

## **New Stage Theatre Triple Dog Dares You to Come Out to *A Christmas Story, The Musical***



**JACKSON**—New Stage Theatre presents the holiday favorite *A Christmas Story, The Musical* December 2-22, 2016. Curtain times for public performances are 7:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Ticket prices are \$28.00 with discounts available for students, senior citizens and groups. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, located inside the Jane Reid Petty Theatre Center, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3531 or ordered online at [www.newstagetheatre.com](http://www.newstagetheatre.com). Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi.

Audiences will enjoy all the iconic scenes from this popular Christmas movie classic, as nine-year-old Ralphie Parker sets his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts—an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. A kooky leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a cranky department store Santa, and a triple dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the obstacles that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas dream.

“It's impossible to deny how seamlessly, sweetly, and hilariously this classic movie translates to the stage,” said Director Turner Crumbley. “From Ralphie's various fantasies involving his prized "Red Ryder Carbine-Action BB Gun" to Flick accepting the triple-dog dare and getting his tongue stuck to the flagpole, everyone's favorite iconic scenes are here. And they're so well realized. It's hard to believe the Parkers, the Bumpus Hounds, the Bunny Suit, and all these dancing Leg Lamps didn't become a part of American Musical Theatre decades ago.”

The ensemble cast includes David Spencer as Jean Shepherd (Jackson), Cannon Bosarge as Ralphie (Canton), Frances Bordlee as Mother (Lake Charles, LA), Wyatt Roberson as Randy (Jackson), Daniel Hines as The Old Man (Yorktown, VA), Collin Gray as Schwartz (Jackson), Willis Thigpen as Flick (Jackson), Joy Kate Lawson as Esther Jane (Madison), Lucie Farese as Mary Beth (Madison), Jackson Pendergrass as Scut Farkus (Brandon), and Peter Downing as Grover Dill (Jackson).

Other cast members include Marshall Robertson (Newton), Mary Frances Dean (Madison), Adrienne Tanaka (Ridgeland), Clay Nelson (Brandon), Shasa Cohran (Jackson), Faith Alford (Crystal Springs), D'Ambrah Watts (Jackson), Rachel Regan (Terry), Jake Bell (Collierville, TN), Christan McLaurine (Jackson), Chris Roebuck (Ridgeland), Jenn Harris (Flowood), Samuel McFatrige (Jackson), Keri Horn (Brandon), Michaela Bowen (Jackson), Cory Drake (Jackson), Mandy Kate Myers (Pearl), Charence Higgins (Madison), and LaSharron Purvis (Jackson). *A Christmas Story, The Musical* is directed by Turner Crumbley, music direction by Sue Bush and choreographed by Tiffany Jefferson. *Bordlee, Hines, and Spencer appear through the courtesy of the Actors' Equity Association.*



## **Special Holiday Events at New Stage Theatre During *A Christmas Story, The Musical***

**Toys for Tots:** December 2 – December 4

- We will offer \$18 tickets to those who bring a new unwrapped toy to the performances December 2-4. Customers must bring the item to the window and purchase tickets at that time. One toy per ticket. Tickets are subject to availability.
- *New Stage will continue to collect toys through December 18*

**Give the Gift of Theatre this Holiday Season!**

- Gift certificates, Mini-Flex Passes, and Education Classes make the perfect holiday gifts. Contact the box office for details.

**Assisted Listening Devices:** Available at every performance. Please call the box office to reserve a device.

**Actor Chat:** Wednesday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 21

- Stay after the show and ask questions of the cast and crew

### ***A Christmas Story, The Musical Performances:***

December 2-3, 7-10, 13, 15-17, & 20-22 at 7:30 p.m.

December 4, 11 & 18 at 2 p.m.

### **Ticket prices:**

\$28

\$22 for students/seniors/military

Group discounts are available

### **Purchase Tickets:**

601-948-3533

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