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proudly presents:

LOVE LETTERS

by A.R. Gurney



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“Love Letters is a remarkably poignant and endearing evening of theatre.....”

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Amarillo Little Theatre is very pleased to present **Love Letters** as the fourth Mainstage production of the 2015-16 season. This unusual performance piece is certain to be a favorite for many ALT patrons.

A Pulitzer Prize finalist, **Love Letters** explores the relationship of rebellious artist Melissa Gardner and straight-laced lawyer-turned-politician Andrew Makepeace Ladd III through the letters they write to each other over the course of 50 years. Audiences will cherish this heartbreaking love story filled with depth and humor.

The show will feature ALT's Managing/Artistic Director, **Allen Shankles** in his first stage appearance since **American Buffalo** in 2011. The role of Melissa Gardner will be played by an alternating cast of ALT actresses including **Cindi Bulla**, **Lynae Latham Jacob** and **Anne Lankford**. Ms. Bulla will perform on March 4, 10 and 12. Ms. Jacob will perform on March 3 and 11, with Ms. Lankford performing on March 5 and 13. Audiences may be tempted to see the show more than once!!!

Love Letters is being directed by **Jeff Jarnagin**. **Michelle Roberts** is Assistant to the Director.

Don't miss this wonderful production. **Make your reservations today!**

Facts at a Glance

PERFORMANCE DATES:

March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12..... 8:00 PM
March 13 2:30 PM

BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

Members - Monday, Feb. 15 10:00 AM
Public - Monday, Feb. 22 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

ALT Mainstage
2019 Civic Circle
Box Office - 806-355-9991
Rated - PG-13

Order online by e-mail - jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org

Director's Notes

The spring is an incredibly busy time every year at ALT. We will be in the final weekend of performances for **Next to Normal** as you read this article. I must say that this show has been an absolute joy for me as Director. I love the material and the cast for the show is brilliant! I am so proud of the entire production.



Allen Shankles

This issue of Curtain Call announces the upcoming production of **Love Letters**. I am very excited to be playing a role in this poignant show. It is a moving and heartfelt script that promises to be a hit with ALT audiences. I am thrilled to be sharing the stage on alternating nights with a trio of great ALT actresses. They are **Cindi Bulla, Lynae' Latham Jacob** and **Anne Lankford**. These women were chosen as I have been fortunate to share the stage with each of them one or more times during my tenure at ALT. I will do my best to hold my own with such great talent.

Also upcoming are two of the biggest productions of the season as we look forward to the ALT Academy's production of **Aladdin Jr.** and our season ending production of **Hairspray. Aladdin Jr.** features an army of young talent with over 100 students being featured in the production! Our Academy just keeps raising the bar with every show. I know this show will continue in that strong tradition of excellence. Of course, **Hairspray** will be an epic production. It is a show that we have wanted to do for a long time. This show is going to be big, bright and tons of fun for young and old alike.

We are just a couple of months from announcing our new season. As has been the norm for the past several years, we will be soliciting our patrons/opinions for the new season as we will have our audience balloting take place during the run of **Love Letters**. We have some new and exciting choices on the list. Stay tuned.

I continue to feel blessed beyond belief to be a part of such a dynamic organization. I feel good and am happy to be working in a job I love. I am a lucky man!

I look forward to seeing you at the theatre(s).

Allen Shankles
Managing/Artistic Director

Contributors

Johnny Cunningham
Shirley & Ed Fancher
Janet & Bill Hodge
Nolan & Carrie Huckabay/AAA Electric
Paul & Gail Johnson
Douglas & Kimberly Kennedy
Dan & Nicole Koetting

Claudette Landess
Anne & Jack Lankford
Ann Moe
Benjamin Oplinger Land & Cattle
Carol & Barrett Pierce
Parman & Mary Reynolds
Chris Rhynehart
Doug & Evaline Thompson

Notes from the Guild

Hello ALT Warriors and Guild Volunteers! We have made it to the middle of the 2015/16 season with some great theatre moments already behind us! I hope you all got a chance to see the hilarious **Nonsense** before Christmas or one of the Special Events in December! It was a busy month, but ALT could really count on the Guild to help out with Hell Week snacks, ushering, selling concessions and raffle tickets and helping with poster distribution. And the New Year hasn't seen a slowdown in the excitement at the theatre! We have already had three productions – **Godspell, The Foreigner** and **Next to Normal** opened at the Adventure space on Feb. 11. Please keep going to **altguild.org** to sign up for ushering and concession spots because we can always use you!

