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A CHRISTMAS STORY

The Musical!

November 17 & 18,
2023 @ 7:30pm

November 19, 2023
@ 2:30pm



Book by Joseph Robinette
Music and lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

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A Christmas Story is one of those stories that has always been present throughout my life. There was never a Christmas where the film wasn't playing in the background at one point or another. While creating my vision of the story, I remembered my first viewing of the film and the pure joy and genuine laughter I shared with my family as we watched an adult narrator re-tell his childhood memory of one particular Christmas.

At face value, the show is pretty easily dismissed. It exists in our minds as a simple story of a child questing after that one special toy (in this case, a Red Ryder BB Gun). In the musical, the BB gun is still there, plus the lamp, and all of the iconic moments you remember. But at its core, this musical retelling is about a family struggling to communicate, and in the end realizing it wasn't all the stuff that was important, but each other. That focus is where this show truly finds its heart and revels in the joy found in the holiday season.

There is often so much going on in our lives that it seems impossible to live in the present without stressing about the future. It certainly feels like the world could use a bit more childlike innocence year-round and believe the unbelievable. This holiday season, I hope you share some laughs, live in the moment, and create some holiday memories that can be retold for generations to come. "May you never be too old to search the sky on Christmas Eve."

- Jerry Strain, Director

A Christmas Story, The Musical

Book by Joseph Robinette

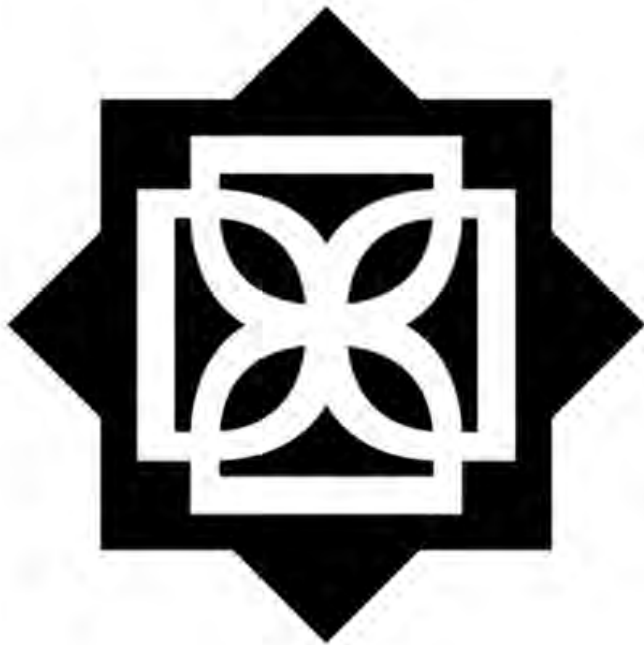
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Vermilion Festival Chorus

November 18, 2023 at 3:00 PM

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Nothin’ but the Blues

Danville Symphony Orchestra

December 2, 2023 at 7:30 PM

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49th Annual DHS Madrigal Dinner

December 5-7, 2023

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Danville High School

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 Jean Shepherd.....Paul Strain
 The Old Man.....Jordan Richey
 Mother.....Bailey Thompson
 Randy.....Marshall Gooch
 Schwartz.....Bodie Ray
 Flick.....Mason White
 Scut Farkus.....Jackson White
 Grover Dill.....Erin Cox
 Esther Jane.....Paityn Adams
 Mary Beth.....Hallie Elston
 Miss Shields.....Jeannette Cullum
 Department Store Santa.....Justin Little
 Flick's Mother.....Jeanne Dunn

Adult Ensemble:

Brooke Kuchefski, Bella Norton,
 Merrisha Bryant, Addie Earles,
 Anna Bacon, Delaney Wright,
 Justin Little, Craig Krukewitt,
 Gideon Wright

Children's Ensemble:

Alayna Little, Lizzie Pithoud,
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When You're a Wimp
Ralphie to the Rescue!
What A Mother Does
A Major Award
Parker Family Sing-along
Act 1 Finale

There will be a 15-minute intermission between the acts.

