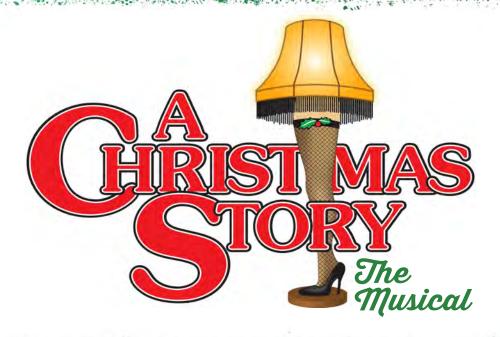


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Dear Season Partners and Guests.

As I sit writing this letter, I am having a truly hard time believing it is December. Not only does this mean another great year is coming to a close, but we're getting ready for another incredible season. At a meeting the other day I was reminded that it's been 15 years since my partners and I bought the Alhambra. That time has sure gone by fast and pleasantly and I'd do it all over again and, as my daddy used to say, "and twice on Sundays." Which is funny because, well, we run a show twice on Sundays.



To the casual observer, December probably looks pretty simple: host our Christmas show, sell out all the tickets and rest easy. But the truth is, December is a busy time. While *A Christmas Story* is running sometimes 14 shows a week, we're also rehearsing for our first show of the year, *Southern Fried Funeral*, readying our New Year's Eve gala, taking thousands of holiday gift card orders, booking our our Music Series shows and putting the pieces together of our 2025 marketing plans.

It is busy and chaotic and fun and I wouldn't have it any other way. I admit - and as you can tell by the decor - Christmas is certainly my favorite time of year at the Alhambra. The Alhambra means a lot to all of us, whether you're a Season Partner, a casual guest or you work here. To me, it means I get to bring joy to 130,000 guests who come through our doors each year. I get to surround myself with some of the hardest working people in show business - administration staff, cast, set designers, and culinary staff alike.

As you make your holiday plans and your 2025 plans, I hope you'll keep the Alhambra on your list. We've got a great season coming up in 2025 for you. And a reminder that Alhambra tickets make great gifts - always the right size and color and no one ever returns them. The Alhambra is a place where we all make memories all year long, and the gift I receive each year is sharing it with you.

From all of us at the Alhambra, I wish you a merry Christmas and happy Chanukah (Christmas and Chanukah fall on the same day this year) and joy in whatever you celebrate. Have a wonderful and safe New Year and I wish you the best of all things for 2025 and beyond.

Your friend,

Craig



CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jean Shepherd	Jonathan Van Dyke
The Old Man	Craig Sherman
Mother	Jennifer Medure
Ralphie Parker	Keegan Carroll
Miss Shields	Nikki Spies
Scut Farkus	Vanson Michael Voce
Grover Dill	Daniel Champeau
Schwartz	Kai Zandman
Flick	Jake Ayers
Esther Jane	Baylee Weidner
Mary Beth	Madison Kalyan
Santa	James Skiba

ADULT ENSEMBLE

Johnny Flannagan, James Skiba, Johnny Warren, Sarah Middough, Ellen Shaw, Assata Davis, Louise Bariso

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Collin Galvin, Blake Kalyan, Ivy Ayers, Violet Feyen, Zachary Swartz, Kennedy Swartz

UNDERSTUDIES

Jean Shepherd & Santa	Johnny Flannagan
The Old Man	James Skiba
Mother & Miss Sheilds	Sarah Middough & Ellen Shaw
Ralphie	Jake Ayers
Randy	Blake Kalyan & Ivy Ayers
Scut Farkus	Johnny Warren & Collin Galvin
Grover Dill	Collin Galvin & Blake Kalyan
Esther Jane & Mary Beth	lvy Ayers & Violet Feyen
Schwartz & Flick	Collin Galvin & Zachary Swartz

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ACT ONE

PROLOGUE: Christmas Eve, Several Years Ago, Radio Station Desk at WOR, New York City

