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Centre Stage

Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette Presents *A Christmas Story* By Philip Grecian

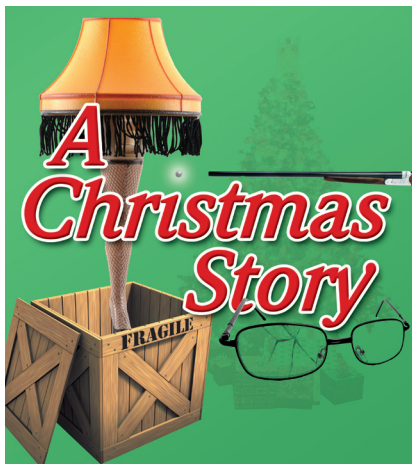
Based on the motion picture *A Christmas Story*, © 1983 Turner Entertainment Co., distributed by Warner Bros., written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark; and on the book *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash* by Jean Shepherd.

Humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in Indiana in the 1940s follows nine-year-old Ralphie Parker (LAYTON LAUKINS) in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Ralphie pleads his case before his mother (HEATHER OWEN), his teacher (JANE HAMPTON) and even Santa Claus himself (ARLISS JEFFRIES), at Goldblatt's Department Store. The consistent response: "You'll shoot your eye out." All the elements from the beloved motion picture are here, including the family's temperamental exploding furnace, Scut Farkas (ROSS KLINK), the



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HISTORIC MONON DEPOT THEATRE



BY PHILIP GRECIAN
DIRECTED BY JOHN DAVID COLLIER
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school bully; the boys' experiment with a wet tongue on a cold lamppost, the Little Orphan Annie decoder pin, Ralphie's father (KIT KLUTZKE) winning a lamp shaped like a woman's leg in a net stocking, Ralphie's fantasy scenarios and more. *A Christmas Story* is destined to become a theatrical holiday perennial. **Tickets are selling fast to this Holiday favorite. Due to high demand Civic Theatre has already added two Thursday performances. December 10th and 17th at 8:00 PM**

Tickets are available by calling 765-423-PLAY (7529) or on line at lafayettcecivic.org

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Want to know about the show . . . or anything else about Civic Theatre?

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Steve's Letter

Happy Holidays!

There is a lot of activity at this time of year for all of us. The same is true for Civic Theatre.

We have already launched our annual No-Show Ball. Please consider Civic Theatre in your year-end giving. Our lobby is in need of a face lift, and you could help make that happen.

Three very generous donors, Steve Martin and Julia and Kevin Colby have started the seed of a new fund. Civic Theatre is in need of additional rehearsal and storage space plus additional classroom space. These three generous parties have seen the need and taken action. By planting the seed of a building fund, they have started us down a very exciting path.

We are not even halfway through our MainStage season. With three more

wonderful shows on the way, you could help share your joy of Civic Theatre with friends or family. Please contact the office for more information on three-show season tickets and gift certificates.

We are in the midst of an exciting and potentially very beneficial, experiment on-line. Chase and Facebook have teamed up for a very original and inovative program that gives the power of deciding giving priorities to the masses.

Look for more information on the next page for all of these opportunities.

In the mean time, please have a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing many of you in the theatre.

Steven Koehler

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Come Out and Play!

Auditions

Snow White

by J. Michael Straczynski

Directed by .

Missy Freels

Date: January 4th and 5th

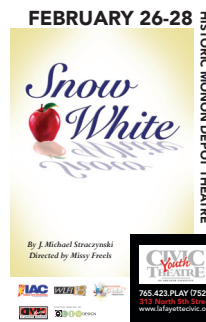
Time : TBA

Location : TBA

Those auditioning are asked to prepare a memorized monologue (about 1 minute in length).

Snow White runs February 26 - 28, 2010

Check the Civic Theatre Web site for more information, which will be published as soon as possible.



Young Playwrights Project!

Submission Guidelines:

Length: Playing time 15 – 30 minutes

Setting: Minimal set requirements, single location preferred

Cast Size: 2 – 10 actors

Subject: Anything.

Script Requirements: Typed in script format. Writer's name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, age, school name and grade should be written on a 3x5" index card paper clipped to the script. The writer's name should not appear anywhere else.

