



KODIAK ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS



A CHRISTMAS STORY

Adapted by Philip Grecian

Based on the motion picture *A Christmas Story*, 1983 Turner Entertainment Co., distributed by Warner Bros. Written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown, and Bob Clark; and on the book "In God We Trust", "All Others Pay Cash" by Jean Shepherd.

Directed by Veronica Costa-Bolton

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 7PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 7PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 2PM

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Everyone has a Christmas story to tell.

And the stories that get told the most tend to be from our childhood. Maybe it is the feeling of nostalgia that takes us to what we believe is a simpler time and place. A time when we believed in magic and Santa. Maybe we never stopped believing, we just stopped talking about it.

Based on the real life stories of Jean Shepard, join "Ralph Parker" in his walk down memory lane when he was 11 years old and where reality blends with fantasy to create the memories of childhood.

Regardless if you hate the movie or love the movie, the story at the heart of "A Christmas Story" inspires those stories that you haven't thought of in years. It's not just about a young boy wanting a BB gun and almost shooting his eye out.

It's about your best friends growing up and what you did together. It's about your first romantic interest even before you cared about romantic interests.

It's about your best moments and your worst and how looking back gives both of them perspective -and a bit of humor.

We hope that you are inspired by the hard work and dedication of our local talent who realized what they wanted for Christmas was to bring you a show that gave you some perspective and humor not only about "Ralphie's" Christmas story, but your own

-Veronica Costa-Bolton, Director

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CAST LIST

Ralph, narrator	Davis Hovey
Ralphie Parker	Ben Daly
Mother.	Tracy Craig
The Old Man	Joe Symonoski
Randy	Michael Sullivan
Miss Shields.	Shawna Brekke
Flick	Ivan Wellner
Schwartz.	Landon Stein
Esther Jane.	Emerson DesChamps
Helen.	Emery Cadwell
Scut Farkas	Lucas Kenshalo
Ruth.	Elaina Kenshalo
Lucy.	Deidre Creelman
Cowboy.	Jared Weems
Tree Lot Owner.	Kyle Churyk
Santa.	Michael Hinman
Radio Announcer.	Marcus Nash
Delivery Guy.	Tristan Creelman
Neighbor.	Logan Creelman

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Director: Veronica Costa-Bolton

Production Assistants: Mary Ann Kondro & Laurie Murdock

Scenic Designer: Eric Engvall

Set Construction: Eric Engvall, Richard Carstens, Ben Daly,
Doug Hogen, Jay Johnston, Marty Owen, Jim Willis

Costume Mistress: Judy Carstens

Seamstress: Mary Beth Symonoski

Costume Assistants: Patricia Nash & Crystal Thomas

Hair stylist & Make up: Valene Wilde

Props: Laura Creighton

Lighting Design: Marian Royall

Lighting Assist: Pam Foreman

Light Board Operator: Marian Royall

Spotlight Operator: Miriah Ennenga

Sound Design: Wes Hanna

Sound Board Operator: Stella Brekke

Backstage Crew: Eric Engvall, Shawna Brekke, Kyle Churyk,
Logan Creelman, Tristan Creelman, Michael Hinman, Kyle Labak,
Marcus Nash, Jared Weems

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A Christmas Story: A play in Two Acts by Phillip Grecian. Based on the motion picture A Christmas Story, 1983 Turner Entertainment Co., distributed by Warner Bros. Written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown, and Bob Clark; and on the book "In God We Trust", "All Others Pay Cash" by Jean Shepherd. **Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois**



A poster for "Kodiak Arts Council Presents XXV International Guitar Night". The poster features a collage of four photographs of musicians: a man singing and playing guitar, a man playing guitar, a woman playing guitar, and a man playing guitar. The text "KODIAK ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS" is at the top, followed by "XXV" in large, stylized letters, then "INTERNATIONAL GUITAR NIGHT" and "TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY". At the bottom, it says "JAN 18 SATURDAY 7:30 PM" and "Gerald C. Wilson Auditorium".

A red rectangular graphic with a white megaphone icon at the top left. Below the megaphone, the text "WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of this text is a white QR code. Below the QR code, the URL "https://bit.ly/KACfeedback" is written in white. At the bottom, the words "Audience Survey" are written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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