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Through special arrangements with the North Pole, Santa will once again deliver MGM/UA's "A Christmas Story," starring Melinda Dillon, Darren McGavin and Peter Billingsley, to holiday movie-goers at theatres throughout the United States and Canada on November 30th.

A whimsical and slightly twisted comedy about a typical American family's yuletide experiences, "A Christmas Story" generated tears of laughter from critics and audiences alike when it was originally released in November, 1983. From "Porky's" director Bob Clark, the film is based upon the novel "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash" by Jean Shepherd, one of America's favorite humorists.

Peter Billingsley stars as Ralphie Parker, a nine year-old boy who wants nothing more from life at the moment than the Genuine Red Ryder Carbine Action Two Hundred Shot Lightning Loader Range Model Air Rifle, with a Shock-Proof High Adventure Combination Trail Compass and Sundial set right in the stock. Set in an Indiana suburb during the 1940s, the film follows Ralphie's adventures as he pursues the present of his dreams.

Darren McGavin plays Ralphie's 'Old Man,' a father whose mastery of the profane expression is constantly evident. The Old Man spends a great deal of time swearing -- at the furnace, the car, Ralphie's little brother -- as he fights the great American battle to survive suburban existence.

Melinda Dillon portrays Ralphie's mother, a woman whose wisdom and sense of humor are the heart and foundation of the Parker household. Yet Mom also has only one reaction to Ralphie's dream -- the devastating, insurmountable and irrefutably logical response, "NO! YOU'LL ONLY SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT!"

Since the initial release of "A Christmas Story" in 1983, Bob Clark has gone on to direct Sylvester Stallone and Dolly Parton in "Rhinestone." Darren McGavin, on the other hand, has appeared alongside Robert Redford, Glenn Close, Robert Duvall, and a host of other stars in "The Natural."

"A Christmas Story" is produced by Rene Dupont and Bob Clark from a screenplay by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark. The film is distributed throughout the United States and Canada by MGM/UA Entertainment Co.

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CHRISTMAS
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It is better
to give
than to receive.



A CHRISTMAS STORY

METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER Presents

A BOB CLARK FILM "A CHRISTMAS STORY"

Starring MELINDA DILLON DARREN MCGAVIN and PETER BILLINGSLEY

Based on the novel "IN GOD WE TRUST, ALL OTHERS PAY CASH" by JEAN SHEPHERD

Screenplay by JEAN SHEPHERD & LEIGH BROWN & BOB CLARK Produced by RENE DUPONT and BOB CLARK

Directed by BOB CLARK

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