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**The Portland Players Presents *A Christmas Story: The Musical*
December 1-17, 2017**

(SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine)- The Portland Players presents the new holiday classic, *A Christmas Story: The Musical* December 1-17, 2017.

Back on the Portland Players stage by popular demand and based upon the 1983 movie, *A Christmas Story: The Musical* features a book by Joseph Robinette and music and lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, Tony Award Winners for *Dear Evan Hanson*. The familiar story follows Ralphie Parker in his quest to find the perfect gift under his Christmas tree- a Red Ryder Carbine Action BB Gun (with a compass in the stock and this *thing* that tells time.)

Directed by Janie Downey Maxwell, with music direction by Evan Cuddy, and choreography by Victoria Perreault, the Portland Players production features some exciting new talent, including Truman Bubblo and Declan Kelley who share the role of Ralphie and L. John VanNorden as the narrator, Jean Shepard. The production also features Portland Players regulars Adam Gary Normand as The Old Man, Erin Marengi as Mother, and Caryn Wintle as Miss Shields. The cast of 24 is rounded out by several adults and 12 additional children- many of whom are making their Portland Players debut.

This fun and family friendly production is truly a family affair! The cast and crew includes several families working together: Truman Bubblo as Ralphie and his dad, Keith, as Santa; Ryan Phipps as Randy and his mom, Julie, as Assistant Costume Designer; Caryn Wintle as Miss Shields, her son Rylan, as a Bumpus Hound, and her mother Cindy Blanchard as the Bumpus Hound Costumer; plus the countless other family members who lend their support to the cast and crew to make this a true community production.

Full of holiday wonder and laughter, *A Christmas Story: The Musical* is sure to delight both children and grown-ups alike!

Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. [Tickets are available online](#), or by calling 207-799-7337.

An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreted performance will be presented on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2:30pm.

Ticket prices: \$20 adults, \$18 senior citizens, \$15 students and children.

For more information, visit portlandplayers.org.

The Portland Players, Maine's oldest community theater, is located at
420 Cottage Road in South Portland.

Reminder: Reviewers receive 2 free tickets to see the show! Please contact the Box Office at info@portlandplayers.org or (207) 799-7337 to reserve your seats.

Publicity Photos:



Truman Bubblo and Declan Kelley as Ralphie
Photo by Linwood Leland



L to R: Erin Marengi as Mother, Ryan Phipps as Randy, Truman Bubblo as Ralphie, and
Adam Gary Normand as The Old Man
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L to R: Declan Kelley as Ralphie, Adam Gary Normand as The Old Man, Erin Marengi as
Mother, and Alex Tukey as Randy
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