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at the Renaissance Theatre**

A Christmas Story 1983

Directed by: Bob Clark

Written by: Jean Shepherd

Starring: Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin,
Melinda Dillon, Ian Petrella

Synopsis:

In the 1940s, in the town of Hammond, 9-year-old Ralphie wants one thing for Christmas -- an official Red Ryder BB rifle. When he asks his mother for the BB gun for Christmas, she says, "No, you'll shoot your eye out." When he writes an essay about it at school his teacher gives him a C+ with a note saying "You'll shoot your eye out." Next he asks Santa for the gun, Santa's response is familiar, he says, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid." Ralph fears that he'll never get the BB gun for Christmas. But there may be a surprise in store for him.

Location Trivia:

To find an American city resembling an Indiana town of the 1940s, director Bob Clark sent his location scouts to twenty cities before selecting Cleveland, Ohio, as the site for filming.

Follow-up Trivia:

Inspired the creation of "The Wonder Years" (1988).

Script Trivia:

According to Peter Billingsley (young Ralphie) in the DVD Commentary, the nonsensical ramblings that Ralphie exclaims while beating up Scott Farkus were scripted, word for word.

More Script Trivia:

Ralphie says that he wanted the "Red Ryder BB Gun" 28 times.