Scene 1: December 1, 1940, The Parker Family House & Higbee's Department Store

It All Comes Down to Christmas Ra	alphie, the Parkers and Ensemble	
Higbee's Window	Ralphie	
Red Ryder Carbine Action BB Gun	Ralphie and Jean and Company	
Scene 2: The Next Day, The Parker Family	y House & Yard	
The Genius on Cleveland Street	The Old Man, Mother	
An Opening	Ensemble	
Scene 3: Soon Afterward, A Path From School		
When You're a Wimp	Kids	
Scene 4: A Few Minutes Later, The Classroom		
Ralphie to the Rescue!		
Ralphie, Miss Shields, The Old Man, Mother, Randy and Ensemble		
After Ralphie to the Rescue	Ralphie	
Scene 5: A Week Later, The Parker House		
What a Mother Does	Mother	
A Major Award	The Old Man and Ensemble	
Scene 6: Early Evening December 13th, The Parker House		
Scene 7: Immediately Following, On the Road		
Parker Family Singalong	The Parkers	
Scene 8: Late That Night, The Parker House		
Act One Finale	Ralphie and Ensemble	



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ACT TWO

Scene 1. The Schoolvard & Classroom

Scene 1: The Schoolyard & Classroom		
Sticky Situation		
Scene 2: Fantasy 1930's Speakeasy		
You'll Shoot Your Eye Out Miss Shields and Youth Ensemble		
Scene 3: Immediately Following, A Path From School		
Scene 4: A Few Minutes Later, The Parker House		
Just Like ThatMother		
Red Rider Reprise		
Scene 5: Christmas Eve, Santa's Station at Higbee's		
At Higbee's Ensemble		
Up On Santa's LapSanta, Ralphie, Randy, Kids and Ensemble		
Scene 6: Christmas Eve, The Parker House		
Before The Old Man Comes HomeRalphie and Randy		
Scene 7: A Half Hour or So Later, The Boy's Bedroom		
Somewhere Hovering Over IndianaRalphie, Randy and Kids		
Scene 8: Christmas Morning, The Parker House & A Chinese Restaurant /The Town		
Christmas Morning		
Ralphie to the Rescue RepriseRalphie and Ensemble		
A Christmas StoryThe Parkers and Full Company		

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Jonathan Van Dyke JEAN SHEPHERD

Jonathan has been seen at the Alhambra in *Legally Blonde* (Prof. Callahan) *Best Little Whorehouse* (Melvin P. Thorpe) and *Smoke on the Mountain* (Mervin). National tours include *Oh Calcutta!* and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Albert). Other credits include *Music*

Man (Harold Hill) A Chorus Line (Zack) and Mamma Mia! (Sam) IG:@vandyke.jonathan

Craig Sherman THE OLD MAN

Craig is L.A.-based & making his Alhambra debut! Favorite roles: **Spamalot** (King Arthur), **Shrek the Musical** (Lord Farquaad), **Something Rotten** (Shakespeare), **Legally Blonde** (Prof. Callahan), **Mary Poppins** (Mr. Banks), **Mamma Mia** (Sam), **Flf** (Walter)

Poppins (Mr. Banks), **Mamma Mia** (Sam), **Elf** (Walter), **Newsies** (Pulitzer). Known to children worldwide as the voice of Bob the Train. @craigpsherman www.craigshermanactor.com



Jennifer Medure

Jenny is thankful to be returning to the Alhambra for *A Christmas Story*! Previous roles include in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (Truly Scrumptious), in *Annie* (Grace Farrell), and *Wizard of Oz* (Glenda). Much love to the cast and crew, Shain, Cathy, Tod, Grace, and Angharad. Merry Christmas!

Keegan Carroll RALPHIE PARKER

A Christmas Story is Keegan's 4th Alhambra production and he could not be more grateful to be playing his dream role, Ralphie. Previous credits include Gypsy (Newsboy), and Miracle on 34th Street (Tommy Mara, Jr.) He has much

gratitude to his family, friends, teachers and Alhambra family for their preparation and support. IG: keegancarroll9





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Elijah Lawless **RANDY PARKER**

Elijah is elated to make his Alhambra debut as Randy, and to be part of your holiday celebration this year. His most recent credits include *Tarzan* (Young Tarzan). Thanks to Shain for the opportunity, and Mom, Alexander, and Savannah for inspiring him to dream bia.

