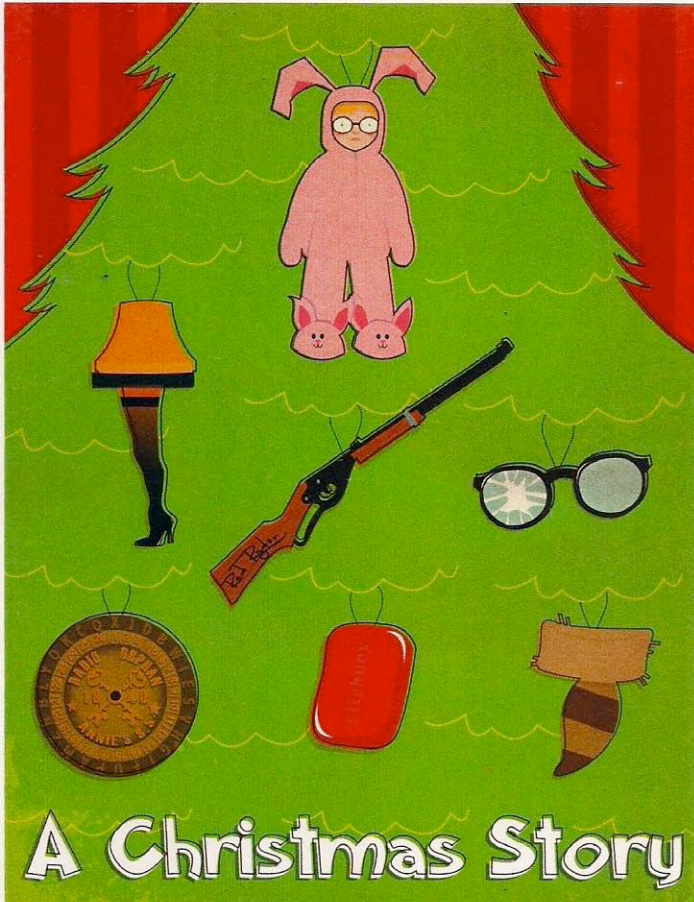


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A Christmas Story

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A CHRISTMAS STORY by Philip Grecian, Based on the Motion Picture **A Christmas Story**, © 1983 Turner Entertainment Co., Distributed by Warner Bros., Written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark; and on the Book **In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash** by Jean Shepherd

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A CHRISTMAS STORY

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I

Parker House Before Christmas
1940

INTERMISSION

Parker House At Christmas
1940

IT'S A MAJOR AWARD!
IT'S A LEG!

NOTE: The use of a fog machine will be used twice during these performances.

LOOKING FOR DIRECTORS

The Possum Point Players' Reading Committee
is accepting applications for Directors
for our 2012 Season.

If you are interested in Directing
one of our upcoming productions,
please contact the PPP Office with information.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

RalphMichael Murnin
Cowboy, Tree Lot, DeliveryColby Luzier
RalphieDanny Keenan
MotherJudy Venturini
The Old ManMike Helfrich
RandyDax Donaway
Miss ShieldsDiane Counts
FlickWill Dorey
SchwartzKyle Steele
Esther Jane AlberrySydney Gross
Helen WeathersLydia Rimmer
Scut Farkas, Black Bart, HoundLogan Waide
Desperado One/HoundWilbert Douglas
Desperado Two/HoundAlex Ferree
Store Elf One/HoundRaphael "RJ" Encarnacion
Store Elf Two/HoundOlivia Workman

Chinese Choir

Elizabeth Cataldi	Emily Ritter
Mya Donaway	Annabelle Sadler
Kelsey Mulford	McKenzie Waide
	Morgan Waide

Chinese Choir DirectorMike Williams

You'll shoot your eye out kid!

