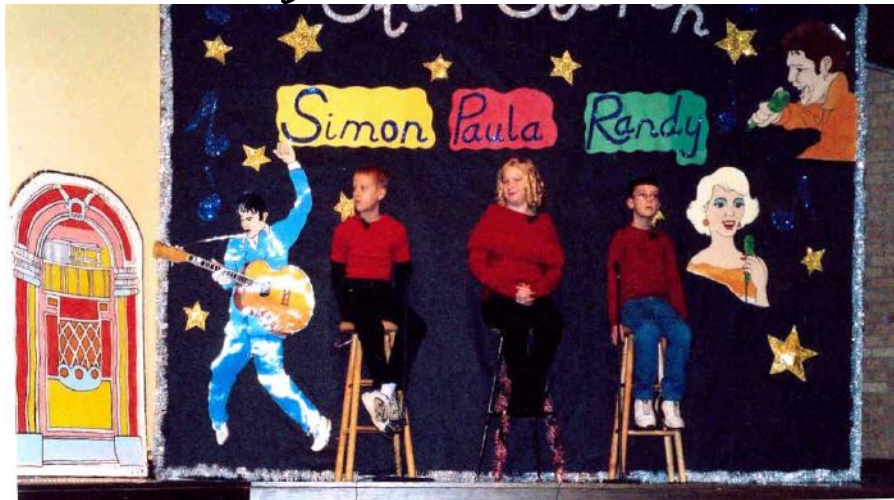


# *Shimmering Star Search Preview*



Here is a preview of the play, “Shimmering Star Search.” There are seven scenes in total and two in this preview, Scene II and VI. The characters in this play are listed first.

*The play booklet comes with the script and notes, plus some other great tools, such as an optional Nativity ending, guidelines for costuming, a Sample Letter to Parents, and Artwork for your programs.*

**Characters:** *The Elves:* (Cinnamon, Maxie, & Sprinkles can serve as back-up singers or dancers to Merrie if you choose.)

*Cinnamon:* Feisty and very protective--takes it upon herself to see that Merrie enters the *Shimmering Star Search* contest.

*Merrie Mistletoe:* The supervisory “head” elf that happens to have a great voice! Secretly wants to be in the contest, but needs a lot of encouragement.

*Maxie & Sprinkles:* Cinnamon’s comrades that join in the quest to convince Merrie to perform!

*Announcer:* An TV or radio announcer for the *Shimmering Star Search* commercial.

*The Reindeer:* (all three make up the band, *CoCo and the Peppermints*)

*Vixen:* So sure that destiny is leading them to greatness!

*CoCo:* Lead singer of the band.

*Rudy:* Cocky and very sure of himself and the success the *Peppermints* will have in the *Shimmering Star Search* contest.

**Shimmering Star Search regulars:** All take-offs of the original American Idol show!

**Ryan Starcrest:** Main announcer and overseer of the show.

**Crew Member and Director:** one-line parts

**Simon Snowflake:** Smarty and dour (just like the real Simon)

**Paula Poinsettia:** Sweet and encouraging, a little bit “cheesy”

**Randy Jingles:** Easy to get along with until pushed too far by Simon.

**Dick Clark:** The “real” Dick Clark—however, for this play, still stuck in the 50’s!

**Santa Claus:** The jolly ol’ elf himself.

**Extras:** Groupies for the band and for Merrie; extra elves; Nativity characters

## SCENE II (*On the set of the “Shimmering Star Search”*)

**Announcer:** Seven Cities . . . Tens of thousands of merry music makers . . . One shimmering spectacle . . . Coming soon! Another round of auditions right here at the North Pole, the HO – HO – HO – Home of the original Rock’n Roll Christmas!

**Vixen:** I hear destiny calling you, CoCo.

**CoCo:** You really think so, Vix? Well, remember we are jammin’ tonight. Can’t quit until I find just the right song. Don’t want that Simon Snowflake to chew me up and spit me out.

**Rudy:** You mean “Mr. Nasty?” Don’t worry, CoCo, you’ll have this contest tied up with a bright red bow. Besides, with a great band like us Peppermints backing you up, it’s definitely in the bag, man!

