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Amarillo Little Theatre
presents

PLAID TIDINGS
Holiday Edition of *FOREVER PLAID*
by Stuart Ross

Original *FOREVER PLAID* vocal and musical
arrangements by James Raitt



Book by Stuart Ross



This truly "heaven-sent" holiday treat will lift audiences' spirits and fill them with nostalgia for a bygone era of classic music sung in perfect harmony.

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Amarillo Little Theatre is extremely pleased to announce the opening of its second Mainstage production of the season, *Plaid Tidings*. This is a brand new show that offers the best of *Forever Plaid*, tied up in a nifty package with a big Christmas bow on top! Filled with Christmas standards that have all been "Plaid-erized," our boys are back to do their Christmas Special.

At first, Francis, Jinx, Smudge and Sparky aren't sure why they've returned to Earth for another posthumous performance, but a phone call from the heavenly Rosemary Clooney lets them know that they're needed to put a little harmony into a discordant world. Sprinkled among the Christmas offerings are audience favorites, like their riotous three-minute-and-eleven-second version of The Ed Sullivan Show – this time, featuring the Rockettes, the Chipmunks and The Vienna Boys Choir, as well as a Plaid Caribbean Christmas that puts the "Day-O" in Excelsis! ALT has cast a stunning quartet for this production including **Justin Loe, Brad Lovett, Cesar Mendoza** and **Ryan Sustaita**. Artistic Director is **Andrew Barratt Lewis** with **Jennifer Akins** as Music Director and **Crystal Bertrand** in charge of choreography. **Laura Jo Worsham** is Assistant to the Directors and **Reymundo Montoya** is Production Stage Manager.

Plaid Tidings promises to be a fun and festive Holiday treat for the entire family. ***Make your reservations today!!***

Facts at a Glance

PERFORMANCE DATES:

December 7 and 14 7:30 PM
December 8, 9, 15 and 16 8:00 PM
December 10 and 17 2:30 PM

BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

Members - Monday, Nov. 20 10:00 AM
Public - Monday, Nov. 27 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

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

Order online at amarillolittletheatre.org

Director's Notes

ALT's 2017-18 season is well underway and it has been a great start!! We have already completed four fantastic productions.....YES four! The season started with a fine production of **Constellations** at the Adventure Space in August. That was followed by our very successful production of **Mary Poppins**. This extraordinary production boasted full houses for its twelve show run with over 5,000 people in attendance. It was a "home run" in every way and it created a lot of excitement in the community for ALT. Good stuff. The Academy just completed its run of **Seussical**. I cannot say enough good things about this show and the work of the immensely talented young performers from the Academy. We opened **Outside Mullingar** at the Adventure Space on November 9. It is a very strong production. I am very proud of our work on this show. I want to thank all of the talented people who participated in making each of these productions the best they could be.



Allen Shankles

More good news! Our season ticket sales are up over 20% for this season. This is the first increase that we have recorded in several years. That is a sign. Our goal is to produce shows that will encourage more season ticket sales and higher attendance.

This issue of Curtain Call announces the opening of **Plaid Tidings**. Many of you may remember our great production of **Forever Plaid**, which we produced a number of years ago. **Plaid Tidings** is a Christmas themed sequel to **Forever Plaid**. The show features four men performing many of your favorite Holiday songs and lots of comedy. It will be a great way to get your family into the spirit of the season. Hope you will plan to attend.

I continue to be amazed by the commitment and passion of ALT's volunteers. Our performers spend from 4-8 weeks rehearsing our productions and they give their time generously. Our board and patrons support us generously and our Guild does a fine job of providing crew lunches, operating our concession sales and rounding up ushers and ticket takers. It's fun to be involved with a dynamic and successful organization. I love my job!!!

We have more great theatre coming your way in 2018. We hope you will plan to come along for the fun.

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

Allen Shankles, Managing/Artistic Director

GUILD NOTES

The Guild is in the middle of our fall fundraiser—a Plaid Tidings Christmas Raffle. The winner will get a holiday package for eight people, on Saturday, December 16. It will begin with limousine transportation and a gift certificate for \$400 at the Panhandle Restaurant Group establishment of your choice—Macaroni Joe's, Joe Taco, or Joe Daddy. It will include tickets to the ALT musical **Plaid Tidings**, followed by a Christmas lights limousine tour. Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25, and can be purchased at the Theatre before "Outside Mullingar," or online at the Guild's website, altguild.org. The drawing will be held on November 30. We want to thank **Sparkman Orthodontics** for sponsoring this event.

The next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12, at the Johnsons' house, 6812 Baccus, at 6:30. If past Christmas meetings are any indication, there will be an abundance of wonderful food. So come for the Guild meeting, or for the food, or for the scintillating company! As always, if you have any questions about these events, or anything related to the Guild, feel free to contact me at tsjonson@arn.net, or **806-236-3472**.

Finally, we want to wish everyone a joyous and peaceful holiday season, shared with those you love.

Susan Johnson, President
ALT Guild

AMARILLO LITTLE THEATRE
proudly presents

The Flying J Wranglers

That's right!!! The Flying J Wranglers of Ruidoso, New Mexico will be performing their incredible Holiday show at the ALT Mainstage on Monday, December 18 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25. ALT season ticket holders receive a 10% discount.

