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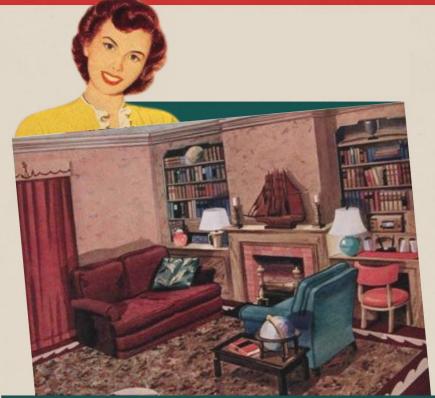
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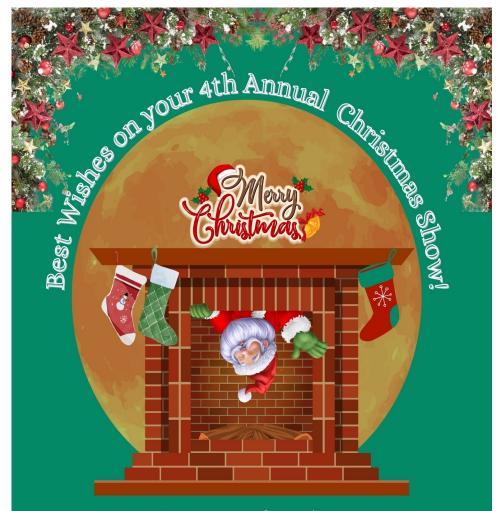


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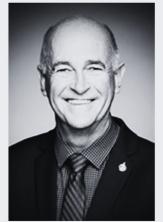
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A Christmas Story by Phillip Grecian is produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois.

Director's Note

The play version of *A Christmas Story* by Philip Grecian is an adaptation of the classic film first released in November 1983. In its 41st year, this film reflecting on life and Christmas in the Midwest seems to be experiencing its own nostalgic revival. Everywhere you look, there are leg lamps and "Oh, Fudge!" shirts and "You'll shoot your eye out" memorabilia.

As a child of the 1970s myself, I can't fully relate to Ralphie's 1940s experience. However, I think what I love most about this movie is that young Ralphie lives in a world of his imagination... to that I can relate! And I love the idea of an older Ralph remembering (and misremembering!) his childhood, like how he remembers his father's colourful language, but not the words themselves.

Our annual radio drama has become something of a tradition here at Theatre CBS, but this is my first time in the director's chair. Gord Billard who is stage managing tonight will undoubtedly be back in 2025, but I have very much enjoyed collaborating with him on this show more closely than we have worked on any other show to date. I can't believe this is only our third birthday! The little community group that can is chugging along nicely and we are very excited about our upcoming fourth season.

Reflecting on 2024, I would use two words – "youth" and "passages." We've used a record number of people under 20 this year. Youth bring excitement and enthusiasm that is infectious, and I am so grateful to our more "seasoned" cast and crew for their warmth and mentoring of our youngest stars.

In terms of passages, our company was deeply saddened by the loss of Tessa Crosbie this year. While many think of her as a "townie" the truth is that Tessa lived more of her life in C.B.S. than anywhere else. She was a force of nature, an artistic giant in this community and she was a supporter of TCBS from day one. I will remember her laughter and wry sense of humour always.

I hope you enjoy *A Christmas Story* and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Saren

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The Cast (In order of appearance)



JOHN PIUS BENNETT - Ralph

A founding member of Centre Stage Players in Avondale, John has performed on all ACC stages and elsewhere in such productions as *Let's Murder Marsha*, *High Steel* and *The Hollow*. He's worked with Beothuck Street Players, St. John's Players, among others, and his own production group, Starlight Express Theatre. He thanks Theatre CBS for inviting him back to the stage for this memorable piece



JACLYN DIMMER - Mother

Originally from Fox Cove, Jaclyn lives in CBS. She has worked with St. John's Players as well as Theatre CBS, in shows like *The Hollow, Duckish*, and *Calendar Girls*. Her more notable shows have been *Miracle on 34th Street, A Christmas Carol*, and *Ageless*. She enjoys her time working in community theatre and she hopes you enjoy the show.



JOSHUA RODGERS - Ralphie

Josh is 13 years old and loves acting. He's been in three different plays with Theatre CBS and looks up to his mom in every play he's been in. He can't wait to see where this acting journey will take him. He loves going on stage, looking at the crowd, seeing them have a good time enjoying the masterpieces we act in. He hopes you sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.