Nikki Spies MISS SHIELDS

Nikki Elena Spies is delighted to back at the Alhambra! Previous roles include Grease (Rizzo) and Footloose (Ethel McCormack). Regionally: Merrily We Roll Along (Dory), 9 to 5 (Kathy/u/s Roz), The Marvelous Wonderettes (Missy). She is also a tour quide at Universal Studios Hollywood. For Pop y Papito IG: @nikkielena



Vanson Michael Voce **SCUT FARKUS**

Vanson is a sophomore at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. He is thrilled to be performing in one of his favorite shows on the Alhambra stage. Recent credits include *The Wedding Singer* (men's ensemble). He would like to wish everyone a fantastic Holiday Season and to thank Mr. Shain and Mrs. Giddens.

Daniel Champeau

GROVER DILL

Daniel Champeau, 11, is excited to be returning to the Alhambra! Some of Daniel's favorite previous roles include **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor** Dreamcoat (Youth Chorus), Elf (Michael Hobbs), and **Shrek**, the **Musical** (Young Shrek/Grumpy Dwarf). Daniel also loves dancing, playing several instruments and playing VR. IG: @DanielChampeauOfficial



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Kai Zandman

SCHWARTZ

Kai is thrilled to return to Alhambra! Previous shows include *Gypsy*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Disney's Beauty & the Beast* (Chip). He would like to thank the directors for the opportunity, and his friends and family for their support! Happy Holidays!

Jake Ayers FLICK

Jake is elated to make his Alhambra debut! Jake has performed in 18 local productions including *Thirteen the Musical* (Archie), *Godspell* (Judas), and *Spongebob the Musical, Youth Ed.* (Spongebob). Jake would like to thank God for his talents, the directors, his family, and everyone who has supported him along the way.





Baylee Weidner ESTHER JANE

Baylee is delighted to be back at the Alhambra! Previous roles include **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** (youth ensemble). Baylee loves art and has a passion for music, dance and theatre! IG: @bayleeboow

Madison Kalyan MARY BETH

Madison is excited for her role in A Christmas Story the Musical. Previous roles include Frozen Jr. (Little Anna) and Beauty and the Beast Jr. (Lumière). Madison loves to sing, perform, and has dreams of Broadway. She is thankful for the opportunity Alhambra has provided.



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Johnny Flannagan ADULT ENSEMBLE

Johnny is an Orlando-based actor excited to celebrate the holidays with **A Christmas Story**. He is a recent graduate of the University of Central Florida's Musical Theatre program. Theatre credits: **Joseph and the Amazing...** (Baker/Swing), **Sweeney Todd** (Sweeney Todd), **Spamalot** (Galahad/Others),

Bright Star (Ensemble). IG: @johnnyboy_flannagan

James Skiba SANTA, ENSEMBLE

James A. Skiba (Santa, Ensemble, U/S Old Man) is thrilled to be back at Alhambra Theatre and Dining. In the past he performed in **42nd Street** (Julian Marsh), **White Christmas** (Bob Wallace) and **Grumpy Old Men** (John Gustafson). Favorite roles include **1776** (John Adams). **The Music Man** (Harold



include **1776** (John Adams), **The Music Man** (Harold Hill), **Annie Get Your Gun** (Frank Butler), and **Footloose** (Rev. Shaw).



Johnny Warren ADULT ENSEMBLE

Johnny Warren is enthusiastic to return to the Alhambra after 8 years to perform in **A Christmas Story** again. He has recently been cast in **DOT** (Fidel) and **West Side Story** (Action) at Players by the Sea. Johnny would like to thank his family and mentors for supporting him!

Sarah Middough ADULT ENSEMBLE

Sarah Middough (Ensemble, U/S Mother, Miss Shields) is back for her fifth Alhambra production! Regional: *Ragtime* (American Stage), *A Christmas Carol* (McCarter Theatre Center), *Ruby* (Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe), *Ciao Bambino!* (Winter Park

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Ellen Shaw ADULT ENSEMBLE

Ellen Shaw recently graduated with her BFA in theater and is beyond grateful to make her Alhambra Theater & Dining debut! Favorite stage credits include: *Eurydice* (Eurydice), *Into the Woods* (Baker's Wife), *Our Town* (Mrs. Webb).

