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Beef & Boards unwraps
*A Christmas Story: The Musical* for the holidays

Popular movie-turned-musical now on stage

INDIANAPOLIS – Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre rings in the holidays with the stage adaptation of the popular movie, *A Christmas Story: The Musical*. Now on stage for the first time at Beef & Boards, the Tony Award-nominated show features all the fun of the film!

Set in the 1940s in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana, the musical follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts — an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. Rebuffed at every turn with a similar echoing response, Ralphie plots numerous schemes to achieve his desperate desire for the coveted BB gun.

Ben Kistner, a seventh-grader at Zionsville West Middle School, makes his Beef & Boards debut in the starring role of Ralphie. Returning to the Beef & Boards stage are Eddie Curry as Jean Shepherd (the narrator), Amy Bodnar (*Mamma Mia!*)) as Mother, and Don Farrell (*Mamma Mia!, Into the Woods*) as The Old Man.

All the iconic scenes from the movie are featured, with a versatile score that ranges from gentle ballads to show-stopping full-ensemble numbers such as “Ralphie to the Rescue!,” “A Major Award,” “Sticky Situation,” “Up on Santa's Lap,” “Somewhere Hovering Over Indiana” and the inevitable “You'll Shoot Your Eye Out!”

*A Christmas Story: The Musical* is rated PG and is on stage for 44 performances through Dec. 31. The final performance is a New Year’s Eve celebration that includes dancing to live music after the show and a champagne toast at midnight followed by a breakfast buffet. Tickets range from $45 to $70 ($89 for all seats for the New Year’s Eve Celebration), and include Chef Odell Ward’s holiday buffet, fruit & salad bar, unlimited coffee, tea, and lemonade.

For reservations, visit beefandboards.com or call the box office at 317.872.9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays. For complete show schedule, visit beefandboards.com.

*A Christmas Story* is presented in partnership with the Indiana Historical Society, presenting its Festival of Trees through Jan. 4 at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis. The holiday exhibit features 92 elaborately themed trees and special experiences including a replica of the living room from the film *A Christmas Story*. For more information, visit https://indianahistory.org/events/festival-of-trees.

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*Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana’s only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.*
Fact Sheet

WHAT:  A Christmas Story: The Musical
        Book by Joseph Robinette; Music and lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

WHEN:  Nov. 21 through Dec. 31, 2019

Weekday/Saturday Evenings
Doors open at 6 p.m.; Buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Show at 8 p.m.
November: 21, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30
December: 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 31

Weekday Matinees
Doors open at 11 a.m.; Buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Show at 1 p.m.
November: 27
December: 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

Sunday Evenings
Doors open at 5 p.m.; Buffet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Show at 7 p.m.
December: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Saturday/Sunday Matinees
Doors open at noon; Buffet from 12:15 to 1 p.m.; Show at 1:30 p.m.
November: 24, 30
December: 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

WHO:  Director   Eddie Curry  Choreographer  Ron Morgan
       Musical Director  Kristy Templet  Costume Design  Jill Kelly Howe
       Lighting Design  Ryan Koharchik  Sound Design  Daniel Hesselbrock
       Set Design  Michael Layton  Stage Manager  Ed Stockman

Starring
Ben Kistner  as Ralphie  Eddie Curry  as Jean Shepherd (Narrator)
Amy Bodnar  as Mother  Fender Brokamp  as Randy
Don Farrell  as the Old Man  Jack Clark  as Flick
Locklan Gardner  as Schwartz  Claire Kauffman  as Esther Jane
Macy Franklin  as Mary Beth  Austin Lizama  as Scut Farcus
Dylan Acquaviva  as Grover Dill  Lanene Charters  as Miss Shields
Ensemble: Joey Boos, Aaron Choi, AnnaLee Marcée, Jennifer Martin, Brett Mutter, Peter Scharbrough, Sally Scharbrough, Christine Zavakos, Emery Allen, Sylvie Templet

WHERE:  Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre 9301 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, 46268

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WEB SITE:  For tickets, more information, or show schedule, visit beefandboards.com