

Press Release



The Polar Express

by Chris Van Allsburg

"It doesn't matter where the train is going.
What matters is deciding to get on the train." — The Conductor

About the Book

The Academy Award–winning team of Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis (*Forrest Gump*, *Cast Away*) reunite for *The Polar Express*, an inspiring adventure based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

Sony Pictures Imageworks and visual effects supervisor Ken Ralston, Oscar winners for their innovative work, help bring this enchanting holiday story vividly to life in full CG animation through Imageworks' next-generation motion-capture process, which allows live-action performances to drive the emotions and movements of the digital characters.

Castle Rock Entertainment presents, in association with Playtone / ImageMovers / Golden Mean Productions, a film by Robert Zemeckis: Tom Hanks in *The Polar Express*. Directed by Robert Zemeckis from a screenplay by Zemeckis and William Broyles, Jr., the film is produced by Steve Starkey, Robert Zemeckis, Gary Goetzman, and William Teitler and is based on the best-selling book by Chris Van Allsburg. Tom Hanks, Jack Rapke, and Chris Van Allsburg are the executive producers.

The Polar Express will be distributed worldwide by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment company. This film is not yet rated.