

# HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE

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HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "A CHRISTMAS STORY"

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania—October 30, 2006 – "You'll shoot your eye out!" Hershey Area Playhouse is pleased to kick off its eighth season with the quintessential holiday tale, "A Christmas Story."

Based on the 1983 film classic, "A Christmas Story" by Jean Shepherd, the play by Philip Grecian will be presented for two weekends by the Hershey Area Playhouse in cooperation with The Outlets at Hershey. This beloved and hilarious Christmas yarn tells the story of "Ralphie Parker" growing up in the Midwest of the 1940s. All the memorable elements from the film will be brought to life on the stage.

Performances will be held in the former Mikasa store at The Outlets at Hershey, just off Hersheypark Drive. Dates and times are as follows:

Friday, 11/24/06	8 pm
Saturday, 11/25/06	8 pm
Sunday, 11/26/06	2 pm
Friday, 12/1/06	8 pm
Saturday, 12/2/06	8 pm
Sunday, 12/3/06	2 pm

This production is directed by Tom Curry and produced by Louise Feldser. The cast features the following players:

Ralph as an adult	John Mallonee
Ralphie Parker	Tom Szeltner
Mother	Beth Dunham
The Old Man	Scott Schmittel
Randy Parker	Marek Mierski
Miss Shields	Stacy Vavul
Flick	Neil Muscat
Schwartz	Nathan Mierski
Esther Jane Alberry	Mikaela Johnson
Helen Weathers	Mary Albus
Scut Farkas	Jesse Stevenson

Tickets can be ordered by calling the Box Office at 717.533.8525 or by visiting [www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com](http://www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com).