Submissions should be sent or hand delivered to:

Young Playwrights Project

Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette

313 North 5th Street

Lafayette, IN 47901

All submissions are due by January 29, 2010 at 4:00 PM

Staged Reading

The Exonerated **A Staged Reading Event** **Dec. 8, 2009, 7pm**

by. Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen
Directed by Rachel Lambert
Co-produced with Purdue Theatre

Culled from interviews, letters, transcripts, case files and the public record, *The Exonerated* tells the true stories of six wrongfully convicted survivors of death row in their own words.

Moving between first-person monologues and scenes set in courtrooms and prisons, the six interwoven stories paint a picture of an American criminal justice system gone horribly wrong—and of six brave souls who persevered to survive it.

There are additional performances on December 5th and 9th at 7:30 PM in the Mallett Theatre on Purdue Campus

All Staged Reading events at Civic Theatre are Pay What You Can.

No-Show Ball and building plans

Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette is proud to invite you to the 11th annual No-Show Ball!

In lieu of paying admission, bidding on a silent auction, and hiring a baby sitter, please consider a tax deductible gift to Civic Theatre.

This year Civic is committing No-Show Ball donations to a **Civic Lobby Renovation**, so that the beauty and historic value will be preserved, and enjoyed by all of our patrons. The price for the needed renovation is approximately \$15,000.

You can help Civic by responding today!

You should have received your invitation. If not, there will be additional reply cards in the lobby during the run of ***A Christmas Story***

As many of you know, Civic is constantly looking for viable and consistent rehearsal space. Additionally we are packed beyond capacity in our limited storage areas. Civic Theatre teaches classes to hundreds of people in the area every year. There are plans to expand the educational offerings, but again space is a limitation.

Three members have taken it upon themselves to start a seed fund towards a permanent space solution. There are no plans to relocate, but we are in need of space beyond the Historic Monon Depot Theatre.

If you would like to contribute to the future of Civic Theatre and help to seed this fund please write "building fund" on the memo line of your check.

Facebook fan page and Chase Community giving

Are you on Facebook?

Did you know that Civic Theatre has a fan page?

To sign up to receive updates and announcements, join the Civic Theatre fan page. Just search for "Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette" while on Facebook and sign-up today!

You can also help Civic while on Facebook.



Chase Bank is giving away \$5,000,000 to non-profit organizations. The top 100 organizations by voting will receive

\$25,000. A select panel will help to allocate the remaining fund. Voting is limited to Facebook users.

You can find the link to vote on our web site, or by searching through the Chase Community Giving Facebook page.

Voting ends on December 11.



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THE EXONERATED

BY JESSICA BLANK AND ERIK JENSEN

A STAGED READING EVENT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
7:00 PM
AT THE HISTORIC MONON DEPOT THEATRE
320 NORTH 5TH STREET

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES AT
PURDUE'S MALLET THEATRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
AT 7:30 PM

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Curtain Call

Who's Who in *A Christmas Story*
It is said that "the show must go on," but it certainly could not do so without the kindness and dedication of our wonderful volunteer actors and crew!

Please give a round of applause to our cast

Ralph	Michael Greenan
Old Man	Kit Klutzke
Mother	Heather Owen
Ralphie	Layton Laukins
Randy	Cameron Avery
Schwartz	Spencer Anderson
Flick	Timmy Ewing
Esther Jane	Riley Anderson
Helen	Jessica Lazarz
Scut Farkus	Ross Klink
Miss Shields	Jane Hampton
Santa Claus	Arless Jeffries

and our crew

Director	John David Collier
Stage Manager	Kathy Bruni
Producer	Sonya Basaran

Set Designer	John David Collier
Costume Designer	Susan Kisinger
Lighting Designer	Tracie Ewing
Sound Designer	Mark Bruni
Properties Designer	Karen Tislow
Set Decorator	Anita Weston
Master Carpenters	Dave Lahr
	Tom Moran
Scenic Painter	Nancy Marshall
Backstage Manager	Bailey Rosa
Backstage Crew	Eric Barlow
Light Board Operator	Harry Brown
Sound Board Operator	Becky Bruni
Costume Assistants	Sally Carter
	Thelma Hoyt
Dresser	Stacy Avery
	Carrie Anderson
Dressing Room Assistants	Angie Klink
	Steve Klink
	Aissa Lazarz
Set Construction	Janet Mauck
	Bob Slagel
	Jack Fessler
	Kris Kazmierczak
	Dan Becker
	Sally Carter
	Ken Maniak

As you can see, there are many opportunities to share your talents as a Civic Theatre volunteer! Please contact Bob Sauers at 765-423-PLAY (7529) or e-mail info@lafayettecivic.org for information.

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