



ANNOUNCES
OPEN AUDITIONS
for a December production of

Jean Shepherd's



Directed by Jeremy Buechner

Sunday, October 14th 6:00-8:00pm
Tuesday, October 16th 6:30-8:00pm
at the Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park

This year, there's a gift that Ralphie wants more than anything in the world – a Red Ryder 200-Shot Carbine Action Range Model Air Rifle – but his parents don't seem to think it's such a good idea. His mother warns him, "You'll shoot your eye out," and his father is too busy tinkering with the family's furnace and evading the dogs from next door to pay much attention. Ralphie decides to wage a three-pronged campaign for the Christmas gift of his dreams. On the home front, he bombards his parents' mail and magazines with Red Ryder advertisements. On the school front, he toils over a particular assignment that he's sure will convince his teacher, Miss Shields, to take up his cause. Finally, he visits the local department store, nervously hoping that Santa will endorse his wish. Ralphie and his friends make every effort to be on their very best behavior in order to impress the adults who wield power over their Christmas destinies, but staying out of trouble isn't always as easy as it should be; sometimes it's hard to avoid giving in to a dare or uttering a curse word. As Christmas draws closer, Ralphie gets increasingly anxious about what surprises (either good or bad) the holiday season will bring.

Character Breakdown – Age ranges are guidelines

Ralphie Parker - Age 9 - is our young protagonist. Equal parts dreamer and schemer, Ralphie doesn't just covet an air rifle, he also knows (or thinks he knows) exactly how to persuade the adults around him that his cause is a righteous one.

Adult Ralphie - The narrator - age 25-45 - Ralphie's older, wiser alter ego, functions as the story's narrator.

Mother – Age 30-45 - Ralphie's mom - is a patient parent with firm convictions – in particular, the conviction that her son should not own an air rifle. It takes a lot to ruffle her feathers, but the provocative leg lamp that Ralphie's father wins in a send-away contest does seem to do the trick.

The Old Man – Age 40-55 - Ralphie's dad - the Parker family's beleaguered patriarch, is a grumpy, good-hearted father with a penchant for highly original (and to the audience's ears profanity-free) invective and a deeply held desire to be a winner.

Randy – Age 7-8 - Ralphie's little brother, sure is cute, but getting him to eat his breakfast or don his snowsuit can be a serious headache.

Miss Shields – Age 30-50 - Ralphie's teacher, She's also an integral component of his campaign for the perfect Christmas gift.

Flick & Schwartz - Age 9 - are Ralphie's two best friends. Flick is the unfortunate guinea pig in the infamous frozen-flagpole-licking experiment, while Schwartz becomes the scapegoat when Ralphie accidentally utters an unspeakable word.

Esther Jane Alberry & Helen Weathers - Age 9 - are two of Ralphie's classmates. Helen is something of a child prodigy, while Esther Jane seems to have a particular interest in our young protagonist.

Scut Farkus & Grover Dill - Age 10-12 - are the schoolyard bullies who routinely torment Ralphie and his friends.

Additional Roles Include:

Santa Claus

The Cowboy

The Tree Lot Owner

The Delivery Man

As well as non-speaking Children & Adult roles.

No Appointment is necessary
Please bring a current photo & resume ♦ Photos cannot be returned

CALL BACKS: Tuesday, October 16th, following auditions

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: Monday through Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoon or evening beginning October 30th.

PRODUCTION DATES: Weekends, Dec. 7th through 16th
Two weekday performances, Dec. 11th & 13th at 10am.

For further information please contact HMT at (518) 587-4427 or info@homemadetheater.org