

**Audition information for  
Boone Community Theatre's presentation of**

## **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**

**Performances:**      Thursday, November 29 @ 7pm  
                                 Friday, November 30 @ 7pm  
                                 Saturday, December 1 @ 2pm  
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                                 Sunday, December 2 @ 2pm

**Casting 30-32 performers, age 5 - 105.**

2-3 Men, 6 Women, 8 boys, 9 girls, plus chorus/non-speaking roles

### **AUDITION EXPECTATIONS:**

Auditions will be cold reads from the scripts. Anyone interested in auditioning for Imogene Herdman should be prepared to sing a solo. It can just be a Christmas carol or something simple.

This is a very family friendly show. Parents, if you have ever wanted to perform with your child(ren), this might be the just the show for you!

### **CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS:**

With the possible exception of Mother/Grace Bradley, adults will not be scheduled for every rehearsal until later in the production process. This will be the same for the baby angels and non-speaking children's roles.

### **ADULT ROLES**

FATHER/BOB BRADLEY - A laid-back family man roped into helping with the pageant by his wife.

MOTHER/GRACE BRADLEY - Roped in to directing the pageant when Mrs. Armstrong breaks her leg, she gets more than she bargained for when the Herdmanns show up.

MRS. ARMSTRONG— The woman in every church who runs everything from the bake sales to the Christmas Pageant. Even with a broken leg, she has trouble letting go.

REVEREND HOPKINS – Caught in the middle between the pageant Grace is putting on and the expectations of the rest of the church.

MRS. SLOCUM, MRS. CLARK, Mrs. CLAUSING, and MRS. MCCARTHY - The church gossips who fall in line with Mrs. Armstrong and second guess Grace at every turn.

FIREMEN: 1 -2 people - could potentially be doubled with other adult characters

## **CHILDREN/TEEN ROLES / (Ages 5 – 17)**

**NARRATOR/BETH BRADLEY** - The story is told from Beth's memories. She transitions from scenes to narrator.

**CHARLIE BRADLEY** - Beth's younger brother. He is one of the Herdman's victims and directly responsible for them showing up at church.

**ALICE** - Beth's friend. She is a child version of the gossiping church ladies.

**MAXINE** - Another of Beth's friends. She narrates the Christmas Story during the Pageant.

**THE HERDMANS:** The "Worst" kids in town. Kids fear them. Adults avoid them (even their own mother when she can)

**IMOGENE** - The oldest girl - second oldest of the Herdmans. She is mean and bossy, but she is the heart of the story and she is the only character requiring a singing audition.

**GLADYS** - the youngest (and maybe the most violent) of the Herdmans, she sees the Christmas Story playing out like story from her favorite comic book

**RALPH** – He is the oldest, and he bullies everyone around him, including his siblings.

**LEROY** - He is Charlie's primary tormentor

**CLAUDE** - He wants to go after Herod with a vengeance.

**OLLIE** - Claude's partner in crime

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL/PAGEANT CHILDREN**

**ELMER, HOBIE, DAVID, BEVERLY, SHIRLEY, JUANITA, DORIS:** All children who are in the pageant (whether willingly or not).

**ANGEL CHORUS/BABY ANGELS/SHEPHERDS** - There will also be some non-speaking roles for children. These kids will be a part of the pageant and crowd scenes. They will also sing in the chorus and take part in caroling before the show begins.