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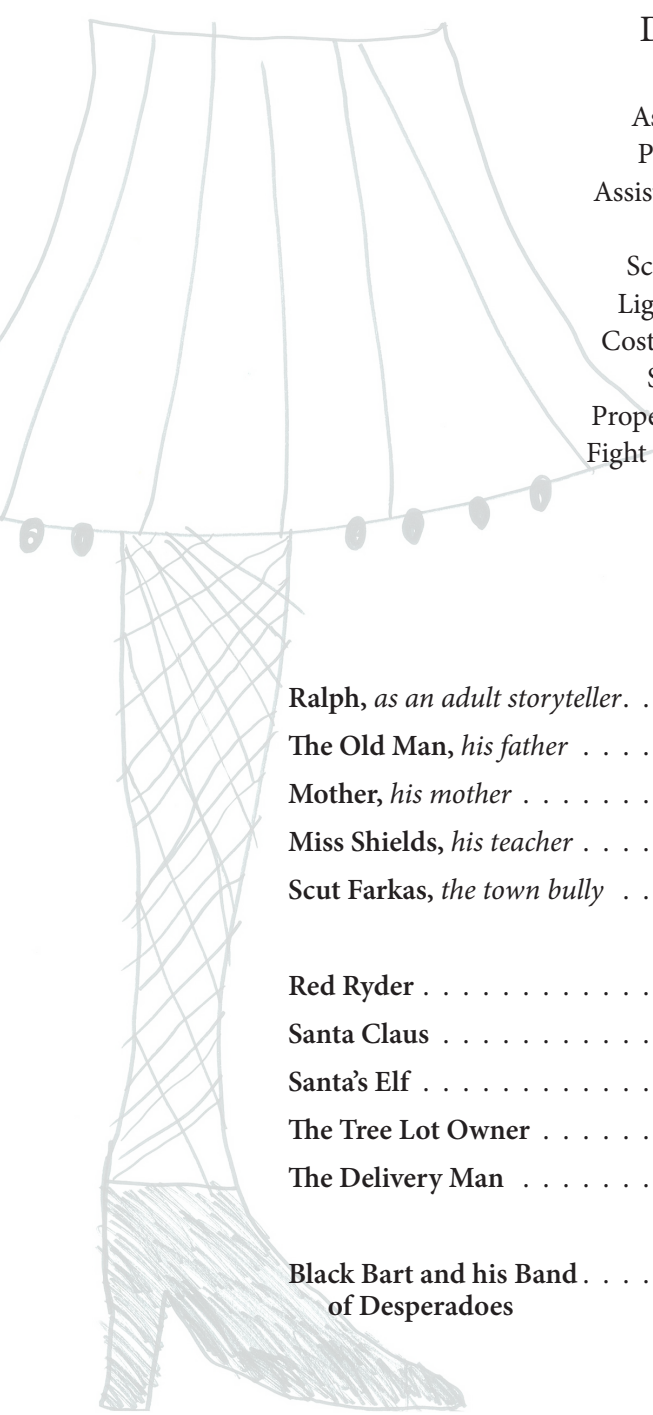
Directed by Laura Jones

Assistant Director Willa Bograd
Production Stage Manager, KC
Assistant Stage Manager Amy Garland

Scenic Design by Susan Crabtree
Lighting Design by Price Johnston
Costume Design by Siobhan Gleason
Sound Design by David Culp
Properties Design by Brittany Lealman
Fight Choreography by Bryan Connolly

THE CAST

Ralph, <i>as an adult storyteller</i>	James Burns
The Old Man, <i>his father</i>	Tim Werth
Mother, <i>his mother</i>	Annie Booth
Miss Shields, <i>his teacher</i>	Jasmine Winfrey
Scut Farkas, <i>the town bully</i>	Sean O'Reilly
Red Ryder	Andrew Killion
Santa Claus	Bryan Connolly
Santa's Elf	Bailee Baxter
The Tree Lot Owner	Annie Marshall
The Delivery Man	Bryan Connolly
Black Bart and his Band of Desperadoes	Sean O'Reilly, Bailee Baxter Bryan Connolly, Annie Marshall



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GREEN CAST

performs November 15, 16, 17, 29, 30
December 1, 2, 14, 16

Ralphie Nate Wozniak
Sandy Rena Dalrymple
Schwartz Austin Hand
Flick Lucas Feuer
Esther Jane Alberry Morgan Coombes
Helen Weathers Cricket Elder
Grover Dill Ben Braiman
Becky Simonson Carlynn Rockwell
Sissy Kissel Tannis Downing