We have one more idea for a fundraiser this season – announced at our **Feb 9th Guild meeting**. Be sure to ask your Guild friends for more information if you missed it. Our next meeting is **April 12**. As always, there will be snacks and fellowship, followed by opportunities to see how you can make the most of your time and talents at the theatre!! We can't slow down now!! What a wonderful year it has been!

As always – I will see you at the theatre
Laura Jo Worsham, Guild President
676-9056

Academy Spotlight

The Academy has wrapped up one show and looking forward to the next!

I would like to express my gratitude to the cast, crew, and production team of our recent production of **Godspell**. This production was my dream come true. I am so thankful Amarillo audiences embraced our telling of "the greatest story ever told" through the world of the "greatest show on Earth." I want to especially thank the talented cast and crew, Academy Instructor **Brandon Bellar** who served as our Music Director, Academy parent **Dennis Humphrey** who served as our Assistant Director, **Tana Roberson** for her beautiful circus set, Academy Student **Alaina Auth** for coordinating costumes, **Paramount Baptist** for providing school lunches, **The Ruffled Cup** for hosting our cast party, as well as all the fabulous parents and families of the cast who helped usher, work concession, line up volunteers, and so much more! The Academy is certainly blessed to have such great families involved! All these elements, combined with the great resources ALT has to offer the Academy, made for a fantastic production!



Jason Crespin

We quickly move from the smallest Academy cast to the largest! In January, the Academy held auditions for **Aladdin Jr.** and what an abundance of talent showed up! With almost 200 students auditioning, we were able to cast the show and rehearsals are already underway! This Disney musical will feature a record breaking 100 Academy students! This show is going to be a lot of fun and you certainly are not going to want to miss it! **Aladdin Jr.** will take you to "a whole new world" March 25th – April 3rd with tickets going on sale to Season Ticket Members on March 7th and to the general public on March 14th! Make sure to get your tickets reserved as you will not want to miss this production!

See you all at the show!

Jason Crespin
ALT Academy Director

ALT Academy presents:



Music by: Alan Menken

Lyrics by: Howard Ashman and Tim Rice

Book Adopted by and Additional Lyrics by: Jim Luigs

Music Adapted and Arranged by : Bryan Louiselle

Based on the Screenplay by: Ron Clements and John Musker
Ted Elliot and Terry Rossio

PRODUCTION DATES:

March 25th, 26th, April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
ALT MAINSTAGE

TICKETS GO ON SALE TO:

- ALT Season Ticket Holders — March 7th at 10am
- General Public — March 14th at 10am
- Box office reservations — 355-9991
- Ticket Prices — \$15 ages 12 and up
\$12 ages under 12

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AUDITIONS!

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AUDITION DATES

Monday & Tuesday, March 7 & 8 @ 7:30 pm
Callbacks - March 9 @ 7:30 pm
ALT Adventure Space

PRODUCTION DATES

May 5-22, 2016
ALT Mainstage

DIRECTED BY

Allen Shankles

MUSIC DIRECTION BY

Jennifer Akins

CHOREOGRAPHY BY

Crystal Bertrand

Roles are available for:

- 6-10 boys** (age range 15-22)
- 6-10 girls** (age range 15-22)
- 1 African American girl** (age range 11-15)
- 4-6 adult women**
- 4-6 adult men**

Auditions will consist of a 60 second vocal selection (in the style of the show) and possible cold readings from the script. Everyone auditioning will be asked to learn and perform a short dance routine to be taught by the choreographer. Anyone of high school age, must be currently enrolled in an ALT Academy Spring class in order to audition.