The Wranglers bring their unique style of western and "cowboy" music to the ALT Mainstage for one show only. This terrific ensemble has performed on our stage for twelve years and they have quite a following. You won't want to miss this great show guaranteed to delight every member of your family.

Tickets go on sale to ALT season ticket holders Monday, December 4 at 10:00 am. Tickets go on sale to the Public Monday, December 11 at 10:00 am.

Come celebrate the Holiday season with ALT and The Flying J Wranglers.

Academy Spotlight

Our Fall semester is wrapping up quickly. This is always such a fun time as we give thanks for family and friends. Speaking of thanks, I want to thank as well as congratulate the cast and crew of **Seussical the Musical**. From the smallest of small to the tallest of tall, everyone involved in this production did an excellent job. We have had such positive responses from audiences members and I wanted to share a message I received during the run. This is from an 11 year old who saw our show.



Jason Crespin

"I saw **Suessical** this past weekend and man has my life changed. I know I'm just a 11 years old but that doesn't mean I can't see the true meaning behind a play. I actually learned something from almost all of the main character or knew exactly how they felt. Sour Kangaroo and Mayzie reminded me of the attention I want but never have. The Wickersham Brothers helped me to see how much I depend on my sister and how I need to work on brotherhood. Before I saw this show, I thought I was all alone in the universe like Horton and JoJo and getting bullied because of my one feather tail like Gertrude. Except my one feathered tail is my Autism and Cerebral Palsy. Because of this show I have realized that a persons a person no matter how small which to me means even though I have a disability I'm still a human being. I am so glad I saw this show because now I don't let my Autism define me."

How amazing is this? Isn't it wonderful knowing that through the magic of theatre, we can positively effect others. I am so proud of the message this show provided to so many in our community.

Of course, the Academy is extremely lucky to have had so much support in producing this musical. I want to thank our production team that consisted of **Brandon Bellar, Reilly Brown, Krystal Burns, Velvet Knight, Macey Gibaszek, SaVante Wallace, Tana Roberson** and **Alexandra Bennett**. The success of this show was due to the hard work of these individuals.

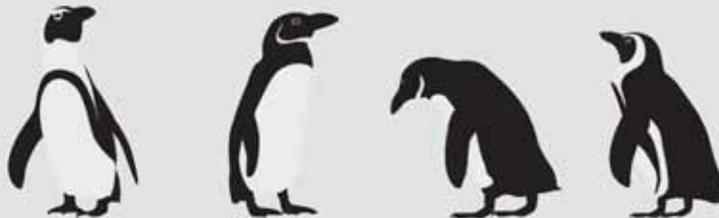
I would also like to thank the **staff of ALT** and **ALT Board of Directors** for their continued support, all the wonderful parents and family volunteers, **AAA Electric** for coproducing this show, **Brandi Reed** for planning our cast party, as well as **Chick-Fil-A on Georgia Street** and **Fireslice** for providing lunch during our school performances. The Academy is certainly blessed to have such an amazing group of individuals and businesses helping provide even more magic of live theatre to these students.

As we say goodbye to the world of Seuss, we say hello to the charming tale of **Mr. Popper's Penguins**. This play will be coming to life at our Adventure Space the first weekend in January. Look in this Curtain Call for upcoming audition information!

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that Pre-registration for Spring classes begins on December 4th and regular registration begins on December 11th with Academy classes beginning on January 16th. Be sure to check out our full class schedule online starting on November 27th and maybe add an ALT Academy class to your Christmas wish list! What better gift could Santa possibly bring than great training from a great Academy!

Happy Holidays!

Jason Crespin Academy Director



ALT Academy announces auditions for: **Mr. Popper's Penguins**

For audition packet, go to www.amarillolittletheatre.com/alt-academy. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Academy Director Jason Crespin at jason@amarillolittletheatre.org.

AUDITION DATES

November 26th, 27th, and 29th
ALT Adventure Space

PRODUCTION DATES

January 5th - 7th, 2018
ALT Adventure Space

DIRECTED BY

Jason Crespin

Roles are available for:

roughly 30 Academy students

AUDITIONS!

Amarillo Little Theatre is pleased to announce open auditions for its third Adventure space and Mainstage productions of the 2017-18 season!

The MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS of 1940

by John Bishop



AUDITION DATES

Monday and Tuesday, December 4 and 5, 2017
ALT Mainstage

PRODUCTION DATES

January 18 - 28, 2018
ALT Mainstage

DIRECTED BY

Allen Shankles

Roles are available for:

5 adult women and **5 adult men**

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. This show has great "over the top" roles in it. A treat for actors. We hope to see you at these auditions.

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AUDITIONS!

I LOVE YOU,
YOU'RE PERFECT,
NOW CHANGE.

by Joe DiPietro



AUDITION DATES

Sunday and Monday, December 10 and 11, 2017
ALT Adventure Space

PRODUCTION DATES

February 8-18, 2018
ALT Adventure Space

DIRECTED BY

Allen Shankles

MUSIC DIRECTION BY

Jennifer Akins

Roles are available for:

2 adult men and **2 adult women** (age range 20-40)

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