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## **NOSTALGIC HOLIDAY MUSICAL *A CHRISTMAS STORY* TO PERFORM AT BERKELEY PLAYHOUSE**

Performances begin at the historic Julia Morgan Theater beginning November 8, 2019

**BERKELEY** (October 9, 2019) – Berkeley Playhouse continues their 12th season of professional theater for family audiences with *A Christmas Story*, the nostalgic holiday musical based on the popular 80s film.

Featuring music from the Oscar-winning team behind the music of *La La Land*, *The Greatest Showman* and *Dear Evan Hansen*, *A Christmas Story* tells of 9-year-old Ralphie Parker, who only wants one thing for Christmas—an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle.

Despite some very legitimate concerns from the adults in his life, Ralphie can't control his desperate yearning for his gift. Featuring all your favorite scenes from the classic movie, *A Christmas Story* is brimming with hilarious moments and a lively, energetic score. This quirky tale reminds us that the true meaning of the holidays doesn't lie in material gifts, but in who you spend the day with.

Performances run Friday through Sunday, and select Thursday evenings, beginning November 8, 2019. Press night will be held on Saturday, November 9 at 7pm. Tickets (ranging from \$25—\$44) are available by calling (510) 845-8542 x351 or by visiting online at [berkeleyplayhouse.org](http://berkeleyplayhouse.org). Ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

*"We're thrilled to continue our season with this wonderful, funny, and nostalgic musical perfect for families to enjoy during the holidays,"* says Executive & Artistic Director Kimberly Dooley. *"This year, we're dreaming big and diving into powerful pieces of theater that tell passionate stories about the family and communities that you will care for, laugh with, and cheer on as they fight for what they believe in."*

**ABOUT BERKELEY PLAYHOUSE:** Founded in 2007 by professional theater actor, director, and teacher for over 25 years, Elizabeth McKoy, Berkeley Playhouse's mission is to create theater and programs that engage, ignite, and celebrate diverse Bay Area audiences through a thriving conservatory, a professional mainstage season, educational outreach, and

a commitment to the development of new family musicals. In support of our mission, we maintain and enhance the historic Julia Morgan Theater. A commitment to community, diversity, inclusion, and empowerment is at the heart of our work.

**PREVIEWS:** Friday, November 8 at 7 pm, and Saturday, November 9 at 1 pm

**OPENS:** November 9 at 7 pm

**PRESS:** November 9 at 7 pm

**CLOSES:** Sunday, December 22 at 2 pm

**PERFORMANCES:** Due to the unique performance schedule, please check the website for specific dates and times. All performances at Berkeley Playhouse at The Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704.

**TICKETS:** For tickets (\$25 for previews, \$29–\$44 for regular performances) or more information, the public may call (510) 845-8542 x351 or visit [berkeleyplayhouse.org](http://berkeleyplayhouse.org). Group rates available for 10 or more people. Ticket prices are subject to change at any time.

**PAY WHAT YOU CAN:** There will be one “Pay What You Can” performance on Thursday, December 5 at 7 pm. The promotion is cash only at the door one hour prior to performance time. We request a donation of \$20 per ticket but are able to accept a minimum of \$5 per ticket.

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