

# 1982-83 Revere Marching Band—*A Christmas Story*

On January 19th, 1983 the Revere Marching Band participated in the filming of [\*A Christmas Story\*](#). The filmmakers were looking for traditional-style uniforms (film taking place in 1940s) and Revere had that style uniform. Parma Marching Band, Salvation Army Marching Band, and the Revere Marching band all prerecorded their music and then marched about a block that day.

Revere appears in the film but it was actually Parma's prerecorded music that is heard in the movie. Shooting went from 6pm to around 1am with the returning about 4:30am in the morning. The band received \$500 for their appearance which went toward the band's trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., in the spring of 1984.

*A Christmas Story* since its release in 1983 has turned into a holiday classic. In 1997 due to its increasing popularity, TNT began airing a 24-hour marathon called "24 Hours of *A Christmas Story*," with the movie shown twelve consecutive times from Christmas Eve and to Christmas Day.

## NOTES:

- David Craig (RHS '73) was an assistant director (production assistant-Cleveland) for *A Christmas Story*.
- [Michael Kukral](#) (RHS '78) appeared as an extra in *A Christmas Story*—he was in the crowd outside when the father receives the "leg lamp" award.
- Richfield's Constantine's Garden Center had its popular life-size Nativity scene used for the movie as well.



## Resources

- Revere *Lantern* (January 1983 and December 1983)
- [Revere band alums have 'A Christmas Story' of their own](#)
- [Revere graduate clarifies band's 'Christmas Story'](#)
- [Band in 'A Christmas Story' recalls march into pop-culture history](#)
- [Cleveland Played Big Role In Telling 'Christmas Story'](#)
- [Michael Kukral \(RHS '78\) Recalls Role as Extra on Holiday Movie Classic, \*A Christmas Story\*](#)



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### Revere band featured in major movie

by Sue Anderson

On January 19th, 1983 the Revere Marching Band participated in the filming of *A Christmas Story*, a movie released last month by MGM.

The movie takes place in the 1940's at Christmas time and, like most holiday movies, it has a parade scene.

Three bands were selected to march in the parade: Parma The Salvation Army Marching Band, and the Revere Marching Minutemen. One of the reasons the Revere Band was selected was because of the 1940 military style of uniforms.

The band actually prerecorded the chosen music and were filmed marching about one block. Later, the prerecorded music was added in for better sound. Since

the cold weather and snow made it difficult to play well. The cameramen from MGM had the band march the scene three times as to get different and better angles of the bands. However, the Revere Band along with the Salvation Army Band are only shown briefly during the film.

The band selected Christmas music that was written in the 1940's. The music had to be written in Marching Style of course music of this type, according to Deborah Scheufler, Revere Band Director, is difficult to find.

The Band was relatively enthusiastic about being in the movie; however, the band didn't return to the school until about 4:30a.m. When asked what his feelings were, Karl Jandrey replied, It was an exciting experience. Everyone

that didn't fall asleep had a pretty wild time.

David Craig, assistant director of the movie, is actually a graduate of Revere High School. David was aware of the Marching Band uniforms

and contacted Mrs. Scheufler about the movie. David graduated in 1973.

The Marching Band received a 500 dollar donation for their participation.

### That's show biz

The Revere band is going to be performing in a movie called "*A Christmas Story*" starring Darren McGaven. The movie is being produced in downtown Cleveland Higbee's. The scene including the band was shot January 19, from 6 pm until 1 am in the morning.

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**Picture:** Michael Kukral (right) a 1978 graduate of Revere with actor Darrin McGavin (left) on the movie set for *A Christmas Story*.



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