The Cast from Johnsonville

**Presents**

**“What Christmas Means to Me – A Christmas Variety Show”**

**\*\*\*This show will consist of a variety of separate scenes and casts in order to maintain social-distancing.\*\*\***

* **Directions for signing up:**
* **Read through the different scenes below.**
* **Email Ms. Amanda with the following information**
	+ Your name
	+ Your grade level
	+ Your parents’ Name(s)
	+ Your contact numbers
	+ Include ALL the scenes/roles that you’d be interested in participating in
	+ Provide times you would NOT be available to rehearse (we’ll try our best to work around it)
* **Ms. Amanda’s email:** **astalvey@fsd5.org** **Include the subject line – Fall Audition Sign Up.**
* **I will email you back with an audition date and time (we can’t have everyone audition at the same time because of social distancing regulations).**
* **Things you will need to do for your audition:**
	+ **Sing one of the following songs:**
		- “Silent Night”
		- “Jingle Bells”
		- “Oh Holy Night”
		- “Frosty the Snow Man”
	+ Memorize the one of the three audition pieces at the bottom of this document.

**Scene Breakdown and Casting/Roles**

* **There will be a ‘main cast’ to connect each separate scene into one show.**

(acting – requires line memorization)

* + Main Cast Total: 10
	+ 4 boys
	+ 6 girls
	+ Grade Level: 7-12
* **Scene 1 – *Christmas is about SHOPPING* –** “The Christmas Can-Can” (singing, acting, dancing)
	+ 10 girls
	+ Grade Level: 7-12
* ***Scene 2 – Christmas is about LOVE* –** “Baby It’s Cold Outside”

(singing, dancing, acting)

* + 5 boys & 5 girls
	+ Grade Level: 7-12
* ***Scene 3 – Christmas is about PARTYING* –** “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”

(singing)

* + 5 girls
	+ Grade Level: 7-12
* ***Scene 4 – Christmas is about NO SCHOOL* –** “Christmas Vacation”

(dancing, acting)

* + 10 students (boys or girls)
	+ Grade Level: 5-6
* ***Scene 5 - Christmas is about the MOVIES* –** “Fa Who Dores” (The Grinch)

(singing)

* + 1 boy – Grinch
	+ 9 Whoos – boys or girls
	+ Grade Level: 5-6
* ***Scene 6 – Christmas is about PEACE –*** “War Is Over”

(singing)

* + 2 – 3 Girls (must know how to harmonize)
	+ Grade Level: 7-12
* ***Scene 7 – Christmas is about the MUSIC –*** “Santa Claus Is Back In Town (Elvis)”

(singing, dancing)

* + 5-10 boys
	+ Grade Level: 7-12
* ***Scene 8 – Christmas is about JESUS* –** “A Baby Changes Everything”

(singing)

* + 1 Female Solo

***\*\*\*Memorize one of the three monologues below! No script allowed during auditions!!!\*\*\****

**Audition Choice #1:**

**"Black Friday Selfie"**

**monologue by D. M. Larson**

Hello, nurse.  I’m okay. The pain meds are working. I’m still wondering how I survived.

It was quite an accident.

I caught it all on video.  I was doing a video when the store opened up… it’s probably the reason I got trampled.

Those Black Friday sales are brutal.

But I uploaded the video and it went viral.  So maybe it was worth it…

*(He/She tries to sit up but hurts)*

Ow, ow… maybe not.

Nope, no visits yet.

My family is all busy shopping.  I was hoping they’d see the video and call me. I guess I will try to call them.

*(Calls on his/her phone)*

Hi mom… mom listen… oh… yeah, I was going to go there but… I know the deals are great and I’m missing out but… Okay, mom. Bye.

I’ll try Dad.

Dad?  Listen… I… I can’t hear you Dad… where are you?  Why are there monster trucks in the parking lot?  Dad?  Fine, I’ll call you back later.

Maybe I can get my sister… hey, sis… No… no, I didn’t see your Twitter post yet… what did you buy?  I’ll look later.  Wait, I need to tell you that… but I can’t right now, I am in… no, I’m not trying to be difficult… I’m trying to tell you… what do you mean I never listen to you?  What are you talking about?  Look, this isn’t a good time… fine, I’m going on Twitter right now.  Bye.

*(Looks sadly at phone)*

They’re a little caught up in holiday shopping right now.

I hate to send them a message… I’d rather tell them in person… but I may have to.

Or I could send them a selfie of me in my hospital bed.  Is that too mean?

But after the way they treated me on the phone, they needed a little jolt of reality.

I’ll just do a frowny, pouty face.  I don’t want to overdo it.

*(She/He does a selfie with a sad, pouty face)*

And send…

(phone goes crazy with sounds and alerts)

They’re on their way.   I’ve totally gotta put my pouty face pic on Instagram.  People will love it.

**END OF MONOLOGUE**

**Audition Choice #2:**

**"WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS"**

**Monologue by D. M. Larson**

*(ALEX has several small new gadgets set out and takes out a hammer or bat and smashes one)*

**ALEX**

So this what this holiday is about now.

Buying

*(smashes another one)*

Spending

*(smashes another one)*

Getting

*(smashes another one)*

Greed

*(smashes another one)*

You're all just being manipulated by corporate overlords who play with your emotions - does this little gadget really matter?

*(Smashes another one)*

Christmas should about helping others. It's the day an innkeeper helped a homeless pregnant woman about to have a baby. And then there's Hanukkah - it should be about celebrating miracles. But everything became about this.

*(Smashes another one)*

People should still focus on spending time with family, friends, and the ones they love. That’s what the holidays should be about.

Instead we spend it in pursuit of the best deal on something meaningless that we’ll just toss aside in a year for something better.  I’m tired of being tossed aside.  I’m tired of being less important than a gadget. I want our family and friends and loved ones to be important again.  I want people to matter.   If things keep going the way they are going, then we’ll all end up alone with nothing but this junk to keep us company.

*(Smashes last one)*

So go home. There are no more toys or gadgets.

Or better yet, take some of that money you were going to waste on this thing that you already have an older version of - and give it to the bell ringer so they can help people in need who can’t even afford to eat let alone buy some useless gadget that they’ll hate in a year because it’s never good enough and never new enough and never really makes them happy.

I never could make my family happy enough. Nothing I would buy was ever right for them. Or they'd like it for 5 seconds and then toss it aside wanting more. That's what this consumeristic holiday season did to my family. I’m sick of it. I'm sick of my people caring more about things than each other.

**END OF MONOLOGUE**

**Audition Choice #3:**

 **"Greed Killer Her"**

**by D. M. Larson**

**EBONY:**

*(Mouth drops open)*

Sister Katie? But I just saw her...

 *(Near tears)*

I've known her since we were young girls.

We went to school together.

I always thought she was crazy for taking a vow of poverty and she thought I was crazy for vowing to get rich.

Now she's gone.

 *(Pause. Starting to get angry)*

What was she doing out here this late at night?

She was doing her charity work wasn't she?

Collecting money for the poor.

How could she be so stupid?

*(Upset but trying to cover up)*

It was greed that killed her.

 *(She fights back tears)*

She had to have more money. It's never enough for her.

It wouldn't matter if I gave her a dollar or a thousand dollars.

She'd still want more.

What do I care? She never did anything for me.

I did everything for myself. Useless beggars.

**END OF MONOLOGUE**