



# Christmas Carol

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In this one-man show starring Rich Little, Ebenezer Scrooge (played by Rich as W.C. Fields) hates Christmas, and it's up to the Ghosts of Christmas Past (played by Rich as Humphrey Bogart),... [Read all](#)

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**Rich Little**  
W.C. Fields as Scrooge ...

**Director** [Trevor Evans](#)

**Writers** [Rich Little](#) [Charles Dickens](#)

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A Christmas Carol

Storyline



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**Trivia**

Rich Little plays 18 different characters: [W.C. Fields](#) as Scrooge, [Paul Lynde](#) as Bob Cratchit, [Humphrey Bogart](#) as The Ghost of Christmas Past, [Peter Falk](#) as The Ghost of Christmas Present, [Peter Sellers](#) (playing Inspector Clouseau) as The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, [Richard Nixon](#) as Jacob Marley, [Truman Capote](#) as Tiny Tim, [Groucho Marx](#) as Fezziwig, [Jean Stapleton](#) (playing Edith Bunker) as Mrs. Cratchit, [Johnny Carson](#) as Fred, [James Stewart](#) as Dick Wilkins, [John Wayne](#) as the 1st Businessman, [George Burns](#) as the 2nd Businessman, [James Mason](#) as the 3rd Businessman, [Jack Benny](#) as the boy at Scrooge's window, [Stan Laurel](#) as Mr. Laurel, [Oliver Hardy](#) as Mr. Hardy, [Dean Martin](#) as the new partner.

**Quotes**

[W.C. Fields as Scrooge](#): He once told me to treat the warehouse like it was my own.

**Humphrey Bogart**: What did you do?

[W.C. Fields as Scrooge](#): I sold it.

**Connections**



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This show has a clever, sideways premise: a comedian does impressions of various celebrities "performing" in a production of A Christmas Carol. I've seen very little of Rich Little (no, pun not intended), but this program of his sounded fun so I looked it up. I suppose that the more impressions you recognize, the more you will like the show; fortunately many of the targets are figures like John Wayne, Groucho Marx and Richard Nixon, whose personas are well-known even to folks who haven't seen much of them in films or TV.

The small-scale period sets are nicely done for a comedy special on TV, but the TV sitcom laugh track is unwelcome, especially since it pops up for everything including the lamer jokes (like the twice-used "and those were his good/bad points" bit); I eventually stopped noticing though. But the central gag makes everything worthwhile. Little certainly has a talent and versatile voice for impressions. Some I was prepared for because of what I read before watching, and I was able to guess a couple other obscure ones. The only two I had no clue about were the kid that Scrooge hires to buy the goose (long-ago comedian Jack Benny) and Tiny Tim (writer Truman Capote; I could only guess it was some sort of Elton John or Robert Evans with a Droopy the Dog voice). On-screen text at the end or beginning identifying each celebrity would've helped. Though I had no knowledge of W.C. Fields performances, Little's depiction of Fields performing as Scrooge

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Country of origin	<a href="#">Canada</a>	
Language	<a href="#">English</a>	
Also known as	<a href="#">Rich Little's Christmas Carol</a>	>
Production companies	<a href="#">Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)</a> <a href="#">Tel-Pro Entertainment Inc.</a> <a href="#">Dudley Enterprises Inc.</a>	>
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Runtime	55 minutes
Color	<a href="#">Color</a>
Sound mix	<a href="#">Mono</a>
Aspect ratio	1.33 : 1