RED CAST

performs November 18, 23, 24, 25
December 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15

Ralphie Andrew Nosler
Sandy Murphy Berglund
Schwartz Parker Bennett
Flick Zachary Rawlins
Esther Jane Alberry Theresa Zugish
Helen Weathers Cecelia Webber
Grover Dill Ian Draves
Becky Simonson Jordan Stansloski
Junior Kissel Bradon Loyd

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Wicked Witch Jasmine Winfrey
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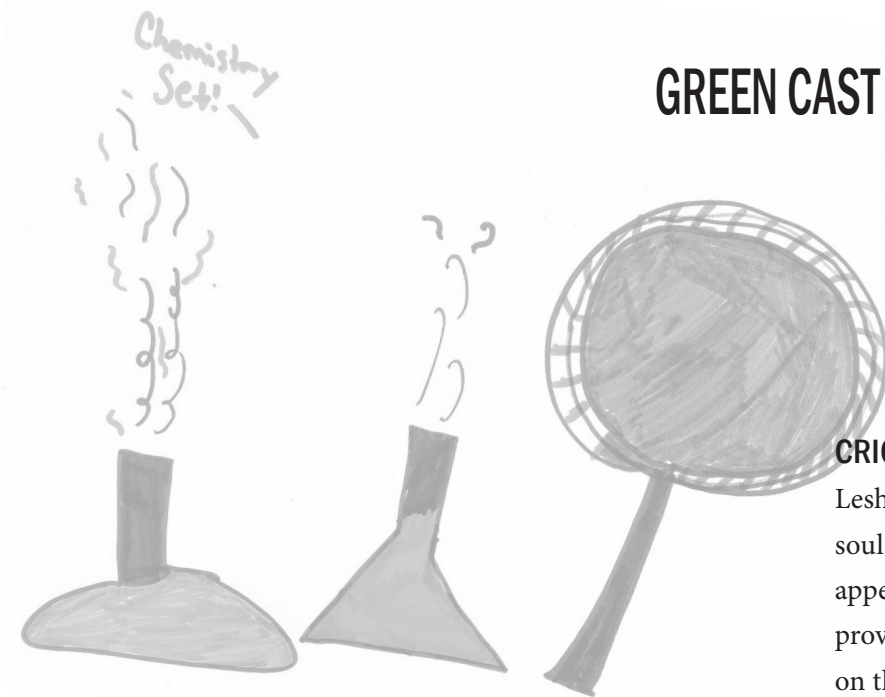
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GREEN CAST BIO's



CRICKET ELDER (*Helen Weathers*) is a seventh grader at Leshler Middle School. She has performed with the Missoula Childrens Theatre and *Kids Do It All*, where she last appeared in *You've Been Zombified!* An accomplished improviser and member of honor choir, Cricket is also active on the speech and debate team.

BEN BRAIMAN (*Grover Dill*) is a fourth-grader at Bethke Elementary. Ben plays the piano and wants to be an astrophysicist. His Odyssey of the Mind team qualified as world finalists at Iowa State University. Last summer he played Detective Nice in *The Itty Bitty Mystery* during *Kids Do It All*. His favorite Christmas story is *Elf*.

LUCAS FEUER (*Flick*) is a sixth-grader at Preston Middle School. Lucas' family also celebrates Chanukah, and his favorite seasonal story is *It's Christmas, Charlie Brown!* Lucas has a red belt in karate and plays the piano. He has performed in school plays, choir, and *Kids Do It All*. He wants to "go pro" as a music theatre performer.

MORGAN COOMBES (*Esther Jane Alberry*) is a fifth-grader at Shepardson Elementary. Morgan has an older brother and her favorite Christmas present ever was an electric scooter. A two-year veteran of *Kids Do It All*, Morgan plays electric guitar and wants to become a professional actor. She would like to thank her grandmother.

AUSTIN HAND (*Schwartz*) is a sixth-grader at Preston Middle School. Austin sings, plays percussion, and is adept at Tae Kwon Do. He has performed in school plays and has participated in *Kids Do It All*. He plans to pursue a career in musical theatre and his favorite Christmas present ever was a combination pogo stick and stilts.

RENA DALRYMPLE (*Sandy*) is a third-grader at Harris Elementary. She has been performing in *KDIA* for two summers, most recently as The Pirate King. She wants to come to CSU and major in Theatre. As the youngest of three, she is experienced at playing a little sister. Rena is an excellent skier and loves her dogs.

