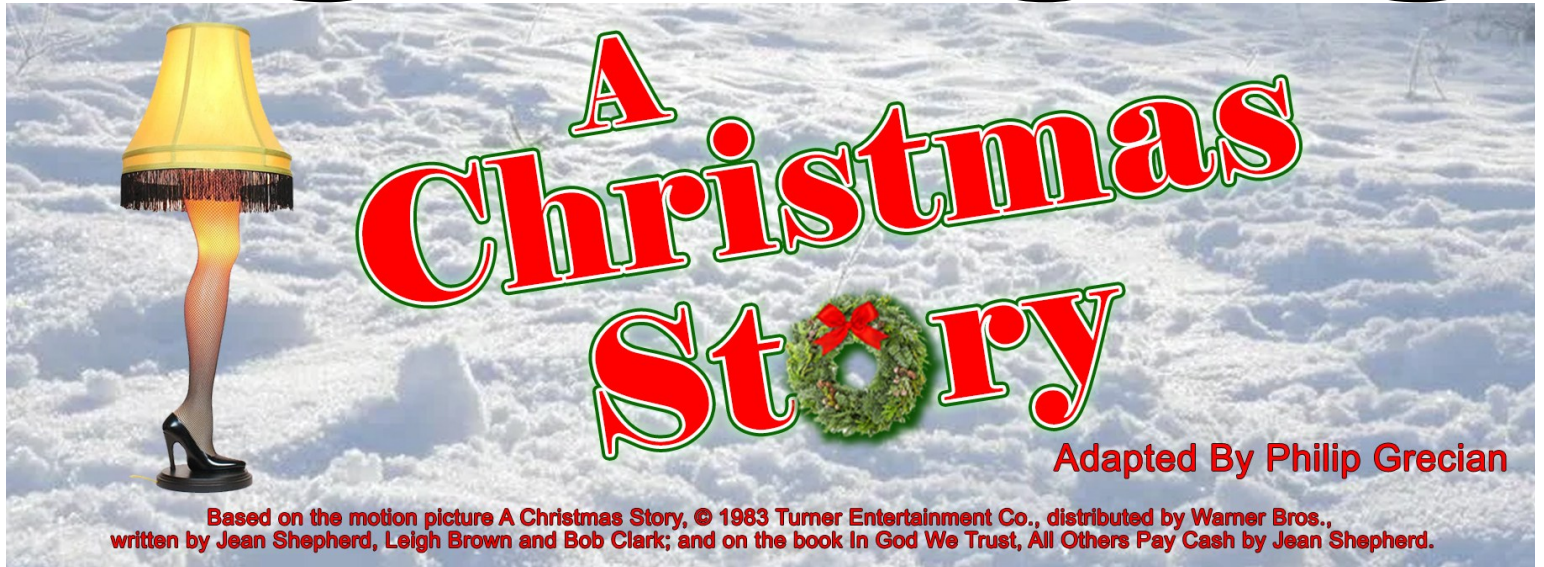


Neuse Little Theatre AUDITIONS



Directed by Patsy Castellano

Monday & Tuesday,
September 28 & 29, 2026 - 7pm
at the Hut

(Corner of Front & Market Streets, Smithfield, NC)

CAST: 4w+/7+m (11+ total)

All listed roles are open - Casting is open to everyone and newcomers are especially welcomed and encouraged. Crew volunteers are also needed. Auditions will consist of cold reading from the script. Please come prepared to tell of any conflict dates you have from auditions to week before show opens (no conflicts allowed week of show opening). Rehearsals will likely be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays 7pm-9pm. We encourage all performers to submit for any role regardless of experience, race, ethnicity, sexuality, neurodiversity, and similarity to the source material or original cast. Ages are relative, and should not discourage anyone from auditioning. For more information, you may contact the director at jcastellano1@nc.rr.com.

Narrator/Ralph Parker (male, 30+): A nostalgic, witty voice who reflects on his childhood Christmas with equal parts humor and heart.

Ralphie Parker (male, 9-12): A bright-eyed, imaginative boy whose holiday dream of owning a Red Ryder BB gun sets the story in motion.

The Old Man (male, 30-50): Ralphie's gruff yet lovable father, known for his short fuse, colorful language, and unwavering pride in his infamous leg lamp.

Mother (female, 30-40): The patient, nurturing center of the Parker family, who balances household chaos with warmth and quiet humor.

Randy Parker (male, 7-8): Ralphie's younger brother, often bundled in layers of winter clothing, who brings both laughter and sibling exasperation.

Flick (male, 9-12): Ralphie's loyal friend, best remembered for his unfortunate dare to stick his tongue to a frozen flagpole.

Miss Shields (female, 20-50): Ralphie's stern but caring schoolteacher, whose reactions to his daydreams and essays shape his holiday hopes.

Schwartz (male, 9-12): Another of Ralphie's pals, full of bold ideas and equally questionable dares.

Scut Farkus (male, 10-13): The neighborhood bully, with his signature coonskin cap and menacing grin, who looms large in Ralphie's world.

Esther Jane Alberry (female, 9-12): Ralphie's classmate.

Helen Weathers (female, 9-13): Ralphie's classmate.

Ensemble (various): Many of the above characters will also play some of the ensemble, like townspeople, neighbors, cowboys, classmates, delivery person, tree lot owner and department store Santa Claus.

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 the Midwest in the 1940s follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker who wants only one thing for Christmas: a Red Ryder BB gun. Ralphie battles doubting adults, school bullies, and holiday chaos while clinging to his wish. Ralphie pleads his case before his mother, his teacher and even Santa Claus himself, only to be told: "You'll shoot your eye out!" All the elements from the beloved movie including the tongue on a lamppost; the decoder pin; a major award; Ralphie's fantasy scenarios and more.

December 4, 5, 11, & 12, 2026—8PM
December 6 & 13, 2026—3PM