

Christmas Show 2022...Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Auditions BCPE

*Sunday Aug. 14th 3:00-9:00

*Monday, Aug. 15th 5:00-9:00

***Sunday Sept. 11th BCPE... Parent/Cast Meeting 2:00-3:00**

September:

Sunday 18th 2:00-5:30

Sunday 25th 2:00-5:00

October:

**Monday 3rd 5:00-9:00

**Monday 10th 5:00-9:00

Wednesday 26th 5:00-9:00

Sunday 30th 3:00-9:00

November:

Wednesday 2nd 5:00-9:00

Sunday 6th 3:00-9:00

Monday 7th 5:00-9:00

Wednesday 9th 5:00-9:00

Sunday 13th 3:00-9:00

Monday 14th 5:00-9:00

Wednesday 16th 5:00-9:00

Sunday 20th 3:00-9:00

TECH:

Sunday 27th 2:00-9:00

Monday 28th 5:00-9:00

Tuesday 29th 5:00-9:00

PERFORMANCES:

Thursday Dec. 1st 7:00

Friday Dec. 2nd 7:00

Saturday Dec. 3rd 7:00

Sunday Dec. 4th 3:00

Thursday Dec. 8th 7:00

Friday Dec. 9th 7:00

Saturday 10th 7:00

Sunday 11th 3:00pm

*=Details of Dates changed

**=Dates Added

CHARACTERS:

Mother (Grace Bradley)

Female

Imogene Herdman

Female

Beth Bradley

Female

Father (Bob Bradley)

Male

Charlie Bradley

Male

Ralph Herdman

Male

Leroy Herdman

Male

Claude Herdman

Male

Ollie Herdman

Male

Gladys Herdman

Female

Mrs. Armstrong

Female

Mrs. McCarthy

Female

Alice Wendleken

Female

Mrs. Slocum

Female

Mrs. Clark

Female

Mrs. Clausing

Female

Maxine

Female

Hobie

Male

David

Male

Reverend Hopkins

Male

Elmer Hopkins

Male

Beverly

Female

Firemen (2)

Male

Shirley

Female

Juanita

Female

Doris

Female

Angelo Choir, Baby Angels, Shepherds: Either Gender, Ensemble, Treble/Boy Sop

Beth Bradley

It did seem real, as if it might have happened just that way. We all thought the pageant was about Jesus, but that was only part of it. It was about a new baby, and his mother and father who were in a whole lot of trouble -- no money, no place to go, no doctor, nobody they knew. And then, arriving from the East -- like my uncle from New Jersey -- some rich friends. Because of the Herdmans it was a whole new story -- Imogene, burping the baby, and the Wise Men bringing such a sensible present. After all, they couldn't eat Frankincense! And even Gladys -- "He's in the barn. Go see him" ... so the shepherds didn't have to stumble around all over the countryside. But I guess it wasn't like that for Imogene. For her, the Christmas present turned out to be all wonder and mystery, as if she just caught on to what Christmas was all about. When it was over we had a party in the basement, but the Herdmans didn't stay. They didn't have any cocoa and they didn't walk off with all the cookies, and they wouldn't even take their candy canes.

Alice Wendleken

I didn't dare raise my hand. Imogene would have killed me! She said, "I'm going to be Mary in this play, and if you open your mouth or raise your hand you'll wish you didn't." And I said, "I'm always Mary in the Christmas pageant." And she said, "Go ahead then, and next spring when the pussywillows come out I'll stick a pussywillow so far down your ear that nobody can reach it... and it'll sprout there and grow and grow, and you'll spend the rest of your life with a pussywillow bush growing out of your ear!"

Mrs. Armstrong

[Let me]tell you again, Grace, how important it is to give everyone a chance. Here's what I do -- I always start with Mary and tell them we must choose our Mary carefully because Mary was the mother of Jesus... Yes, and then I tell them about Joseph, that he was God's choice to be Jesus' father. That's how I explain that. Frankly, I don't ever spend much time on Joseph because it's always Elmer Hopkins, and he knows all about Mary and Joseph, but I do explain about the Wise Men and the shepherds and how important they are. And I tell them, there are no small parts, only small actors. Remind the angel choir not to stare at the audience, and don't let them wear earrings and things like that. And don't let them wear clunky shoes or high heels. I just hope you don't have too many baby angels, Grace, because they'll be your biggest problem. You'll have to get someone to push the baby angels on, otherwise they get in each other's way and bend their wings. Bob could do that, and he could keep an eye on the shepherds too. Oh, another thing about the angel choir. Don't let them wear lipstick. They think because it's a play that they have to wear lipstick, and it looks terrible. So tell them.... And, Grace, don't use just anybody's baby for Jesus... get a quiet one. Better yet, get two if you can... then if one turns out to be fussy, you can always switch them.