CARLYNN ROCKWELL (*Becky Simonson*) is a sixth grader at Polaris Elementary. Her best Christmas present ever was a bunny, and her favorite story is *The Grinch*. Carly loves to sing. In addition to *Kids Do It All*, she attended *Highlands Music Theatre Camp* last summer. She also has performed with the *Missoula Children's Theatre*.

TANNIS DOWNING (*Sissy Kissel*) is a sixth grader at Cache la Poudre Middle School. She sings in the honor choir and wants to be a teacher, an actor, or a singer when she grows up. Her favorite Christmas present was a cellphone with a paid-for-plan. Her favorite holiday story is *A Christmas Story(!)* and she wants to thank her sister.

NATE WOZNIAK (*Ralphie*) is a fifth grader at Johnson Elementary. Nate plays the piano and is working on mastering all of John Williams' scores. He wants to be a film director when he grows up, and his favorite Christmas story is *A Muppet Christmas Carol*. He has performed in *Kids Do It All* for the past two summers.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

As a child I remember visiting my grandparents in Terre Haute, Indiana, and listening to the radio in lieu of a bed-time story. My favorite comedy show was *Fibber McGee and Molly* broadcast live from Station WMAQ in Chicago. Many a night, I fell asleep still laughing at the cacophonous sound of the contents of Fibber McGee's closet falling to the floor.

Not until I was much older did I learn to appreciate Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion* and the monologues of Spalding Gray. Nevertheless, I can imagine the joy of hearing Jean Shepherd share his humorous tales of the intrigue and angst of growing up in Hammond, Indiana. A comic genius who bridged the gap between James Thurber and David Sedaris, his most popular and well-known work was the film *A Christmas Story* (1983) which he co-wrote and narrated. The basis of the stories told in this traditional holiday classic are collected in his bestseller *In God We Trust / All Others Pay Cash*, a title indicative of his finely honed sense of nostalgic innocence and universal irony.

We hope you enjoy our staged rendition of *A Christmas Story*, and I would like to take this space in the program to thank all the CSU student teacher/directors enrolled in my course "Teaching Creative Drama for Children," who conducted a series of ten after-school workshops for our eighteen child performers and who have performed the most challenging roles of all as the designated "kid wranglers" during our rehearsal process. Their enthusiasm and energy for children's theatre has inspired and invigorated me, and we could not have accomplished such incredible feats without their constant diligence to the cause.

Laura Jones, Director



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RED CAST BIO'S

PARKER BENNETT (*Schwartz*) Parker is a sixth-grader at Preston Middle School. Parker plans to be a movie director. He performs in choir and school plays, and he last appeared on the CSU stage as King George in *Kids Do It All*. His favorite Christmas story is *Rudolph* and his best Christmas present ever was a Nintendo DS.

MURPHY BERGLUND (*Sandy*) is a fourth-grader at Harris Elementary where she participates in the Gifted and Talented Program in both reading and math. She likes cooking and baking, and has recently expressed an interest in gymnastics. After two summers of *Kids Do It All*, she has decided she wants to be an actor or an artist.

IAN DRAVES (*Grover Dill*) is a fourth-grader at Bennett Elementary. He plays sports and piano, and he performed in last summer's *Kids Do It All*. Ian wants to be an engineer when he grows up, and his best Christmas present ever was a golden retriever. His favorite thing about being in the show is because it's fun.

BRADON LOYD (*Junior Kissel*) is a third-grader at Harris Elementary. He loves soccer and math, aspires to be a scientist, and his favorite Christmas story is *The Muppet's Christmas Carol*. He played Tiny Tim in La-De-Da's production of the Dicken's classic and he would like to thank his acting teacher.