**Cinnamon:** (*comes in*) Don’t be so sure, Rudy! There are other great singers here at the Pole, you know. (*Cinnamon sticks her nose in the air and walks off one way while the Peppermints shake their heads and walk off the other way.*)

**SCENE VI**  
*Optional Ending*

**Dick:** Merrie, you kinda remind me of a young Brenda Lee.

**Simon:** Stuck in the 50's again. Get on with it!

*(At this point Merrie and her backup girls are still on the stage. Coco and his band come out to join them to await the announcement of the winner.)*

**Ryan:** Well, audience this is the moment we've all been waiting for! Tonight the North Pole will salute the 20?? Shimmering Star. Who is your choice, Randy?

**Randy:** Dog, dog, dog. . . Listen, dog, between all these singers I'd say . . .

**Paula:** *(gushes)* Merrie, your voice is like the moon on the breast of the new fallen snow.

**Simon:** Yea, but if you win this competition, we will have failed.

**Randy:** Simon! It's Christmas. Why don't you go take a long winter's nap?

**Simon:** Randy, Randy, Randy, why don't you put a Christmas sock in it?

**Randy:** *(jumps out of his chair)* Once again, Simon, you've proven yourself to be a jolly, plump, and pompous. . .

**Simon:** *(jumps up facing Randy)* Oh, yea?

**Randy:** *(gets right in Simon's face)* Yea, why don't we just take it outside?

*(Santa comes out of the audience, making a loud entrance with his jingle bells.)*

**Santa:** Enough . . . Enough . . . . Enough already! What are you all thinking? Have you forgotten where you are? *(Everyone gasps, "Santa!")*

**Maxie:** You go, Santa! *(Others shout "You the man, Santa!" and similar declarations)*

**Paula:** *(still gushing!)* Oh, look! I knew in a moment it must be you, Saint Nick!

**Santa:** What's all this? And just before Christmas, no less. It's a good thing your gifts are already wrapped, packed, and ready to go.

**Simon:** Gifts? For me???. *(smiles and looks around as if unbelieving)*

**Santa:** Yes, even for you Simon. *(turns to look at the set)* What's all this Shimmering Star Search stuff anyway? Who thought this up? *(everyone shakes head, saying "not me" or "it wasn't my idea.")* Why, you're all a part of a much bigger picture here at the Pole. Each one of you has a special gift and when you offer your gift in service and love, our world really can become one of peace and goodwill toward all men. *(takes a long look around at everyone)* Have you forgotten what it means to give? You know, we might as well quit having Christmas if people are going to demand this kind of star power. *(Big pause as Santa looks at everyone in disgust.)* Why, Rudy, you know there are no "stars" here at the Pole. *(looks at Merrie and her girls)* Did you ladies forget that everything we do here is out of love for each other and for the children? *(turns to Simon, shaking his finger as he scolds him)* Simon, you and Randy just sit down now and be quiet. I really AM watching and I won't tolerate this kind of pouting, shouting, and just plain BAD behavior! *(Simon and Randy quickly obey! BIG PAUSE as Santa becomes aware of the audience)* But, oh, my, look at all these wonderful people who have come tonight! Let's forget all about this and get on with Christmas 200? *(give year)*

**Randy:** Santa, Doggone it, you are right again! I think I'll be lookin' for a new gig this Christmas.

**CoCo:** Well, Randy, I've got just the show for you! Why don't you and Simon join us for the annual North Pole caroling party . . . Ryan, you and Paula come too. And Dick, I know New Year's Eve is your big show, but we could use a great announcer like you as we go around to sing for our neighbors. Oh, and Merrie, I hope you'll come and join me in a duet of "Deck the Halls." I'll bring the band if you'll bring your back up girls!

**Santa:** HO! HO! HO! It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas around here!

**GROUP SIX** Christmas Sing-a-Long *(Have cast join in with Randy and Simon acting silly, maybe dancing, as the others sing—let the mood be very festive! End with all students singing, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")*