Act 2:

Sticky Situation
You'll Shoot Your Eye Out
Just Like That
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Christmas Morning
A Christmas Story

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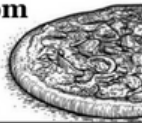
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Director: Jerry Strain

Music Director: Tyler Thompson

Choreographer: Kady Richey

Stage Manager: Nancy Keener

Set Construction: Lee Bridgman

Set Dressing: Thomas Strain, Heather Miyagi,

Suzzen Rose

Costumes: Jodi Prosser-Muller

Props: Haley Youhas

Lighting Design: Tom Fricke

Lights: Heather Miyagi

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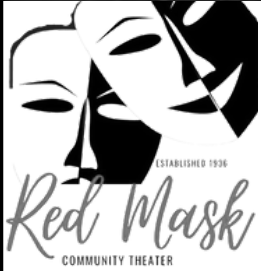
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The Cast



Jeanette Cullum (Miss Shields)
Jeannette is a PhD student at the University of Illinois studying Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology. She was last seen in DLO's production of *Seussical: The Musical* as the purple bird girl. Jeannette is excited to dust off her tap shoes this time as Miss Shields in *A Christmas Story!* Past productions include *9 to 5: The Musical*, *Oklahoma!*, *That Lovin' Feelin'*, and *Godspell*. She would like to thank her friends and family for their continued support, and you all for coming today! She hates to spoil the fun but expects that you all pay close attention to the margins...um... show. P.S., don't shoot your eye out!

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The Cast

Mason White (Flick) is in seventh grade at North Ridge Middle School, where he is involved in show choir and band. Mason has previously appeared in 6 shows. Mason has been excited for this show for over a year and hopes that you enjoy it as much as he does.



Bodie Ray (Schwartz) Bodie is excited to be in DLO's production of *A Christmas Story*. He has been in *Frozen Jr. (Olaf)*, *A Christmas Story (Ralphie)*, *Pollyanna*, *Descendants (Doug)*, *The Neverending Story*, and *The Lion King, Jr. (Pumbaa)*. Bodie wishes you all a Merry Christmas!

Erin Cox (Grover Dill) Erin is happy to be back on the DLO stage for her fifth time. She hopes this show gets you in the holiday spirit and wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas!



The Cast

Silas Van Camp (Ralphie) Silas is so excited to be a part of *A Christmas Story*! He enjoys doing theatre and has been in several productions in the area with Red Mask, Gregory's Academy, and DLO. Silas recently played Young Simba in *Lion King Jr.* Silas is a student at Salt Fork Jr. High and enjoys being on the scholastic bowl team. Silas is grateful for his family and all the directors that have helped him learn so much about theatre. He hopes everyone enjoys the show and gets the Christmas present they have been hoping for this year!



Paul Strain (Jean Shepherd) Paul has been active in the performing arts for over 40 years in just about every capacity. Having the privilege of appearing in this role, in this musical, is beyond anything he dreamed. *A Christmas Story* is of course an iconic favorite around the Strain household, and bringing life to the Narrator has been a joy. Thanks to his lovely bride Lisa for being his constant collaborator and inspiration, and to Jerry for the opportunity!

Jordan Richey (Old Man) Jordan currently serves as a Biology teacher and theatre director at Danville High School. A graduate of Southern Illinois University -- Edwardsville with a B.A. in Biological Sciences, Jordan spent his first two years of higher education at Southeastern Illinois College studying theatre. Past shows include: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame (DLO)*, *Mamma Mia! (DLO)*, *Bridges of Madison County (DLO)*, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Carousel*, *The Producers*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Sweeney Todd*, and more!



The Cast

Bailey Thompson (Mother) is grateful to return to the stage after directing *The Lion King Jr.*, *Descendants*, and *Frozen Jr.* at the Fischer Theatre the past three summers, as well as *Christmas at Granny's* last December. She has also appeared on stage with DLO this year in *Seussical* and *Ghost*. She has performed with numerous professional and community theaters, and is owner of *Party Princess Bailey* and *Spotlight Performing Arts*. On most days, she can be found raising her three young children (Gideon, Hiram, and Zuzu) and her family's many pets while coordinating her theatrical pursuits. She'd like to thank her husband, Tyler, and her parents and siblings (Williams) for their love and support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Marshall Gooch (Randy) Marshall has been singing since he could talk, and after a little coercion; he is thrilled to be joining his first DLO production. After 10 long years of life and many years of careful research of the 24-hour airings on tv during Christmas, he is fully equipped to give his adaptation of *Randy!* He couldn't be more excited! On most days, you can find him roaming the halls of Salt Fork North Elementary, playing soccer for Danville Soccer League and bothering his little sister and brother. His "breakout role" of Santa Clause in last year's Christmas program at SFN really sparked the theater bug! A big THANK YOU goes out to his mom and dad for carting him back and forth to rehearsals and being his biggest fan! He hopes you enjoy the show, and Merry Christmas!



Jackson White (Scut Farkus) is an eighth grade student at North Ridge Middle School, where he is involved in show choir and marching band. Jackson has previously appeared in 5 DLO productions.



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