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**A CHRISTMAS STORY**

BY PHILIP GRECIAN

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***A Christmas Story Cast***  
**In Order of Appearance**

Ralph	Al Price
Mother	Alexis Beyer
Randy	Blake Sauer*
Schwartz	Grant Guiter*
Flick	David Tillinghast*
Helen Weathers	Sadie Tillinghast*
Esther Jane Alberry	Eleanor Lawler*
Ralphie	Hudson Pulver*
The Old Man	Troy Gould
Scut Farcus	Will Harms
Miss Shields	Corinn Brush
	* ACT Debut

Time: Christmas Past & Present

Setting: Hohman, Indiana

ACT I

Parker home, various locations in the town of Hohman,  
schoolhouse

ACT II

Parker home, various locations in the town of Hohman,  
schoolhouse

There will be a 15-minute intermission between acts.

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and/or visual recordings of this production is strictly  
prohibited under copyright law.

## Production Team

Director	Cheryl Clark
Assistant Director	Becky Plager Harden
Producer	Matt Tuttle
Set Design	Cheryl Clark
Set Construction	Doug Moon, Matt Tuttle
Set Painting	Cheryl Clark
Light Designers	Corinn Brush, Matt Tuttle
Light Technician	Riley Devick
Sound Designer	Matt Tuttle
Sound Technician	Dagen Peacock
Costumes	Cheryl Clark
Props	Cheryl Clark, Becky Plager Harden
Program	Lynn Arterburn
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## Biographies



**Alexis Beyer** (Mother) has previously appeared on the ACT stage in *Francine's Will*, *Adams' Eve*, and *The Registers* and has performed in *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* at the Des Moines Playhouse. She and her husband, Bryan, have a 3-year-old daughter, Olivia, a dog, and two cats. Alexis enjoys binge watching Netflix, gaming, playing with Olivia, dancing, and cooking/baking. She works as a personal banker at Two Rivers Bank & Trust.



**Corinn Brush** (Miss Shields) has appeared in ACT's *Mom's Gift*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Dinner by Eight*, *Dead by Nine*. She played Vera in *The Odd Couple* (female version) in high school. Corinn directed *Hide and Seek* in high school. Hobbies include camping, hiking, anything water related, watching Netflix, and spending time with family. Corinn works for the Johnston School District.



**Troy Gould** (Old Man) states his favorite shows at ACT include *Twelve Angry Jurors*, *Deathtrap*, and *Mom's Gift*. He has appeared at Newton Community Theatre in *A Few Good Men* and *It's a Wonderful Life*. Troy has been married for 26 years to Lisa and they have two children. He works as CFO at Serve Credit Union and in his spare time, he enjoys movies, disc golf, video games, and NFL football. Troy is SO PUMPED to play such an iconic role!



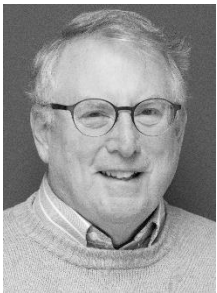
**Grant Guiter** (Schwartz) played his favorite role as Gus in *The Villian*, one of four musicals he performed with Curtain Call Kids. He likes to entertain his mom, dad, and three sisters with jokes, dancing, and singing. Grant is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Summit Middle School in Johnston.



**Will Harms** (Farcus) has performed at ACT in *Christmas Chaos*, *Honk!*, and *The Elevator Family*. Will loves all things tech, planes, golf, spending time with family and friends, and of course, acting! He is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Parkview Middle School in Ankeny.



**Eleanor Lawler** (Esther Jane) has stage credits that include Story Theatre Company's *Briefs Interviews with Internet Cats*. She has a black belt in Taekwondo, likes reading, Dungeons & Dragons, and animals (she has six pets!). Eleanor is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Ballard.



**Al Price** (Ralph) has been acting at ACT since 1982 and has appeared in many productions. Some of his favorite shows are *Oklahoma*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *Don't Drink the Water*, and *Our Town*. When not acting, he likes to golf, read, and watch sports. Al and his wife have three children and five grandchildren and every one of them has appeared in ACT productions. Al wants to thank his wife for her support!



**Hudson Pulver** (Ralphie) is making his first appearance at ACT. He likes skateboarding, biking, reading, acting, math, planes, cars, and music. Hudson is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Bergman Academy in Des Moines and lives in Des Moines with his parents and sister.



**Blake Sauer** (Randy) is making his stage debut with this role! He likes sports, music/rapping, and making videos. Blake is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Crocker Elementary and has a brother, Braden. He weighed two pounds at birth and spent his first two months in the hospital.



**David Tillinghast** (Flick) is appearing for his very first time on stage. He is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Urbandale Middle School and likes all sports, choir, band (where he plays percussion), and math. David's parents are Sarai and David Jr. and his sister is Sadie (who plays Helen in this show).



**Sadie Tillinghast** (Helen) is also making her acting debut! She is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Rolling Green Elementary School and loves animals, being silly, and playing guitar. Sadie lives with her mom, Sarai, her dad, David Jr., and her brother, David III (who is also in this play!)



**Cheryl Clark** (Director) has nearly 50 years of theatre experience which includes directing (most recently *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Honk!* at ACT), acting (recent roles of Anne Marie in Iowa Stage Theatre Company's *A Doll's House Part 2*, Mrs. Winslow in Tallgrass Theatre's *Stop Kiss*, and Goose in The Des Moines Playhouse's *Charlotte's Web*), and costume designing (all 6 Mainstage shows at ACT last season as well as *Mary Poppins Jr* at CAP in Altoona). She is president-elect on the Board of Directors for ACT, Events Chair on the Iowa Community Theatre Association's Board of Directors and is a nationally trained & certified Adjudicator. Cheryl is employed by ISU Extension & Outreach, lives in Des Moines with her husband, Max, and has three daughters and four grandchildren.



**Becky Plager Harden** (Assistant Director) has been involved with ACT 20+ years. She has played many characters, directed and produced, served as backstage manager, operated lights, and much more. Becky recently ended her second term on ACT board and is excited about the changes taking place to help this be a community theater our patrons can be proud of. ACT is another family to her. She is excited to be working with such an experienced director and lovely person. Becky was recently married to Van Harden and has moved to Adel to star in a new role in their lives together.

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