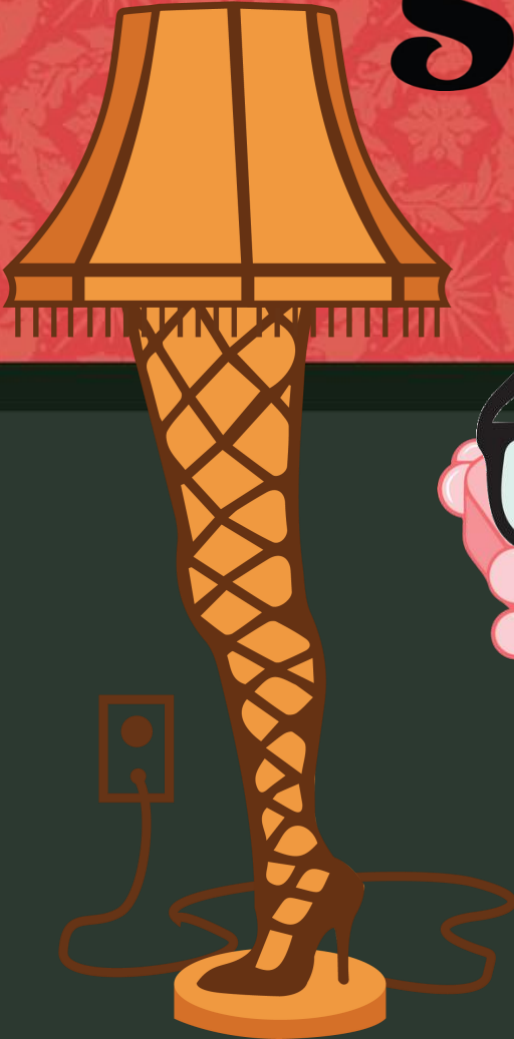


 **ACT1** THEATER

**A
CHRISTMAS
STORY**
The Musical



A Christmas Story, the Musical

Book by JOSEPH ROBINETTE

Music and lyrics by BENJ PASEK and JUSTIN PAUL

Based upon the motion picture

A Christmas Story

Distributed by Warner Bros.,

Written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark
and upon

Upon God We Trust: All Pothers Pay Cash

Written by Jean Shepherd

Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC
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Directed by

Jessica Williams

Music Directed by

Matthew Luce

Props Master

Caitlin Conneely

Costume Design

Danon Dastugue

Set Design

Randy Bampfield

Lighting and Sound Design

Murray Mann

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Musical Numbers

ACT I

Overture	Orchestra
It All Comes Down to Christmas.....	Ralphie, The Parkers and Ensemble
Red Ryder Carbine Action BB Gun.....	Ralphie and Jean
It All Comes Down to Christmas (Reprise)	Ralphie and Company
The Genius on Cleveland Street.....	The Old Man and Mother
When You're a Wimp.....	Kids
Ralphie to the Rescue.....	Ralphie, Miss Shields, The Old Man, Mother, Randy and Ensemble
What a Mother Does.....	Mother
A Major Award.....	The Old Man, Mother and Neighbors
Parker Family Singalong.....	The Parkers
Act One Finale.....	Ralphie and Ensemble

ACT II

“Entr’ Acte.....	Orchestra
Sticky Situation.....	Kids, Miss Shields, Nurse, Flick’s Mom, Fireman, Policeman and Doctor
You’ll Shoot Your Eye Out.....	Miss Shields and Kids
Just Like That	Mother
At Higbee’s.....	Elves
Up on Santa’s Lap.....	Santa, Elves, Ralphie, Randy and Kids
Before the Old Man Comes Home.....	The Parkers
Somewhere Hovering Over Indiana.....	Ralphie, Randy and Kids
Ralphie to the Rescue (Reprise)	Ralphie and Ensemble
A Christmas Story.....	The Parkers and Full Company

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Our Mission Statement:

ACT1 Theater is an all-volunteer outreach of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church that produces high-quality and entertaining theatrical experiences and drama education. ACT1 Theater welcomes people of all backgrounds to an inclusive, loving, supportive and joyful environment in keeping with Christian values. We encourage growth and development as individuals and fellowship among all participants.

