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MARYLAND ENSEMBLE THEATRE

A Christmas Story

**Play by Philip Grecian, based upon *A Christmas Story*,
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**Written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark,
And**

December 1 - December 23, 2017

FREDERICK, MD (X, 2017) - **Maryland Ensemble Theatre (MET)** presents, as their 20th season's holiday production, a funny and heartfelt Christmas show based on the classic 1983 movie, *A Christmas Story*. Based on stories by legendary radio humorist Jean Shepherd, this show tells the tale of young Ralphie Parker, who wants only one thing for Christmas: an official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle.

A play adapted for the stage by Philip Grecian, *A Christmas Story* features nine-year-old Ralphie Parker and his eccentric family in a slice-of-life story about a very eventful Christmas. Ralphie goes to great lengths to convince his parents that a Red Ryder BB gun is a completely appropriate Christmas gift. Though his mother warns, "You'll shoot your eye out!", Ralphie is determined to make this the best Christmas ever. "We are excited about bringing this show back to MET as it was such an audience favorite in our early years," says director **Gené Fouché**. The whole family will enjoy this hilarious, warm, and festive production.

Under the helm of Fouché, the *A Christmas Story* team includes: scenic design by **Matthew Vance**, costume design by **Cody Gilliam** and **Ken Poisson** as sound designer; **Carey Rausch** is the productions lighting designer and **Rachel Smith** is props designer.

The presenting cast includes **Kevin Cole** as adult Ralphie Parker and **Sawyer Maki** as young Ralphie. The rest of the adults in the cast are played by MET Ensemble Members: **Laura Stark** (Mother), **Tim Seltzer** (The Old Man), and **Lia Seltzer** (Miss Shields). The Kids are played by **Searlait Hoyt**, **Beau Scott**, **Natalia Alvarado**, **Grace Thomas**, **Daniel Puckett**, **Wilson Seltzer** with understudies: **Ysa Seltzer** and **Jackson Peters-Mosere**.

A Christmas Story opens on Friday, **December 1** and runs through **December 23**, every **Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.** with performances on **Thursdays, December 14th and 21st** and **Sundays December 3, 10 and 17 at 3 p.m.** Tickets continue under our special

20th Season Celebration pricing of \$20. Tickets may be purchased by phone at (301) 694-4744, online at marylandensemble.org or in person at the MET box office.

RATING/AGE APPROPRIATE/WARNINGS: Family Friendly

WHEN

Pay-what-you-will Preview on November 30
Opening Night Friday, December 1 at 8pm
Saturday, December 2 at 8pm
Sunday, December 3 at 3pm
Friday, December 8 at 8pm
Saturday, December 9 at 8pm
Sunday, December 10 at 3pm
Thursday, December 14 at 8pm
Friday, December 15 at 8pm
Saturday, December 16 at 8pm
Sunday, December 17 at 3pm
Thursday, December 21 at 8pm
Friday, December 22 at 8pm
Saturday, December 23 at 8pm

WHERE: Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

TICKET PRICES: All tickets \$20! Special pricing for local college and high school students - call for details.

BOX OFFICE: 301-694-4744 or marylandensemble.org or at the MET (Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 3pm, Friday 11am - 3pm and 1 hour before each show.)

PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR: Gené Fouché
STAGE MANAGER: Bethanie Herman
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER: Karli Cole
SET DESIGN: Matthew Vance
COSTUME DESIGN: Cody Gilliam
LIGHTING DESIGN: Carey Rausch
SOUND DESIGN: Ken Poisson
PROPS MASTER: Rachel Smith

CAST

ADULT RALPHIE PARKER: Kevin Cole
THE OLD MAN: Tim Seltzer
MOTHER: Laura Stark
YOUNG RALPHIE PARKER: Sawyer Makl
RANDY: Searlait Hoyt
MISS SHIELDS: Lia Seltzer
FLICK: Beau Scott

SCHWARTZ: Daniel Puckett

ESTHER JANE: Natalia Alvarado

HELEN: Grace Thomas

SCUT FARKUS: Wilson Seltzer

December 8th and December 16th performances will feature Jackson Peters-Mosere as FLICK and Ysa Seltzer as RANDY.

MARYLAND ENSEMBLE THEATRE MISSION: Maryland Ensemble Theatre (MET) is dedicated to the creation and production of extraordinary theatre art through the combined voices of a diverse ensemble of professional resident artists who are influential leaders in the community and visionaries in the art of theatre.