Thankful to her family and all glory to God. Colossians 3:16-17 theellenshaw.com IG: the.ellen.shaw

Assata Davis ADULT ENSEMBLE

Assata is delighted to be back in her third show at the Alhambra! She is a Jacksonville native and proud AMDA grad. Favorite credits include, **Escape to Margaritaville**, **Little Shop of Horrors**, and **Disenchanted**. She would like to thank her friends and family for their love and support. @assata.davis



Louise Bariso ADULT ENSEMBLE

Louise Bariso is very excited for her debut at Alhambra Theater and Dining. Louise's most recent project is originating a role at Orlando Family Stage *Junie B. Jones...BOO and I Mean it* (Lucille). Enjoy the show! IG @thelouisebariso.com

Collin Gavin YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Collin is thrilled to be back at Alhambra after appearing in *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He has acted in many area community theaters and loves to be on stage! He thanks his family and Shain Stroff for this wonderful opportunity. He hopes you enjoy the show!









Blake Kalyan YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Blake is thrilled to be part of **A** Christmas Story the **Musical**. Previous roles include **Frozen Jr.** (Duke of Weselton), **Beauty and the Beast Jr.** (Cogsworth), and **The Sound of Music** (Kurt von Trapp). Blake's favorite place is on stage, and he's excited to perform at Alhambra.

Ivy Ayers YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Ivy, 9, is excited to be in her first Alhambra show! She has been in eight previous productions locally including **Annie**, **Jr**. (Annie) and **Finding Nemo**, **Jr**. (Nemo). Ivy would like to thank the directors for this opportunity and her mom, dad, and dog (Penny) for their love and support.





Violet Feyen YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Violet attends Global Leadership Academy's ARTS Campus. She participates regularly in local community productions, most recently in *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Winifred Banks) and *The Sound of Music* (Brigitta vonTrapp). She thanks Cathy Dooley

and Jocelyn Geronimo for their guidance and support, along with the cast and crew of **A Christmas Story**.

Zachary Swartz YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Zachary, 12, is delighted to return for his third show at the Alhambra! He loves all things musical theatre. Local credits: *Moana, Jr.* (Maui), *Elf, Jr.* (Buddy), *Aladdin, Jr.* (Aladdin), and *Frozen, Jr.* (Kristoff). He thanks his family, Jocelyn Geronimo, Jan Saltmarsh, and Shain Stroff for this incredible opportunity.





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Kennedy Swartz YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Kennedy, 9, ecstatically returns for her third show at Alhambra! She loves singing, acting, and ballet. Local credits: Shrek, Jr. (Young Fiona), Moana, Jr. (Young Moana), Mary Poppins, Jr. (Jane), and Seussical, Jr. (Jojo). She thanks family, cat Mochi, Jocelyn Geronimo, Jan Saltmarsh, and Shain Stroff for this amazing opportunity.

Shain Stroff VICE PRESIDENT OF PRODUCTION/DIRECTOR

With over 25 years of experience in the entertainment industry, Shain has performed in more than 200 professional productions worldwide. Some of his Alhambra directorial credits include Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The



Wedding Singer, A Christmas Story: The Musical (upcoming), Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville, Miracle on 34th Street, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Legally Blonde: The Musical, The Rocky Horror Show, and Seussical: The Musical. Shain is a member of the Actors' Equity Association and the Stage Directors and Choreographers Union in New York. IG: @Shain_Stroff.



Erick Ariel Sureda CHOREOGRAPHER/PRODUCTION MANAGER Erick is honored to be choreographing for the Alhambra. Favorite credits include Legally Blonde, Beauty and the Beast, Jersey Boys, In the Heights, and Disney's Totally Tomorrowland Christmas. He

recently graduated with a B.A.S. in management.

Love to my wife Hailey and our first baby Alden.

Cathy Murphy Giddens MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Cathy has musically directed hundreds of shows both regionally and off-Broadway. She loves working with the wonderful talent and outstanding directors at the Alhambra Theatre. Cathy has served as past vocal music chair at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and professor of music at Jacksonville University.





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