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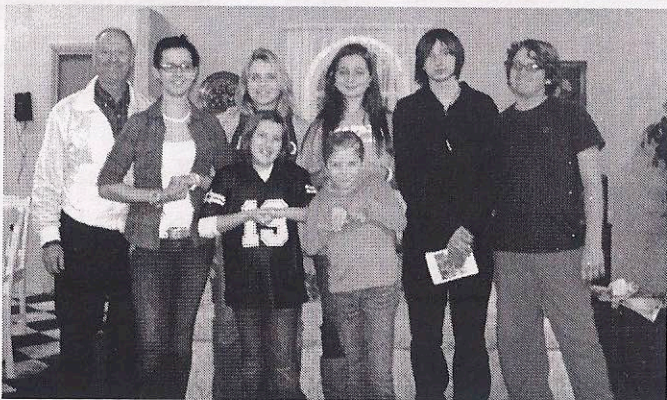
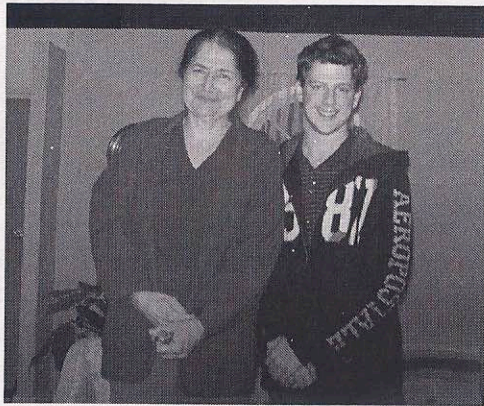
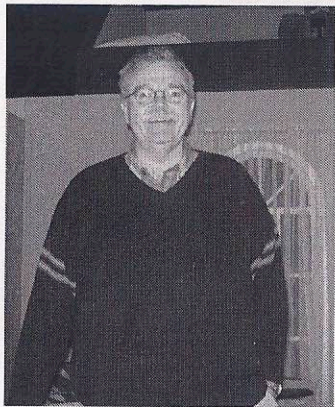
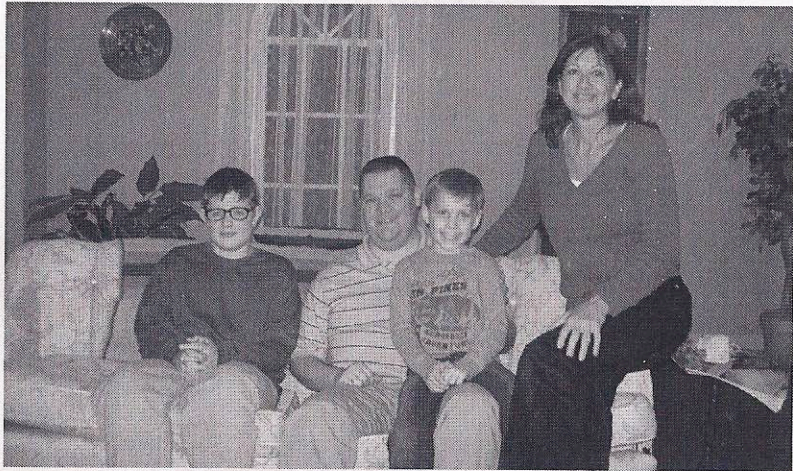
PRODUCTION CREW

Director/Santa/Radio Voice Pat Erhardt
Asst. Director Titia Halfen
Stage Managers Conor Small, Chris Reed
Lighting Jim DeBastiani
Sound Michael Phillips
Stage Crew Eryk Bluto, Alex Ferree,
Annabelle Sadler, Amy Workman
Makeup Beth Howlett, Lexi August
Props Donna Flomp, Chris Reed, Cast
Costumes Marsha Shull,
Lisa Conn, Amy Workman
Set Construction Jim Hartzell, Rob Baker,
John Bettors, Fred Dean, Pat Erhardt,
Jeff Haslow, Mike Helfrich, Bill Howlett, Kim Klabe,
Ken Jester, John LaLave, MaryAnn LaLave, Michael Murnin,
EJ Panico, Chris Reed, Conor Small, Mike Williams, John Zinzi
Program Mary Cahill
Publicity Cassandra Petersen, Jim Hartzell
Bar Nita Gary, Possum Volunteers