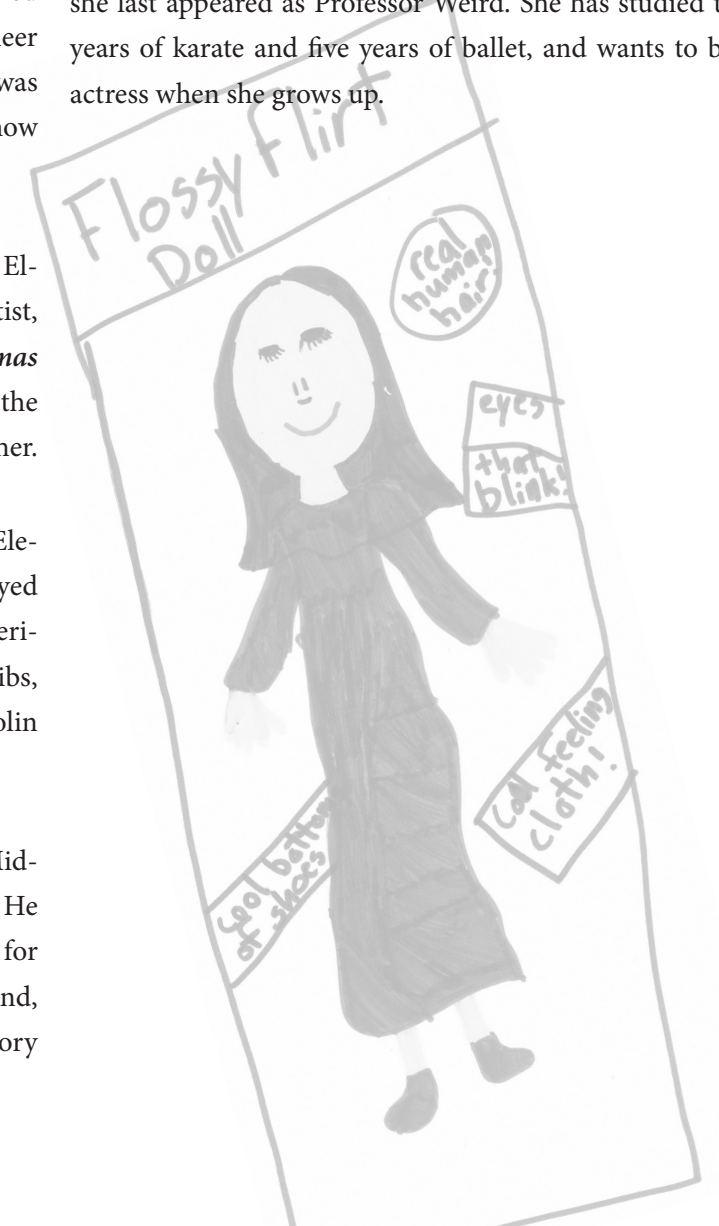
ANDREW NOSLER (*Ralphie*) is a fifth-grader at Laurel Elementary. A veteran of last summer's *Kids Do It All*, he played Professor Crazy in *The Great Train Robbery*. Andy is experienced in the role of older brother, having two younger sibs, and he plans a career in the sciences. He plays the mandolin and loves to fish and ski.

ZACHARY RAWLINS (*Flick*) is a sixth-grader at Webber Middle School. Zack plays football, baseball and basketball. He wants to be an NFL kicker. He has participated in KDIA for two summers and in his third year of Odyssey of the Mind, his team went to the State Championships! His favorite story is *The Year Without a Christmas*.

JORDAN STANSLOSKI (*Becky Simonson*) is a third-grader at Werner Elementary. Jordan likes to act, sing, and dance and wants to do all three when she grows up. An alum of *Kids Do It All*, the last role she played was the Princess Sister of a Musketeer. Her favorite Christmas ever was when she got a puppy.

CECELIA WEBBER (*Helen Weathers*) is a fifth-grader at Ridgeview Classical School. Cece loves to sing and she wants to be a doctor when she grows up. She would like to thank her Grandma Jeanne and she is proud of the fact that both her parents are CSU graduates. She has seven siblings and *A Christmas Story* is one of their favorites.

THERESA ZUGISH (*Esther Jane Alberry*) is a fifth-grader who is home-schooled through the Poudre Global Academy. Theresa has participated for two years in *Kids Do It All* where she last appeared as Professor Weird. She has studied three years of karate and five years of ballet, and wants to be an actress when she grows up.



BIO's

ANN ALLMAN (*Understudy*) is a junior theatre major from Fort Collins who transferred last year from Front Range Community College, where she appeared as Dorothy in *The Royal Wedding of Oz*. Ann is a proud member of the CSU Marching Band Color Guard. She will perform the role of the teacher Miss Shields in the December 9th matinee production of *A Christmas Story*.

BAILEE BAXTER (*Elf, Cowardly Lion, Desperado*) is a junior theatre major from Pine, Colorado. She most recently appeared as Echo in Bas Bleu Theatre Company's production of *The Love of the Nightingale*. Her favorite Christmas story is *The Santa Clause* and her best Christmas present ever was PlayStation 3. She plans to continue her pursuit of an acting career.

ANNIE BOOTH (*Ralphie's Mother*) is a sophomore liberal arts major and theatre minor from Parker, Colorado. She first appeared onstage at CSU last spring in the One-Act Play Festival as Dr. Elizabeth Prince in *Two Against the Gods*. She wants to be a Disney Princess when she grows up, and she loves both working with all the kids and hating the leg lamp every night.