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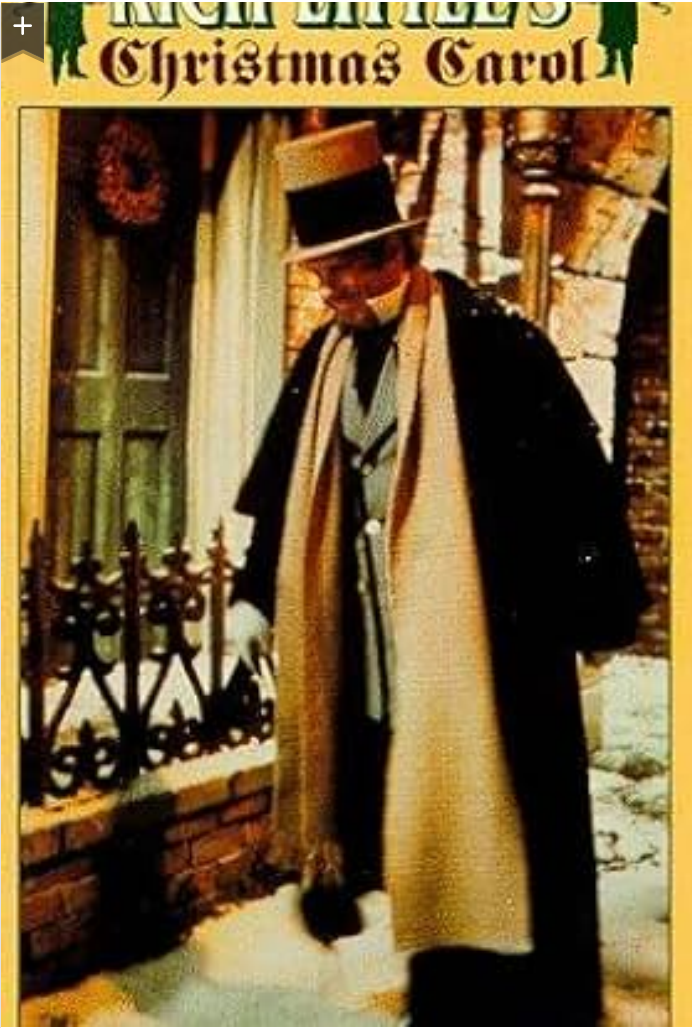
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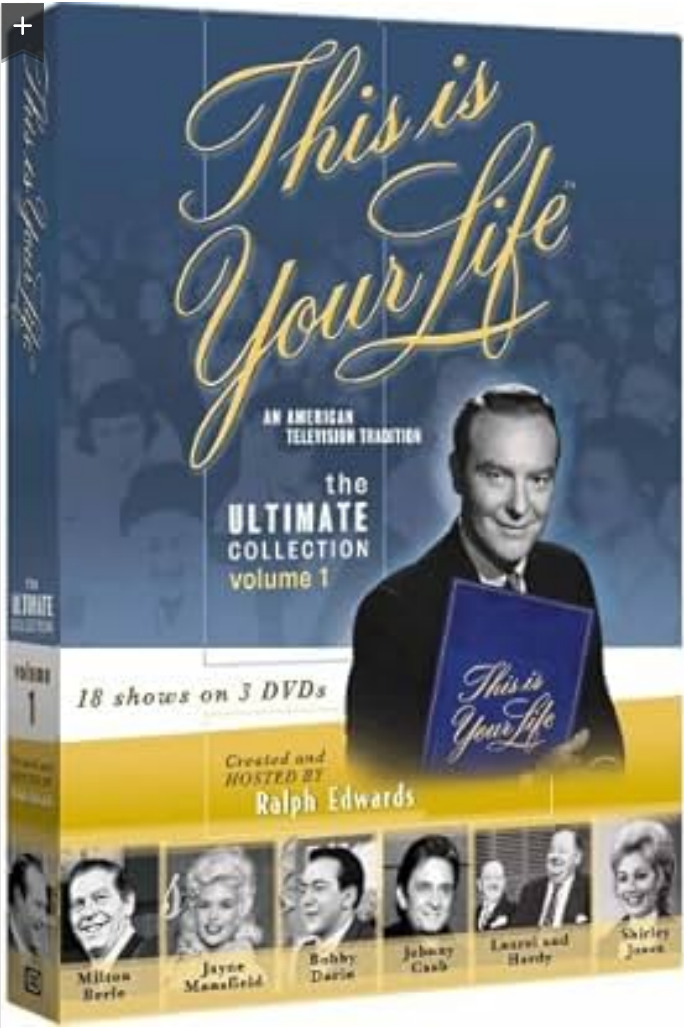
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