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**PITTSBURGH PUBLIC THEATER
LIGHTS UP THE HOLIDAYS WITH
*A CHRISTMAS STORY***

**The iconic story comes to hilarious life on November 30.
Extended by Popular Demand Through December 23**

November 25, 2022 • Pittsburgh, PA — Pittsburgh Public Theater is celebrating the holiday season with an all-new stage production of Philip Grecian's *A CHRISTMAS STORY*. The play will delight audiences from November 30 to December 23 at the O'Reilly Theater. Five performance were added to meet demand. Directed by Michael Berresse, the original story is based on Jean Shepherd's novel *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash* and the iconic 1983 film written by Shepherd, Leigh Brown, and Bob Clark. *A CHRISTMAS STORY* is presented by PNC, and the Production Sponsor is Richard W. Moriarty, MD.

In this timeless comedy, nine-year-old Ralphie Parker takes the audience on a hysterical, hijinks-filled avalanche of adventure filled with all the trappings of a perfect family holiday – an exploding furnace, a Little Orphan Annie decoder pin, an innocent experiment with a wet tongue on a cold lamppost, and a wild rash of theatrical fantasies not for the “fra-gee-lay” of heart. The movie has delighted audiences for more than 40 years, and the stage version is further evidence that Shepherd's account of his 1940s upbringing in the Midwest is not just a Christmas story, it's *the* Christmas story.

“Few things in life are as nostalgic and evocative as the memory of childhood holidays,” director Berresse said. “The sights and smells of a cherished home and family traditions and that one special gift we just had to have. In bringing the hilarious and much-loved classic *A CHRISTMAS STORY* to Pittsburgh Public Theater, we invite the entire family to come share in the magic of old radio shows, first crushes, and the kid that's alive and well in all of us.”

A CHRISTMAS STORY

By Philip Grecian

Directed by Michael Berresse

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

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The cast of *A Christmas Story* features Jamie Agnello as Mother, Hope M. Anthony as Miss Shields, Colin Bozick as Flick, Will Chambers as Randy, Suraya Love Collins as Ester Jane Alberry, Sebastian Madoni as Ralphie Parker, Eamonn McElfresh as Scut Farkas, Tim McGeever as The Old Man, Zora Rose as Helen Weathers, John Shepard as Adult Ralphie, and Charlie Julian Stull as Schwartz. Production Understudies include Daina Michelle Griffith, Jude Glover, Jason McCune, Adjoa Opoku-Dakwa, and Nikolai Zevchak. Mark Stys is the Production Stage Manager and the Assistant Stage Manager is Kelly Haywood.

The creative team also includes Timothy Mackabee as Scenic Designer, Venise St. Pierre as Costume Designer, Robert Aguilar as Lighting Designer, Sartje Pickett as Sound Designer, Bryce C. Cutler as Projection Designer, José Pérez IV as Fight Director, and Claire Sabatine as Assistant Director.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
Wednesdays	8:00 pm
Thursdays	2:00 (Dec 15 only) & 8:00 pm
Fridays	2:00 (Dec 23 only) 8:00 pm
Saturdays	2:00 pm (Dec 10 & 17 only) & 8:00 pm
Sundays	2:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Dec 4 & 11 only)

Please visit WWW.PPT.ORG for a complete listing of dates and times.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets start at \$32 and are available online at WWW.PPT.ORG, by phone at [412.316.1600](tel:412.316.1600) or by visiting the O'Reilly Theater Box Office. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available by contacting Jacob Punturi, Sales & Audience Development Manager, at 412.316.8200, ext. 704 or by emailing jpunturi@ppt.org.

FAMILY FUN PACK*

A **Family Fun Pack**, featuring two student tickets, two adult tickets, and four complimentary soft drink vouchers, is available for \$150 per package.

The number of tickets in each **Fun Pack** can be customized to accommodate the size of each family. Each must contain at least one student ticket, and proof of age is required for each student ticket in the **Fun Pack**.

**This promotion is not valid on Saturday evenings.*

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\$16.50 TICKETS

\$16.50 tickets are available for full-time students or anyone 26 or younger by using code HOTTIX. A valid ID is required for purchase, and the discount is available for all performances excluding Friday and Saturday evenings.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Pittsburgh Public Theater no longer requires masks to be worn while in The O'Reilly.

Any updates to the policy can be found at WWW.PPT.ORG/HEALTH

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Pittsburgh Public Theater is dedicated to serving as a true public theater to the Pittsburgh region, producing more than 120 performances each season and welcoming more than 70,000 guests through the O'Reilly Theater's doors every year. The theater is renowned for its exceptional mix of programming, featuring international classics, fresh new works, and favorite musicals. Its commitment to education and engagement initiatives is a hallmark, and includes the signature Shakespeare Monologue & Scene Contest and innovative community partnerships. The organization, under the leadership of Artistic Director Marya Sea Kaminski, celebrates its 48th season in 2022.