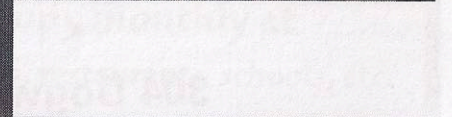
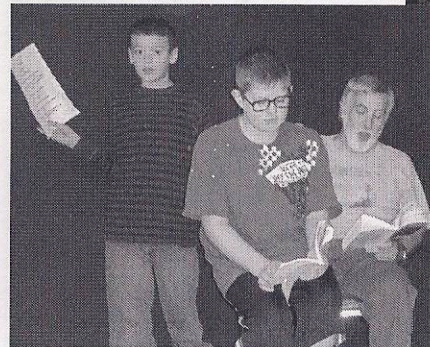
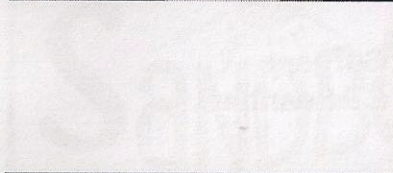
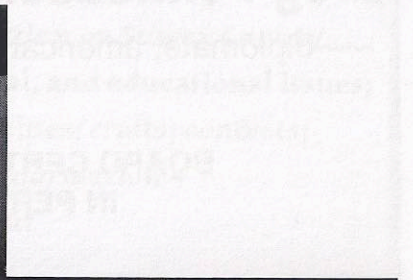
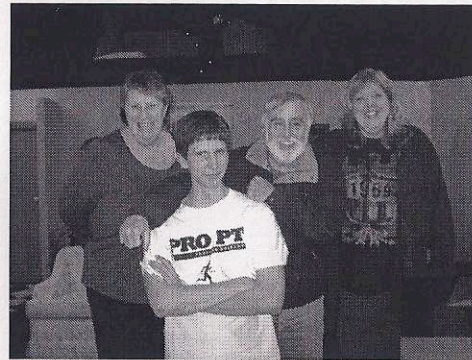
SPECIAL THANKS

LINDA'S FLEA MARKET - GREENWOOD, DE
WHEELS OF TIME - TOM PAINE - GREENWOOD, DE
DAVE'S SURPLUS - FRANKFORD, DE
STONE ANGEL REFINISHING - SEAFORD, DE
LEG LAMP COMPANY - NAPERVILLE, IL
ALL THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNGER CAST
BILL HOWLETT
DOC for Maintenance, Repairs and Decorating

MAKING



MEMORIES



WHO'S WHO IN CAST & CREW

(in alphabetical order)

Elizabeth Cataldi (*Chinese Choir*) – Elizabeth is 10 years old and attended Possum's summer Theatre Camp. She has also performed in one production. In her spare time, she enjoys cheerleading, dancing, and singing. She has three brothers, and one step sister.

Diane Counts (*Miss Shields*) – Diane works and lives (sometimes with one or another of her two grown kids) in Millsboro. Over the last 5 years has performed with PPP and Second Street Players from Mother Superior in *Sound of Music* to the Witch in *Hansel & Gretel*. It's been a pleasure with in *A Christmas Story* – almost as much fun as getting her very own legendary official, Red Rider 200 shot ...

Dax Donaway (*Randy*) – Dax is 6 years old and this is his debut performance on the Possum stage. He loves to entertain with his dancing. He feels the best part of being in *A Christmas Story* will be making the audience laugh.

Mya Donaway (*Chinese Choir*) – Mya is 9 years old. She has been in one Possum Point production before. In her spare time she loves to sing, dance and have fun. Her favorite animal is a dog. Her favorite thing about *A Christmas Story* is that she gets to meet people. Mya loves being in the Chinese Choir.

Will Dorey (*Flick*) — Will has previously been on the Possum stage in *The Last Christmas Carol* and *Around the World in 80 Days*. His hobbies include Airsoft, playing with his friend Danny, and playing Kingdom Hearts.

Will Douglas (*Desperado, Bumpus Hound*) – Will is making his Possum stage debut. However, he has auditioned for Nick (t.v. channel), Burn Notice. He has worked with model productions and his hobby is birds.

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Raphael Encarnacion, III (*Store Elf, Bumpus Hound*) – This is Raphael's debut performance on the Possum stage. In his spare time he enjoys building Lego sets and playing with his Wii. He is currently a 3rd grader at Georgetown Elementary.

Alex Ferree (*Desperado 2, Bumpus Hound*) – Alex was recently in the Possum Point theatre academy over the summer. His hobbies include singing and acting.

Sydney Gross (*Esther Jane Alberry*) – Sydney has been in many productions, including SDSA's productions of *Annie* (Orphan), *Beauty and The Beast* (Chip), *Pirates of Penzance* (Daughter), Possums' *The Last Christmas Carol* (Barbara), and *James and the Giant Peach* (Reporter) and summer theatre camp. Sydney has taken seven years of dance Masters of Movement.

Mike Helfrich (*The Old Man*)- This is Mike's second production at Possum Point Players. His first was *The Rainmaker* (Dep. File). He was last seen as Warren in *Moon Over the Brewery* at Milton Theater. He has also been on stage and also behind the scenes with Port Toballo Players and Hard Bargain Players which are both in Maryland. He works as an Educational IT specialist at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School.

Danny Keenan (*Ralphie*)- Danny has been in many shows, including *Pirates of Penzance*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, and *James and the Giant Peach*. In his spare time, he enjoys playing Kingdom Hearts with his friend Will.

