

A Christmas Story

The cast is fairly small with limited age ranges, however any young person involved in the Young Artist Series is invited and encouraged to participate pre-show and during intermission. We will be fundraising specifically to benefit the YAS by selling raffle tickets and show related items, accepting donations, and leading audience members in Christmas carols to help celebrate the season and the story. If you would like to help out with this, contact Brandi Wittman.

The ages ranges are somewhat rigid in that Ralphie and his close friends should not have changed voices, and their other classmates should not look significantly older. They are supposed to be in elementary school. Randy must be or look a few years younger. Scut Farkas and his Cronies can be or look older.

Cast Requirements:

Ralph (Narrator): 40+

Ralphie, all grown up, reminisces about his childhood, adding context and humorous asides to the events onstage. Actor should have a great speaking voice, exude warmth and embrace the nostalgia of the story. Ralph narrates every scene and has some lengthy monologues.

Ralphie Parker: 9-12

Ralphie dreams of an Official Red Ryder BB Gun for Christmas and navigates the relationships with his family, friends, and the community of Hohman, IN.

Mother: 30s through 50s

Mother takes care of her family and spars with her foul-mouthed, but beloved, husband.

The Old Man: 30s through 50s

A furnace fighting, cursing, Major Award winner who loves his family and turkey.

Randy: M 7-11

Ralphie's little brother. He hides all the time, and plays with his food rather than eating it.

Miss Shields: F Adult

Ralphie's teacher. She is featured in Ralphie's extremely melodramatic fantasy sequences, as well as presides over a strict classroom.

Flick: M 9-12

Ralphie's close pal and classmate. Most frequent victim of the school bully, and can't turn down a Triple Dog Dare.

Schwartz: M 9-12

Ralphie's close pal and classmate. Breaches etiquette by skipping the Triple Dare you and going right for the throat.

Esther Jane Alberry: F 9-12

Ralphie's friend and classmate. Has a bit of a crush on Ralphie and a sweet nature

Helen Weathers: F 9-12

Ralph's classmate and Esther's BFF. Extremely intelligent, presents a report on physics and discusses politics.

Scut Farkas M: 11-16

School bully who pushes Ralphie over the edge.

Santa Claus: Late teen + with a loud man's voice.

Possibly will be staged to be heard but not seen.

Cowboy: M Adult

Advises Ralphie in a melodramatic fantasy sequence, has a corny Old West accent.

Christmas Tree Seller: M/F Late teen +

Delivery Person: M/F Late teen +

Black Bart: M 11-18

The leader of a gang of bandits in a meoldramatic fantasy sequence

Desperados 1 and 2: M/F 11-18

Black Bart's gang

Extras (young people M/F age 8-18):

Scut Farkas' Cronies (will sneer and point and laugh while Scut terrorizes)

Schoolmates (will watch the Dare You, sit in classroom, stand in line for Santa, witness fight, etc.)

Voice Only:

Schwartz's Mom

Radio Announcer

Higbee's PA Voice

Cruising teens who cheer and honk at the Major Award blazing in the window