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A Christmas Story, the Musical

Cast

Ralphie Parker.....	Jackson Arthur
Jean Shepherd.....	Perry McWilliams
The Old Man.....	Jonah Carney
Mother.....	Blake Leaprot
Randy Parker.....	Weston Tully
Ms. Shields.....	Kate Arthur
Ensemble.....	Hannah Auerbach
Santa/Ensemble.....	Randy Bampfield
Ensemble.....	Bill Botzong
Ensemble.....	Heidi Botzong
Kid Ensemble.....	Cade Leaprot
Ensemble.....	Emeric Leverette
Schwartz.....	Ethan Manson
Ensemble.....	Molly Petner
Kid Ensemble.....	Stella Reddy
Flick.....	Peyton Tully
Kid Ensemble.....	Lily Williams

Production Team

Director.....	Jessica Williams
Music Director.....	Matthew Luce
Choreography.....	Pamela Smith
Costume Design.....	Danon Dastugue
Props Master.....	Caitlin Conneely
Lighting and Sound Design.....	Murray Mann
Set Design.....	Randy Bampfield

Special Thanks to:

All of the Approved Volunteer Members of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church who were present to ensure the safety of the children in this show.



Become a Member Now!

By becoming a member, you will help ACT1 Theater continue to produce quality theater performances and make capital improvements to enhance the audience experience. We remain an all-volunteer program that offers free participation and is open to anyone regardless of race, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or anything else. Please consider supporting ACT1 Theater and the Arts in Alpharetta! In addition to a possible income tax deduction, you will be entitled to the benefits below based on your membership level.

- Crew Level \$20+
 - Quarterly Newsletter
 - Program acknowledgement throughout the season.

- Actor Level \$50+
 - Crew Level plus presale ticket window with reserved seats.

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- Producer Level \$250+
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Cast Bios



Jackson Arthur (Ralphie Parker): Jackson is a fifth-grader at Barnwell Elementary. This is his first performance with ACT1 Theater and his second staged show ever. When he was in second grade, he played the Woodsmen in Barnwell's production of *Happily Ever After*, and will be in Barnwell's *Peter Pan, Jr.* in March. When he is not performing, Jackson loves playing video games, soccer, and swimming.



Perry McWilliams (Jean Shepherd): Perry is excited to be making his ACT1 debut. Previous roles include Hysterium in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, Gabe in *Things my Mother Taught Me*, and Mr. Marks in *Intimate Apparel*. Perry thanks The Lord for giving him something to celebrate this and every season. He also thanks Jessica and the rest of the cast and crew for this opportunity.



Jonah Carney (The Old Man): This is Jonah's second show with ACT1 Theater. He debuted as Paul in *Big, the Musical* in 2019 and is very excited to be back on stage performing.



Blake Leaptrot (Mother): This is Blake's second show with ACT1 Theater and her first musical. She is really excited to be sharing this experience with her son, Cade, who plays Dill Grover. Blake is a proud alum of Auburn University and works as a Recruiting Manager for Southern Company. In her free time, Blake enjoys traveling and spending times with her wonderful children!



Weston Tully (Randy Parker): Weston is a six-year-old first grader at Level Creek Elementary. He loves basketball, sports, and loves to be onstage. He has three dogs named Max, Elton and Franklin. He is excited to be in this show with Randy and his sister. He has a mom that supports him and really has enjoyed being a part of this show. Thanks to all his friends and family for coming to see him.



Kate Arthur (Ms. Shields): Kate is a theatre arts teacher at Fulton Academy of Virtual Excellence and this is her first performance with ACT1 Theater. She is a choreographer, director, and performer back onstage after a ten-year hiatus to start her family. Some favorite roles include Georgia in *Curtains*, Miss Flannery in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and most importantly, mom to Jackson & Luke.



Hannah Auerbach (Ensemble): Hannah fell in love with being on stage 4 years old and has been acting since. She was most recently seen in the Georgia Ensemble Theatre Advanced Teen Ensemble's production of *Don't Mind Me* and is featured in both movie and television productions to be released in 2023. Hannah would like to thank her mom Jules, sister Abby, and her surrogate mom Jess.



Randy Bampfield (Santa/Ensemble): Randy is pleased to be returning to the ACT1 Mainstage after a bit of a hiatus. Most recently, Randy played Max in the FoCal Center's inaugural adult musical, *The Sound of Music*. His favorite roles include Herbie in *Gypsy*, Harry Bright in *Mamma Mia!*, and Callahan in *Legally Blonde*. Thank you for supporting live theater.



