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A Christmas STORY

by Phillip Grecian, Jean Shepherd,
Leigh Brown, and Bob Clark

directed by Marc Hammes



December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21, 2024 at 8pm

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A Christmas STORY

**by Philip Grecian, Jean Shepherd,
Leigh Brown and Bob Clark**

Directed by Marc Hammes

Assistant Director/ Stage Manager: Madison Travelo

Sound Operator: Violet Regel

Light Operator: Kenzie Miller

Projectionist: Kayce Lumpkin

Stage Crew: Alicia Hill

Headshot Photographer: Kelley Channell Studio

Poster Design: Karly Pecua

PLACE: Hohman, Indiana

TIME: Christmas past and present

- There will be one 15 minute intermission between Acts I and II -

Play by Philip Grecian, based upon *A Christmas Story*,
©1983 Turner Entertainment Co., distributed by Warner Bros.,
written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark,
and *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash*, by Jean Shepherd

*Produced by special arrangement with
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Please note: This production contains fog effects and pulsating lighting.

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recording is permitted during the performance. Thank you!***

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The Cast



Madoc Boyd (**Flick**) is a fifth-grader at Monroe Country Day School. He was Sheldon in *Junie B. Jones* at On Stage last year and is in his fourth workshop. He loves running, family vacations and playing video games. He is also an award-winning poet.



Tanner Brown (**Scut Farkas**) is currently a student at Georgia State University Perimeter College at the Newton campus, majoring in Theatre. He discovered theatre after his sophomore year. His past roles include Mr. Darling/Pirate in *Peter Pan Jr.*, Constable/Yellow Jack in *Lafayette No 1*, and Ensemble in *13 The Musical*.



Abigail Dawkins (**Randy**) is homeschooled and in the 4th grade. While this is her acting debut, she has worked as a stagehand with On Stage. She enjoys gymnastics, acting, and playing with her dogs.



Gwyn Hill (**Helen**) is a 7th grader from Loganville, GA. She fell in love with theatre through summer camps, and this is her second performance with On Stage. Gwyn is excited to play in this iconic Christmas story and hopes to hear lots of laughter from the audience!



Zachary Lumpkin (**Dill**) is making his On Stage debut. He is a fourth grader and has just discovered a love for theatre. He loves all things sports related and aspires to play football in college one day. He sings and plays drums, and his love of music runs deep. He is also learning to play the trumpet. Zachary is a kind boy who loves big.

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The Cast (Continued)



Kyle Miller (**Schwartz**) is a 5th grader at Social Circle Elementary School. He enjoys acting, is a natural ham, and is excited to work with On Stage for the first time. Kyle triple dog dares you to enjoy the show!



Callisto Mills (**Esther Jane**) is eleven years old and recently discovered her love for acting may well precede her love for softball and all things fluffy. This is her second performance with On Stage. She aspires to travel the world and someday act on screen!



Agnus Mixon (**Santa/Tree Salesman**) is making his acting debut! What started with a gentle push from his daughter to try something new, has become an exciting opportunity for him to step out of his comfort zone.



Elizabeth Pope (**Miss Shields**) includes doing shows with her Old Man, Russell Pope, in her favorite memories, and she is overjoyed to be back onstage with him. She is studying Fashion Merchandising as a junior at UGA. Some of her previous roles include Jane (*Pride and Prejudice*), Cinderella (*Cinderella*), and Amy (*Little Women*).



Russell Pope Sr. (**The Old Man**) has performed at On Stage since 2015 when he and his youngest daughter were cast in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. He has worked with his youngest son in some shows as well. He can relate to The Old Man and is looking forward to bringing this character to life, while teaming up again with his daughter, Elizabeth. These opportunities to work together are lifetime highlights and memories.

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The Cast (Continued)



Allison Schneider (**Cowboy/Delivery Person/Elf**) thanks her family and friends for their unwavering support as she makes her debut in community theater! She is a Monroe resident, proud wife, mother and grandmother. Also, a project manager specializing in financial fraud protection, she's excited to share her sense of humor and storytelling beyond the office!



