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COMMUNITY GROUPS INVITED BY MUSEUM'S JUNIOR COUNCIL TO ATTEND CHILDREN'S SHOWING OF "SCROOGE"

The Junior Council of The Museum of Modern Art is presenting a special children's preview of the new musical film "Scrooge," starring Albert Finney, Sunday, November 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Museum auditorium. The special showing will be attended by students of the Harlem Art Carnival and their parents. The Windham Children's Services Agency will also send a group of children to the film showing. Based on Dickens' classic <u>A Christmas Carol</u> and directed by Ronald Neame, "Scrooge," which will have its premiere later this month, is being shown through the courtesy of its producer Cinema Center Films.

"Scrooge" is the initial film event to be launched this year by the Junior Council, which is working towards a closer relationship between neighborhood communities and the Museum. The Council also will present a Children's Film Festival later in the winter, using films from the Museum's collection.

The Junior Council expects to include members of the community as well as children of Museum members in several of its projected film activities. In the past the Council was responsible for a group of artists designing wall paintings and sculpture in East Harlem. It also co-sponsored the construction of a playground in Cypress Hills; and has conducted visits to the Museum of children from disadvantaged areas.

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