BRAD STONE - The Old Man

Brad has been acting since the early 90's but has been a fan of *A Christmas Story* since the late 80's. A few past stage performances include *Twelve Angry Men, Jack Meets the Cat, Harvey, Arsenic and Old Lace, The Best Brothers, Bedtime Stories,* and numerous trips to *The Twilight Zone*.



ZACHARY RODGERS - Randy

Zach loves acting. This is his first time. When he grows up, he wants to be an actor. When he watched his mom, he wanted to be an actor because it looked fun. He likes playing Randy. He's 8 years old. He is having so much fun playing Randy.



LANDON YOUNG - Flick

A Grade 6 student at St. George's Elementary, Landon enjoys ball hockey, bowling, playing video games, playing the clarinet in the school band and being a St. Pat's Dancer. He performed at the Provincial Drama Festival with School Zone (*Twilight Zone*, 2023) and this past winter with Theatre CBS in *Duckish*. Enjoy the show!



JAXON PETTEN - Schwartz

Jaxon is a Grade 6 student who recently took an interest in acting. With A Christmas Story being a family favourite, he knew he had to audition. Jaxon likes spending time with his family, friends and his pets, Storm and Toast, hanging at the cabin and riding his side-by-side. He is a member of the JTC corps of the Foxtrap CLB.



GERRY PANTING - Scut Farkas

17-year-old Gerald David Panting, born in St. John's, has always been fascinated by plays, musicals, film sets, and things of similar nature. This led him to picking up voice acting at the age of 15 and he was quickly hooked! He now treats every play production he's in like all his roles, with pure enthusiasm and wonder!



CAMILLE CHRISTIAN - Helen

This is Camille's second show with Theatre CBS. She is a Grade 6 student at St. George's and enjoys all things creative. You'll find her drawing, painting, creating masks and making bracelets for every occasion and every outfit. Christmas is her favourite time of year, and she wishes you all a very Merry Christmas.



SARAH SAINT-CLAIRE—Miss Shields

Sarah is a graduate of Grenfell's Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre (Acting). Notable theatre performances include: Jane in the premiere of *Duckish* (Theatre CBS), Hedda Gabler in *Hedda Gabler*, Adelaide Dupont in *Anything to Declare*, Phyllis in *Bedlam*, Alice in *Alice in Wonderland* (Grenfell Theatre), Virgilia in *Coriolanus* (Shakespeare by the Sea), *West Side Story* (Stratford Shakespeare School), *Ours, Dead Man Walking* (Opera On the Avalon).



MOLLY RYAN - Esther Jane Molly is a Grade 7 student with a passion for theatre. nurtured by her time with Courtney Fowler's isn't rehearsing for a show, you can find her playing

Performance Academy and Theatre CBS. When she basketball and soccer. Molly loves being busy and is grateful for the support of her friends and family, who are always cheering her on in everything she does.



LLOYD WHITE - Santa / Attendant / Deliveryman A retired teacher, Lloyd was involved with drama in Twillingate and Gander for over 50 years as an actor. director, stage manager, set designer and teacher. Winner of acting awards at provincial and international drama festivals, he has been a guest performer at the Gros Morne Theatre Festival and a background performer for several movies. This is his third production with Theatre CBS (The Hollow, Ageless)



CHRISTINE YOUNG – The Jingle Sisters

Christine has had many roles both on and off stage since the 1980s, including stage manager, costumer, director and actor. She has worked with School Zone Productions, Shakespeare by The Sea and this is her seventh performance with Theatre CBS. She is thrilled to be sharing this show with you.



BRENDA HYNES - The Jingle Sisters

Brenda is happy to be part of her seventh show with Theatre CBS. She's especially proud to share it with daughter, Camille. She is a background performer on Son of a Critch, Hudson & Rex, Departure, Surreal Estate and St. Pierre. Her favourite roles are Mom to Liam and Camille and Wife to Matt. She'd like to thank them for their endless support and thanks you for supporting Theatre CBS.



FRANK MALONEY - Announcer/ Lights (crew)

This is Frank's third year with the Theatre CBS light and sound crew, but his first time playing a role in the production. He thanks Bridget Russell for getting him into theatre. Outside of theatre he is a line cook at Moxie's. He is passionate about cooking and baking. He believes Theatre CBS is a wonderful theatre company, and he is honored to be a part of the team.