Bill Botzong (Ensemble): Bill has been in several productions at the Cumming Playhouse, mostly in the Orchestra section. He played in the pit orchestra for *Annie*, *A Chorus Line*, *Chicago*, and others. He also sang the role of Caiaphus in *Jesus Christ Superstar* production. Bill is delighted to be in the ACT1 production of *A Christmas Story: The Musical*. He has enjoyed working with the talented cast.



Heidi Botzong (Ensemble): Heidi is excited to be in her first show at ACT1 and excited for the cast to be her "second family" for this Christmas season. She was last seen in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Joseph...Dreamcoat*, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at STA Drama Ministry. She loves to go see plays and musicals in her spare time. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



Cade Leaptrot (Kid Ensemble): Cade is excited to perform alongside this amazing cast in his very first musical! Previously Cade was in Sawnee Ballet's *The Nutcracker* in 2021. When Cade is not acting he enjoys drawing pictures and hanging out with his friends and family. He also loves playing with his dogs, Rigby, Ruby and Ari.



Emeric Leverette (Ensemble): Emeric is a ninth grader who aspires to be a Broadway actor. He credits Flash from *Spiderman* for inspiring him to audition for this show. And he can sing higher than you think.



Ethan Manson (Schwartz): Ethan Manson is a twelve-year-old actor who recently discovered his love for the stage. In 2022, he has appeared as the Businessman in *The Little Prince*, as Old Man Jenkins in *SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical*, and as the 8 of Clubs in *House of Cards*. He is excited to work with ACT1 Theater for the first time as Schwartz in *A Christmas Story*.



Molly Petner (Ensemble): Molly is a Social Worker who enjoys baking, swing dancing, tap dancing, and singing. This is her first musical with ACT1 Theater and her second musical performance ever. Despite what you'll see on stage, Molly does in fact love Christmas and can be seen singing Christmas songs during her daily commute.



Stella Reddy (Kid Ensemble): Stella loves writing, drawing, riding her bike, is great at gymnastics, and loves cats.



Peyton Tully (Flick): ### Peyton is so excited to be participating in ACT1 Theaters performance of Christmas Story The Musical as Flick. She is in 3rd grade and loves to sing and dance, she takes tap and musical theater. When she grows up she wants to be a famous singer or actor. Her favorite part of acting is making friends. She is so excited to be in this show and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Lily Williams (Ensemble): Lily is five years old and in Kindergarten, and *A Christmas Story* is her very first show. She enjoys playing soccer, and takes ballet and tap. Lily has been coming to ACT1 rehearsals with her mom since 2018 and grew up in the wings. She has enjoyed her whole family working on this production.

Production Team Bios

Jessica Williams (Director): Jessica has been involved with theater for more than 20 years and has been working with ACT1 for 4 years. She has a BA in Theater from Converse College. *A Christmas Story* is her ACT1 directing debut. She has previously directed *The House of Bernarda Alba* and *The Three Little Pigs* among others. She has previously been seen in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Grace) at ACT1.

Matthew Luce (Music Director): Matthew Luce returns to ACT1 Theater after starring last year as Phil Davis in *White Christmas, The Musical*. After graduating with a BFA in Music Theatre from Reinhardt University, Matthew has been seen all over the metro area in shows like *Beauty & The Beast*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Little Women*, and *Into the Woods*. He teaches piano & voice lessons with Atlanta Piano Fortissimo.

Danon Dastugue (Costume Design):

Caitlin Conneely (Props Master): Caitlin spent her undergrad working in all areas of production, but her most notable positions included Scenic Designer for *Lonely Though We Love* and Stage Manager for *Heathers: The Musical* and *Godspell*. After graduating in 2018, she worked professionally in Texas as Stage Operations Crew and Deck Chief for many productions, including *Matilda*, *Titanic*, and *Newsies*.

Murray Mann (Lighting and Sound Design):

Randy Bampfield (Set Design): Randy has taken real world building experience and combined that with lots of Googling to teach himself how to build theater sets. Most recently, he designed the set for ACT1 Theater's *Harvey*.

Want Your Picture Here?

Upcoming Auditions at ACT1 Theater:

A Midsummer Night's Dream, January 23 and 25, 2023

Big Fish, February 28 and March 2, 2023

Audition information coming soon. Follow us on social media to see when we announce further details.

