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A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL

McCALLUM THEATRE

Tuesday – November 26 – 8:00pm

Wednesday – November 27 – 2:00pm and 8:00pm

Palm Desert, CA – From the songwriting team behind the smash hit Tony Award-winning musical *Dear Evan Hansen* and the Academy Award-winning film *La La Land*, ***A Christmas Story, The Musical***, brings the classic 1983 movie to hilarious life on stage at the McCallum Theatre for three performances – Tuesday, November 26, at 8:00pm, and Wednesday, November 27, at 2:00pm and 8:00pm.

A Christmas Story, The Musical chronicles young and bespectacled Ralphie Parker as he schemes his way toward the holiday gift of his dreams, an official Red Ryder® Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle (“You’ll shoot your eye out kid!”). An infamous leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a maniacal department store Santa, and a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the distractions that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas wish. Chock-full of delightful songs and splashy production numbers, *A Christmas Story, The Musical* has proudly taken its place as a perennial holiday classic for the whole family.

Hailed by *The Associated Press* as “a joyous Christmas miracle,” *The New York Times* writes, “I was dazzled. You’d have to have a Grinch-sized heart not to feel a smile spreading across your face.” *A Christmas Story, The Musical* premiered on Broadway in 2012 and was a critical and commercial success. The musical was nominated for three Tony Awards® including Best New Musical, Best Original Score, and Best Book of a Musical.

A Christmas Story, The Musical features a festive and nostalgic holiday themed score by composer/lyricist team Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (Tony Award for *Dear Evan Hansen*, Academy Award for *La La Land*), with a book by Joseph Robinette, based on the writings of radio humorist Jean Shepherd and the 1983 holiday film favorite. The tour features direction by Matt Lenz, with casting by Alison Franck. Tony Award® winner Warren Carlyle’s Broadway choreography will be reset for the tour by Jason Sparks. *A Christmas Story, The Musical* features scenic design by Mike Carnahan, with costume design by Lisa Zinni and lighting design by Charlie Morrison. The hounds will play themselves.

A Christmas Story, The Musical is produced by Big League Productions, Inc. Led by President and Executive Producer Daniel Sher, Big League is celebrating its 29th season of producing, general managing, and booking Broadway musicals and special

attractions for touring throughout North America and the world. For more information visit www.bigleague.org.

Tickets for these performances are priced at \$125, \$95, and \$65, depending on performance time and seating. Tickets are available at the Theatre's website at www.mccallumtheatre.com or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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