Eli Waldron (**Ralphie**) is 11 years old and a student at Carver Middle. A *Christmas Story* will be Eli's On Stage debut, but between chorus, band, skits, and making videos, he has always been a performer. Eli is an active member of Boy Scout Troop 81. He enjoys camping & spends his down time collecting and playing retro video games.



Bekah Wesley (**Mother**) is the middle and high school theatre teacher at George Walton Academy. Her recent credits include *Disaster: The Musical* (Sister Mary Downey), *9 to 5: The Musical* (Roz Keith), and *Blithe Spirit* (Mrs. Bradman) which all happened with On Stage Playhouse. She would like to thank her fiance for sharing her with the theatre.



Greg Wrobel (**Ralph**) is honored to make his acting debut with On Stage. He loves his family and has spent countless hours with them reading aloud works by Tolkien, Rowling, and Sanderson. Watching them in their own productions has been an inspiration and has taught him much. He hopes you enjoy the show.

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Meet the Director



Marc Hammes (**Director**) is the On Stage Artistic Director. After receiving degrees in Theater, Speech, English and Secondary Education, he has continued directing all age levels. Marc has directed many On Stage productions, including *The Giver*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Bright Star*, and the On Stage Youth Acting Workshops. Break legs!

A Note from the Director:

Like many of you, I loved A Christmas Story the first time I watched the movie. I saw it with my family, while we laughed, talked, and enjoyed time together. In addition to those fond memories, the play marks an important milestone in my life - it was the first show I ever directed at On Stage in 2013. I barely knew anyone in town, but by the time the show opened, I had made many friends. I still run into members of that cast from time to time, and we trade hugs and share happy memories of that production.

I love casts that include multiple generations. One of the joys of directing this show is seeing people in many stages of life create bonds and friendships, while supporting each other and working together. Each cast is unique, but somehow the cast you are about to watch is extra special. Long lasting friendships have been built through this production, and that is one of the greatest joys of theater.

So, in many ways this show is a homecoming for me; it's a gentle reminder of the friends and family who help me create memories of crazy antics and bittersweet moments that form my own life story. It's about people celebrating each other, working toward a common goal together, and enjoying the love they have for each other. I hope it reminds you of a special relative or friend who made you feel loved, made you laugh, or gave you a hug when you needed it. Happy Holidays to you all!

Marc Hammes

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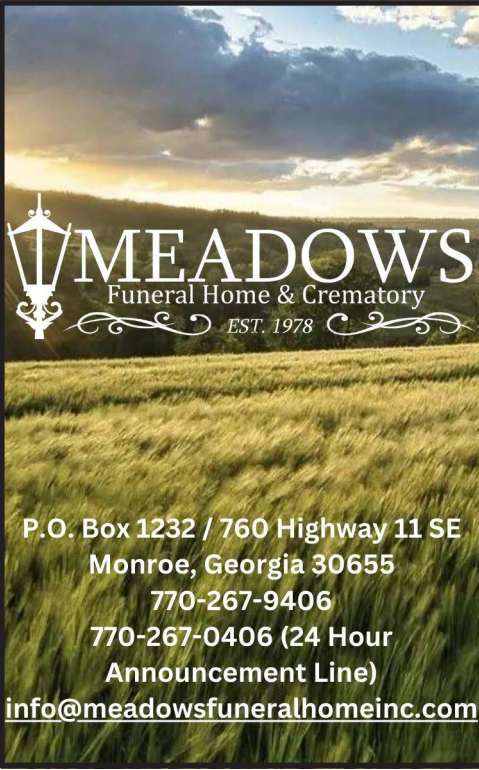
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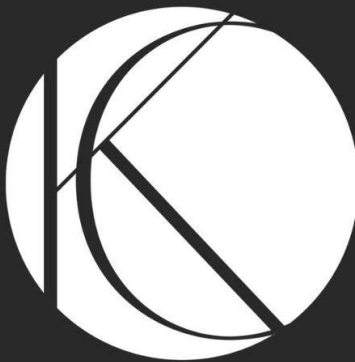
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