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Directors Note

“I want a Red Ryder Carbine Action 200 Shot Range Model Air Rifle with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time!” *A Christmas Story, the Musical* seems to be a story about what a boy wants most for Christmas but it is about so much more. It’s a story of growing up, a story of facing your fears, and a story of family. And this experience is one that has been shared among many families in our cast and crew: mothers and sons, mothers and daughters, fathers and daughters, siblings. I chose this story to tell because it holds such a special place in my heart. *A Christmas Story* is my mom’s favorite Christmas movie and one of her favorite musicals, and I have been lucky enough to have my whole family involved in sets, props, costumes, and in performance. I hope this story hits you with a bout of nostalgia tempered with the excitement of the future.



Our Partnership with the City of Alpharetta

ACT1 Theater and the City of Alpharetta formed a partnership in 2017. Working together, we have produced plays and vignettes of William Shakespeare outdoors in Wills Park, a series of songs and scenes for the City's inaugural Summer Concert Series in Brooks Street Park, and plays in the Alpharetta Arts Center intimate Black Box Theater.

We are pleased to continue this partnership during ACT1 Theater's 2022-2023 season and the City of Alpharetta's 2023 Fiscal Year. As a result of this continuing partnership, we are offering these shows.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

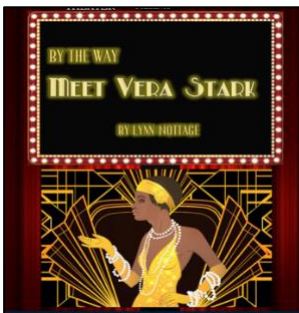
April 14-22, 20223

Fri/Sat at 8 pm

Wills Park, under the pavilion
behind the Alpharetta Community
Center



On a midsummer's night, four young lovers find themselves wrapped in the dream-like arms of an enchanted forest where sprites lurk and fairies rule. While a feuding Fairy King and Queen are at war, their paths are crossed by Bottom, Quince and their friends presenting a play within a play. Chief mischief-maker Puck is on-hand to ensure that the course of true love is anything but smooth, and games of fantasy, love and dreams ensue in Shakespeare's most beguiling comedy.



By the Way, Meet Vera Stark

February 17-26, 2023

Fri/Sat at 8 pm & Sun at 2 PM

City of Alpharetta Arts Center
Black Box Theater

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner Lynn Nottage's fast-paced, sly satire will take you on a seventy-year journey through Vera's life and the cultural climate that originally shaped her and continues today.



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APC invites you to join us this Christmas season!

Look for more 2022 Advent and Christmas activities on our website calendar:
www.alpharettapres.com/calendar

Open Arms Christmas Event

Saturday, December 3, 4 pm

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Worship and activities designed to welcome those with special needs. Contact Lara Wagner Moore, openarms@alpharettapres.com.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 11, 9:30 am

Sanctuary

Children, youth, and adults act out the nativity story with a touch of modern humor in our annual Christmas Pageant. All children are invited to participate!

Christmas Music Service

Sunday, December 18, 11 am

Sanctuary

APC's choral ensembles, handbells, and guest brass musicians share beautiful sounds of the season. A festive reception in Fellowship Hall will be held at 12 pm.



Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 18, 5 pm

Sanctuary

A special service of hope and healing for those with a heavy heart during the holidays. Cookies and conversation follow the service.



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Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

3:30 pm

Children's Service

Designed for younger children and their families—celebrate the birth of Jesus with the Christmas story. No nursery care. This service will be livestreamed.

5:00 and 7:00 pm

Candlelight Services of Lessons & Carols

These services of scripture lessons and Christmas carols include beautiful music and conclude with candlelight. Nursery care (infants—age 5) during both services. We will livestream the 5pm service.

11:00 pm

Candlelight Communion

Welcome Christmas at midnight as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and share candlelight and carols. No nursery care.



Welcome to APC

Dear ACT1 Patron,

Welcome to this performance of "A Christmas Story: the Musical!" APC is proud to host the ACT1 Theater drama ministry and support the arts in our community.

I invite you to join us for worship at 9:30 or 11 am on Sunday mornings. We are an accepting faith community that strives to meet people where they are, ask honest and challenging questions about God and the world, and grow together as a dynamic and diverse church family.

Check out APC's website, www.alpharettapres.com, to learn more about our family of faith and subscribe to our e-newsletter, "The Good News." Whether through worship, music, APC Dayschool, men's fellowship, Presbyterian Women Circles, service to neighbors in need, book club, Bible study, or mission trips, there are so many ways to build friendships and grow in faith.

Thanks again for supporting our ACT1 Theater drama ministry and enjoy the show!



Alpha-Theta Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship: 9:30 & 11:00 am
Infant/Toddler Nursery: 9:15am-12:15pm
Sunday School: 9:30 am

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