

HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE

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HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS "A CHRISTMAS STORY"

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania—November 20, 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 will be presented for two weekends by the Hershey Area Playhouse in cooperation with The Outlets at Hershey. Performances will be held 11/24-11/26 and 12/1-12/3 in the former Mikasa store at The Outlets at Hershey, just off Hersheypark Drive. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 pm and the Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children (12 and under) and can be ordered by visiting www.HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com.

Hershey Area Playhouse is hosting a special holiday treat for kids of all ages on Saturday, December 2 from 6 'til 7. Come out to the former Mikasa space at The Outlets at Hershey to see Santa and meet the cast of "A Christmas Story." The cost is \$10 for kids, and adults are free (when accompanied by a kid). But hurry, only a limited number of tickets are available. You can reserve your spot by contacting Bonnie Johnson at 717.533.1212 or davidandbonnie@mac.com.

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