

BWW Interview: Colton Maurer as Ralphie in A CHRISTMAS STORY at Paper Mill

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A Christmas Story: The Musical will be on the [Paper Mill Playhouse](#) stage through January 3rd. Based on the popular film, this clever and charming show is directed by [Brandon Ivie](#) and choreographed by [Mara Newbery](#) Greer.

Broadwayworld.com had the opportunity to interview Colton Maurer, who plays the Ralphie in the show. Maurer is 12 years old and his enthusiasm for performing is absolutely delightful.

Maurer returns to [Paper Mill Playhouse](#), where he appeared as a workhouse boy in *Oliver!* and has also performed in the Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory for two years. A

resident of Mahwah, New Jersey, he attends The Academy of St. Paul in Ramsey.

Maurer talked about when he first started performing. "I've been singing and dancing since I was 6 years old. My first show was a grammar school production of *Seussical*."

We asked Maurer how he feels about performing at Paper Mill again. "I'm so glad to be back. It feels just like I am completely at home. Everybody is so kind and nice to work with."

Maurer told us how he thinks Paper Mill Audiences will feel about *A Christmas Story*. "No matter where you're from, you'll love this show. It's touching and there are some really funny moments. There is also a lot of affection in the show."

While he enjoys all of the scenes, Maurer did share one of his favorite musical moments. "Ralphie to the Rescue is a really energetic scene and it's so much fun to play."

Maurer told us how he balances his performance career with family life and schooling. "You have to have supportive parents with a flexible schedule. It's a lot of work but if you love what you do, go for it."

We asked Maurer about his plans for the future. He said, "Right now, performing as Ralphie in *A Christmas Story* is my dream. I got my Christmas wish."

A Christmas Story: The Musical is a universally appealing show. Gather your group and give some tickets to your friends as gifts. The show will be performed at [Paper Mill Playhouse](#) eight times a week, Wednesday through Sunday. Tickets are on sale now starting at \$29. Tickets may be purchased by calling 973.376.4343,

at the Paper Mill Box office at 22 Brookside Drive in Millburn or online at www.PaperMill.org. Groups of 10 or more can receive a discount of up to 40% discount and should call 973.315.1680. College students can order \$20 rush tickets over the phone or in person at the Paper Mill Box Office on the day of the performance.

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