JAMES BURNS (*Adult Ralph*) graduated in 1997 with a theatre major from CSU. In 2011 he and his wife Jessica and daughter Scarlett moved back to Colorado from New York City where he worked for the Museum of Modern Art. His favorite roles at CSU include Betty/Jerry in *Cloud Nine*, Hamm in *Endgame* and Vladimir in *Waiting for Godot*. He most recently played Jason Posner, M.D., in OpenStage's anniversary production of *Wit*, and he will be playing the role of Mrs. Alving's son Oswald in Bas Bleu Theatre Company's spring production of *Ghosts*.

BRYAN CONNOLLY (*Santa Claus, The Delivery Man, Desperado and Tin Man*) plans to graduate with a theatre degree from CSU in the spring. A native of Boulder, he has played featured roles in Summer Shakespeare at Sunset including Cosmo in *Two Gentlemen of Verona* and Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*. His favorite Christmas presents were five Renegade Juggling Clubs.

ANDREW (ANDY) KILLION (*Red Ryder, Scarecrow*) is a senior theatre major who transferred last year from Laramie County Community College located in his hometown of Laramie, Wyoming. He aspires to be a professional lighting designer, and he last appeared onstage as Cpt. Whittaker in *A Few Good Men*. His favorite Christmas story is *The Cricket in Times Square*.

ANNIE MARSHALL (*Dorothy, Tree Lot Owner, Desperado*) is a junior theatre major from Venice Beach, California. She appeared as Annie in *Little Orphan Annie* at The Stage Door Theatre in 2010. Her favorite Christmas story is *The Polar Bear Express*, and her best Christmas present ever was a car. Annie plans to pursue a professional career in the entertainment industry.

SEAN O'REILLY (*Skut Farkas, Black Bart*) is a sophomore theatre major from Centennial, Colorado. His most memorable role to date was Jimmy in *The Gingerbread Lady* at Cherry Creek High School. Sean aspires to continue acting in any manner possible. His favorite Christmas story is *The Gift of the Magi* and his favorite gift? My Nintendo Game Cube!

TIM WERTH (*The Old Man, Ralphie's Father*) is a junior from Littleton, Colorado, who is pursuing a double major in theatre and economics. He appeared last year as an educated ape in *The Kafka Project* and as a self-righteous drill sergeant in *A Few Good Men*. Tim loves to improvise and his favorite gift ever was puppies wrapped in bows/bows wrapped in puppies.

JASMINE WINFREY (*Miss Shields, Ralphie's Teacher*) is a freshman theatre major, originally from Sugarland, Texas. Her last role was Mrs. Drudge in *The Real Inspector Hound* at Mountain Vista High School. Her favorite Christmas story is *Miracle on 34th Street* and her best present ever was a digital camera. She plans to become a translator, a broadcaster or an actress.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Producing Technical Director Cory Seymour **Wardrobe Head/Child Wrangler** Katie Kramer

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Costume Shop Supervisor Janelle Sutton **Events Manager** Peter Muller

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TECHNICAL CREW

Electrician Crew . . Melanie Augenstein, Payton Bailey, Analie Foland, Trevor Grattan, Andrew McIntyre, Sean O'Reilly, David Tyler, Haley Romarine, Chris Rosales, Sarah Taylor, Laurel Wiley

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Carpenters Bryan Connolly, Beka Davis, Cara Doyle, Keili Elliott, Trevor Grattan, Seth Klusmire, Zachary Krenytzky, Case McIntyre, Dylan Moran, Brenna Otts, Mac Trowbridge, Meredith Voyles

Wardrobe Crew Jessica Alvis, Kayla Banks, Tim Russell

Costume Construction Crew Ann Allman, Jessica Alvis, Taylor Aguliar, Devin Anders, Tori Green, Averie Floyd, Ashlyn Freestone, Alli King, Katie Kramer, Julie Lynam, Sophia Guerrero-Murphy, Annie Marshall, Karl Perry, Breona Prentice-Griffin, Bonnie Prewitt, Haile Romero

Running Crew
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Spot Op Brenna Otts
Stage Deck Dylan Moran, Seth Klusmire, Jake Knowles, Tim Russell

CSU STUDENT TEACHERS/DIRECTORS

Ann Allman	Bryan Connolly	Nichole Killion
Jessica Alvis	Matt Dishman	Allison King
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