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to be!

Amarillo Little Theatre
in collaboration with the
ALT Academy
proudly presents
Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's
Mary Poppins

A musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers
and the Walt Disney Film



One of the most popular Disney movies of all time is capturing hearts in a whole new way: as a practically perfect musical!

Amarillo Little Theatre is very proud to present the Broadway musical, *Mary Poppins* as its first Mainstage production of the new 2017-18 season!

Based on the book by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins* delighted Broadway audiences for over 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

ALT has assembled a spectacular group of performers for this sparkling new show. They include **Kristen Loyd** in the title role. Joining Kristen is **Jason Crespin** as Bert. George and Winifred Banks are being played by **Brandon Bellar** and **Bethany Fields**. ALT is also introducing two bright new talents from the ALT Academy in the roles of the Bank's children. They are **Taylor Henderson** as Jane and **Noah Hartman** as Michael.

The remainder of the cast includes **Beth Alexander, Kayden Burns, Connie Cannady, Christy Corder, Courtney Frazier, Bryan Hackett, Sara Hogan, Dennis Humphrey, Kaycee Humphrey, Kallie Kilburn, Emma Lewis, Abigail Martin, Cynthia McCormack, Jordan McCormack, Mallori McCormack, Jonathan Mobley, Jenny Morgan, Shannon Mashburn, ShyAnne Peterson, Bryan Scott, Cy Scroggins, Ryan Sustaita, Jeri Tidmore, SaVante Wallace** and **Grace Weaver**.

Allen Shankles is Artistic Director for the production, with **Jennifer Akins** as Music Director and **Shawn Walsh** as Choreographer. Scene Design is by **Tana Roberson**.

Mary Poppins is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers and astonishing stagecraft. You don't want to miss the supercalifragilistic production!! **Make reservations today.**

Facts at a Glance

PERFORMANCE DATES:

September 21, 28, October 5 7:30 PM
September 22, 23, 29, 30, Oct. 6, 7 8:00 PM
October 1, 8 2:30 PM

BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

Members - Tuesday, Sept. 5 10:00 AM
Public - Monday, Sept. 11 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

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

Order online at amarillolittletheatre.org

Director's Notes

Well, here we are at the beginning of another new season!! I feel lucky to still be doing what I love. I think it's going to be our best season EVER! We already have an abundance of positives ushering in the new season. We have an ever-growing talent pool, many generous patrons, committed volunteers, beautiful facilities and a rich history of producing great theatre in Amarillo. We are truly blessed.



This Curtain Call newsletter announces the opening of **Mary Poppins**, our first MainStage production of the 2017-18 season. I know I have said this before, but truth is, this will be one of the biggest, most complicated shows ever produced at ALT. It is a huge show with a large orchestra, lush music, huge production numbers, lots of stage magic and flying effects. Wow. It is going to be a fun challenge. We hope you will plan to support this show generously.

Our Academy program is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this season. It is truly amazing how much the Academy has grown. It is undoubtedly among the finest youth programs in the country. Academy Director, Jason Crespin, has nurtured this program for several years and our growth under his leadership has been extraordinary!! The Academy is promoting its 25 for 25 CAMPAIGN with the opening of the season. We hope you will make a

\$25.00 contribution in honor of our 25th season. Be a part of something big - 1,000 donations in the amount of \$25.00 results inyes, that's a lot of money.

I can never stress it enough that we owe so much to our volunteers and very generous patrons. We count on our patrons to help bridge the gap between ticket sale revenue and what it costs us to produce top quality theatre. Our patrons are contributing almost \$300,000 annually. That's amazing.

When you come to the theatre this season, you may be greeted by one of our new "Hosts." We have a group of "ALT Hosts" who will be in our lobbies welcoming guests to the theatre, informing them about upcoming events and helping with questions about season tickets, Producers' Circle Membership, volunteer opportunities and more. We want to do a better job making you feel welcome and comfortable at ALT. We think this new group will help us to accomplish that.

It's a busy time at ALT. We are getting ready to "knock your socks off." Get your season tickets now so that you don't miss out on all of the fun.

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

Allen Shankles, Managing/Artistic Director

GUILD NOTES

The Guild is busy making plans for the coming season. We had our first regular meeting this month, but our first big event is coming up. On Saturday, September 9, we will have a Membership recruitment party at the home of **Michael Froschheiser** and **Jason Crespin**, 2115 S. Hughes, at 7 p.m.

If you have ever been curious about what we do, this is your chance to find out! We join and support ALT for a lot of different reasons. Some of us are actors, and love the opportunity to share our talents. Some of us enjoy working backstage and seeing the shows from a different angle. Some of us like to interact with the public ushering or working in the concession stand. Many do all of these, and more. All of us want to support ALT. Plus, you get to know and spend time with some of the finest people I have met.