Colby Luzier (*Tree Guy/ Deliver Guy/ Cowboy*) This is Colby's second show at Possum Point. His first show was *Urinetown* where he played Billy Boy Bill. He has also performed with Sussex Central's Take II Drama Club. Colby currently attends Del Tech with a major in Biotechnology.

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Kelsey Mulford (*Chinese Choir*)—Kelsey is making her theatre and Possum Point Players debut with this show. She is in 8th grade and attends Laurel Middle School where she sings in the Chorus. She hopes to one day have you see her performing on Broadway.

Michael J. Murnin (*Ralph*) – Recently relocated to Delaware from New York City, where he acted and directed for On Wheels Productions, The Theatre Company, Broadway Arts Theatre for Young Audiences, The Roundabout Theatre Ensemble, Playwrights Horizons, Picture This, and the Westside Repertory Theatre, where he served as Artistic Director. Michael received the Jean Dalrymple award for best Off-Broadway director for the play, *Scrapbooks*. He fondly remembers a childhood Christmas in Portland, Oregon, where his mom repeatedly told him a BB gun would shoot his eye out. This is the first of what he hopes will be many production at Possums.

Lydia Rimmer (*Helen Weathers*) — Lydia is in the 5th grade at Southern Delaware School of the Arts where she performed in *Honk, Annie, and Beauty and the Beast*. She enjoys swimming and listening to music, especially on her ipod.

Emily Ritter (*Chinese Choir*) – Emily is in the 8th grade at Southern Delaware School of the Arts. She was last seen on the Possum stage this past summer in our PJ production of *Around the World In 80 Days*. She loves to act and enjoys baking.

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Kyle Steele (*Schwartz*) – Kyle attends Sussex Academy of the Arts and Sciences as a 7th grader. He is involved in the Possum Point theater camps. Kyle loves to sing, dance, act, and swim. He is on the Ennis Otters and has been swimming for three seasons. One day he hopes to be a performer on Broadway or a lawyer.

Logan Waide (*Scut, Black Bart, Hound*) – Logan was most recently seen in *The Last Christmas Carol*. Logan's hobbies include coin collecting and he is good at making friends.

Morgan Waide (*Chinese Choir*) – Morgan was most recently in *The Last Christmas Carol* along with her sister. She has attended Possums' summer theatre academies.

McKenzie Waide (*Chinese Choir*) – This is McKenzie's second production at Possum Point. She was most recently in *The Last Christmas Carol*. She has also been in the Possum Point summer camp. In her spare time she enjoys dancing and gymnastics. She is currently in the 6th grade at Selbyville Middle School.

Mike Williams (*Director Chinese Choir*)—Mike was last seen on the Possum stage in *Urinetown, A Christmas Carol, and Pirates of Penzance*. He is the Pastor at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church and can be seen at Walmart ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

Olivia Workman (*Store Elf, Bumpus Hound*) – Olivia is currently a 4th grader, and she has attended Possum Point Summer camp in 2010. She is an American Girl Model. In her spare time she enjoys singing, running, and traveling.

OH FUUUUUUUUUUDGE!!!!!!
HERE COMES THE LIFEBOUY

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Judy Venturini (Mother) – Judy has started her own tradition – participating in Possum's Christmas show! She was last seen as Max Plimsoll in PPP's *The Last Christmas Carol*, and is very happy to be working under Pat's direction again, and sharing the stage with many of the same cast members. She wishes everyone a happy holiday season, with a caution: BB guns are dangerous! You could shoot your eye out!

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Pat Erhardt (Director, Santa, Radio Voice) – Pat has been actively involved in local community theatre since 1991. He has performed in musicals, comedies, dramas with Possum Point Players, Milford's Second Street Players, Kent County Theatre Guild and Keys Players in New Jersey. He has also directed ten productions for local community theatre groups. *A Christmas Story* is one of his favorites as he can remember going to Higbee's at Christmas to see "Santa, Santa" Enjoy the show!

Titia Halfen (Asst. Director) – Titia has been active in the theatre since she played Mrs. Gibbs in *Our Town* in high school. She has worked at Possums on 3 plays in the past 3 years. She met Pat when they worked together on *Dracula* and was his assistant director for *Funny Money*. She codirected with Tommye Staley *A Love Affair* and now has the pleasure of working with Pat again. Possums is a wonderful theatre to work for and she looks forward to working here again. Titia lives at Prime Hook Beach with her little doggie Dixie.