a distraught Scrooge with more clothes on than the 1999 'Notting Hill ' and ad libbing an apposite line ' a LADY wearing trousers?' He was supported by a cast of 14 who also sang 12 period carols in the streets and around 3 levels of the theatre as well as mastering the art of Handbell Ringing and chuting a feast from the Gallery to the stage and flying in a 40lb turkey from backstage to the centre of the feast. With Will Stuart's music, it was a very dynamic performance and lots of happy faces leaving the theatre.

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