Personally, I just enjoy being a small part of the great organization that is Amarillo Little Theatre. I think it plays an important role in the cultural life of Amarillo. It entertains us with joyous productions, and challenges us to think about things that sometimes make us a little uncomfortable.

I hope you can come to our September party, especially if you want to learn more about ALT and the Guild. I promise it will be informative, and fun! If you have any questions, feel free to call me!

Susan Johnson
Guild President
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Academy Spotlight

What a great Summer the ALT Academy had. We were packed with several theatre and dance camps plus auditions for company classes and our first show choir! Thank you to all our amazing Camp Directors, Counselors, Guest Judges and ALT Staff for making our summer a success!



Jason Crespin

Registration for Fall classes began on August 14th and classes started on August 28th! If you have not yet registered, what are you waiting for? There are just a few spots left in some classes so be sure to check out our class schedules on our Academy Website and call the ALT Box Office to register. Registration will run through September 9th!

On August 24th, we celebrated the Academy turning 25 with a Birthday Bash/Open House event and what fun we had! It was great to hug returning students and welcome the new faces joining our Academy. Families were able to meet instructors, ask questions, get information about Season Tickets and so much more. At this event, we also announced two major things going on in the Academy.

First, we announced the launch of the Academy's **\$25 for 25 Campaign**. This campaign is designed to help honor the last 25 years of our Academy as well as pave the way for the next 25 years! Essentially, we are hoping to get 1,000 people by the end of the Season to donate \$25 in honor of the Academy turning 25. Patrons can of course donate more than \$25, but every donation of \$25 or more will get an exclusive Academy pin to proudly wear. Fans of the Academy can also make donations in honor of past students, instructors, or shows. We will have a list online of donors as well as a lobby display at all three Academy shows. There are three easy ways you can give – Online by clicking the 25 for 25 Campaign logo on the Academy website, by mail sending to “ALT’s 25 for 25 Campaign” 2019 Civic Circle, Amarillo, Tx 79109, or by calling the ALT Box Office at 355-9991 and making a donation! I hope you will think about making a small gift to make a big impact for the Academy!

The second announcement was the much anticipated reveal of the 2017-18 Academy Season! I am so excited for this season as it has something for each of our Academy students. Our season includes the following show.

Seussical the Musical
October 27-November 5th, 2017

Mr. Popper's Penguins
January 5-7, 2018

Annie
March 23-31, 2018

SPECIAL ADDED show in honor of the Academy's 25th Season!

Into the Woods
July 12-22, 2018

I know you are probably thinking how much fun it would be to be cast in any of these great shows! Even though many of you might be too old to audition, you can still be a part of our Academy! We would love to “cast” you as an Academy Sponsor! Sponsorships for Academy productions start at \$100 and each level has great perks all while being tax deductible. With the big season we have planned, we certainly are looking for all the help we can get to bring the magic of theatre to our stage! If you have any questions about sponsoring an Academy show, please let me know by emailing me at jason@amarillolittletheatre.org.

Well, as you can see the Academy is already gearing up for another great year! From classes to auditions, we certainly will be busy! **Hope to see you all at Mary Poppins!**

Jason Crespin
Academy Director

ENHANCE YOUR **MARY POPPINS** EXPERIENCE!!!

Come join us for a **Mary Poppins Tea Party** on Saturday, September 16 at 11:00 am at the ALT Adventure Space. This delightful event will feature beautifully decorated tables, finger sandwiches, sweets and tea and a special gift. Also, get a chance to meet Mary Poppins and others from the production and get a “sneak peek” of a song or two from the show.

Reserved seating for this very special event will go on sale Tuesday, September 5 at the ALT Box Office or order online at amarillolittletheatre.org. Tickets are \$20.00 for 12 years and older, \$15.00 for children under 12. Tables will accommodate 10 people.

Don't miss this fun event! Get your tickets today!!

AUDITIONS!

ALT is pleased to announce open auditions for its second Adventure Space and Mainstage shows of the 2017-18 season.

OUTSIDE MULLINGAR

BY JOHN PATRICK SHANLEY

Outside Mullingar
by John Patrick Shanley



AUDITION DATES

Monday and Tuesday, September 25 and 26 @ 7:30 pm
ALT Mainstage

PRODUCTION DATES

November 9 - 19, 2017
ALT Adventure Space

DIRECTED BY

Allen Shankles

Roles are available for:

2 men (age ranges 30-70) and
2 women (age ranges 30-70)

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

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AUDITION DATES

Monday and Tuesday, October 16 & 17 @ 7:30 pm
ALT Mainstage

PRODUCTION DATES

December 7-17, 2017
ALT Mainstage

DIRECTED BY

Andrew Barratt Lewis

MUSIC DIRECTION BY

Jennifer Akins

CHOREOGRAPHY BY

Crystal Bertrand

Roles are available for:

4 Men (age 16 and up)

Auditions will consist of a 60 second vocal selection 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. Perusal scripts for both shows are available at the ALT Box Office for a \$10.00 refundable deposit.