Wondering what your theatre group is doing in 2025?

We're planning a full season, including workshops, plays and of course our annual holiday radio drama. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, or sign-on as a contact at TheatreCBS.com for up-to-date information on what's happening at Theatre CBS!



The Crew



SUSAN BONNELL - Director

Susan is the Vice-President of Theatre CBS. This spring, she wrote and directed *Duckish*. Other directing credits include *The Best Brothers* (Playgroup Theatre, 2023) and *Barnyard Boogie* (TCBS, 2023) and *Fairytale Fun* (TCBS, 2024). Susan is looking forward to playing Erma Bombeck in *At Wit's End* for TCBS in 2025 and whatever other projects come her way!



GORD BILLARD - Stage Manager

In 2021, Gord retired from 30 years of teaching. He is co-founder of Theatre CBS and over the years, he has acted and directed with Beothuck Street Players (One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Out From Here, Blood Brothers, Simpatico, Graceland), Bill's Bad Dance (Ten Little Indians, Little Shop of Horrors), MUN Drama (Private Lives), and TNL (Waiting for Godot).



ANDREA PEDDLE - Producer / Advertising

Dabbling in theatre and performance for years Andrea is eager to be back in the wings and on the boards! She is extremely excited to be a part of this year's Christmas presentation of 'A Christmas Story' and thrilled to be working alongside the wonderfully creative, innovative, and talented cast and crew of Theatre CBS. Andrea wants to thank Susan for bringing her along for the ride.



JACQUELINE COOK - Producer / Advertising

Jacqueline, a former music teacher in CBS, studied Educational Drama in England. She participated in several amateur productions in the UK. Following a long hiatus from the stage, Jacqueline became a founding member of Theatre CBS and has appeared in *It's a Wonderful Life, The Hollow, Ageless, A Christmas Carol*, and *Duckish*.



JODIE GOODYEAR – Producer, Props, Advertising Jodie's love affair with theatre began at Richview

Collegiate Institute in Toronto. Theatre CBS contributions include marketing, props and acting (Miracle on 34th Street, Duckish: The Ghost and Fairy Stories of Tom Dawe, Fairytale Fun). She is a Board member with a deep commitment to both the creative and logistical aspects of theatre.



BRIDGET RUSSELL – Youth Coordinator
Bridget caught the entertaining bug at a young age.
Whether it's acting or stage managing, she has found various ways to be a part of many shows. For the first time, she is backstage with Theatre CBS in the role of Youth Coordinator, overseeing the young actors, two of whom she is thrilled to say are her sons.



JOHN BONNELL – Technical Director
John is an Engagement Officer with MUN Alumni
Affairs. John enjoys combining his love of music and
theatre with his professional experiences as a video
and television producer. John met his amazing wife
Susan in a theatre course at MUN, collaborating on
many great things including two adult children.



GRAHAM DILLABOUGH – Sound Design
Graham has been working with School Zone
Productions since 2013. This is his first project with
Theatre CBS. His award-winning sound design has
backed many of The Twilight Zone productions, as well
as Twelve Angry Men, Giovanni's Women, Jack Meets
the Cat, Kelly Russell's Who Knit Ya, and IWA - The
Newfoundland Loggers Strike of 1959.



KARON PEARCEY - Costumes
Karon is an avid crafter and costume maker. She has
been sewing costumes since her children were young.
This is her first production with Theatre CBS and she is
happy to be part of the team. Enjoy the show.



JENNIFER HUGHES – Front of House Coordinator Jennifer is a lifelong resident of Conception Bay South and has been active with Theatre CBS since the beginning. She has volunteered mainly behind the scenes but also performed on stage in Ageless. Her favourite role was FOH Coordinator for the premiere of Duckish in March of this year, a production she loved.

Helen Conway Ottenheimer, MHA Harbour Main



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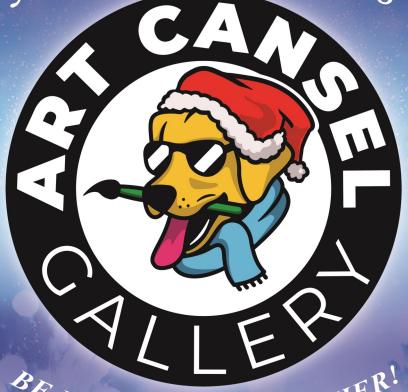


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