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## STEEL MAGNOLIAS

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***"Laughter through tears.....that is my favorite emotion!"***

Amarillo Little Theatre is very pleased to present the hilarious and heartwarming play ***Steel Magnolias*** as our fourth Mainstage production of the season.

Every Southern woman knows there are few institutions on earth more important than the town beauty parlor. At Truvy Jones' salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, neighborhood women gather to swap stories, share gossip, and of course, style their hair. But when tragedy strikes, the community comes together in a bond more powerful than ten coats of hairspray. ***Steel Magnolias*** is a hilarious, heartwarming portrait of the strength and beauty of female friendship.

ALT has cast a magnificent collection of women to bring this wonderful play to life on the ALT stage. The cast includes **Carrie Huckabay, Zoie Hill, Debbie Perry, Anne Lankford, Eunabeth Williamson** and **Stephanie Adams**. Artistic Director is **Pegi Lovett** with **Chriselda Reyes** as Assistant to the Director.

This extraordinary show has proven to be an enduring classic that audiences worldwide have embraced with for its snappy one-liners, eccentric characters and very captivating story. You won't want to miss this great show at ALT.

ALT audiences are encouraged to make reservations right away as this show will be a sell out.

***Order your tickets today!***

#### PRODUCTION FUNDING BY

**Art and Rosie Carroll**  
**Bob and Yphon LaRoche**  
**Ann Moe**  
**Barrett and Carol Pierce**  
**Al and Patricia Smith**

#### SPONSORED BY

**Lori D'Atri**  
**Shirley and Ed Fancher**  
**Thomas and Susan Johnson**  
**J. Avery and Dana Rush**  
**David and Sherry Schaeffer**

### Facts at a Glance

#### PERFORMANCE DATES:

February 28 and March 7 ..... 7:30 PM  
March 1, 2, 8 and 9 ..... 8:00 PM  
March 3, 10 ..... 2:30 PM

#### BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

**Members** - Monday, February 11 ..... 10:00 AM  
**Public** - Monday, February 18 ..... 10:00 AM

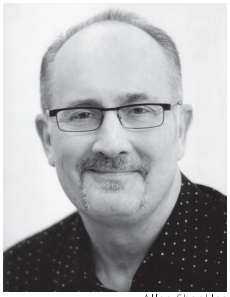
#### LOCATION:

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

Order online at [amarillolittletheatre.org](http://amarillolittletheatre.org)

## Director's Notes

It is unbelievable that this edition of Curtain Call is announcing auditions for our last production of the season - **Mamma Mia!** It seems like only yesterday that I was greeting the cast for **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** - our first Mainstage production of the season. We have produced some truly amazing theatre art this season. Our production of the aforementioned



**Joseph** was a stunning production that was a huge success for ALT. We followed that with a fantastic production of **Little Shop of Horrors** masterfully directed by Jason Crespin. In November, I directed a twisted, dark comedy called **A Skull in Connemara**, which was followed by a beautiful and heartwarming production of **Over the River and Through the Woods**.

As you read this Curtain Call, we will have just completed the first weekend of **Fun Home**. This is a stunning production of immense power and beauty. I hope that you are able to see this magnificent show. It is one of my favorites.

Our season will finish on a very high note as we produce the final three productions of the season — **Steel Magnolias**, **Other Desert Cities** and **Mamma Mia!**. These shows are sure to be spectacular!

During the run of **Steel Magnolias** we will be offering you the opportunity to help us select next season's Mainstage shows. We will have ballots out with our top 5-6 choices in the categories of Plays and Musicals. We hope you will share your opinion with us.

In the fall of 2014 I shared my Parkinson's diagnosis with my ALT family. At that time, I thought my life was pretty much over. Five years later, I am still here working hard doing what I love. I have been fortunate that I am being treated by one of the foremost Parkinson's experts in the country and my drug regimen is working pretty darn well. Without a doubt, I am slowly losing strength and stamina, but I am playing lots of golf and working, so things are pretty good overall. My youngest daughter, Alexa, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on December 18. This is mine and Carrie's first grandchild and I cannot express how fantastic being a grandfather is to me!! Life is GOOD!

We are still on target with our transition plan which will promote Mr. Jason Crespin to the Managing/Artistic Director of ALT. The transition is happening slowly and thoughtfully. In the coming season, you will see a lot more of Jason and a little less of me. I plan to stay on board at ALT for as long as my body will carry me there, but I will turn over the "keys" to the Mothership in the next year or so.....maybe two. Please don't try to get rid of me before then!!!! lol

ALT is flourishing. I am so proud of the theatre we have built together. There have been so many extraordinary people who have left their mark on ALT. Too many to name. Many of you know you fit into that group. The greatest honor we could ever give to these fabulous volunteers is to keep their legacy alive. I say this often, **"We are standing in the shade of trees planted long ago."** This is so true. But, let there be no doubt that WE have planted a bunch of trees too.

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

Allen Shankles  
Managing/Artistic Director

## GUILD NOTES

ALT Guild, in conjunction with the ALT Board, is busy with preparations for the 2019 Gala, a dinner and dance that will be held Saturday, April 27, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., at the Derrick Event Center, 814 S. Tyler. The theme this year is Hollywood Glam. A Producer's Table, for 8, is \$1,250; a Director's Table, for 4, is \$500, and General Admission is \$150. Make your reservation at the Guild website, [www.ALTGuild.org](http://www.ALTGuild.org). It promises to be an exciting evening, and proceeds go to support the Theatre.

The next Guild meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Theatre. It will be an important meeting to work on details for the Gala. I hope to see you there.

As always, if you have any questions about ALT Guild, feel free to contact me at [tsjonson@arn.net](mailto:tsjonson@arn.net), or 806-622-2656.

Susan Johnson, President  
ALT Guild

# Academy Spotlight

The Academy's Spring semester has started and we are hitting the ground running. We have been working hard on a great new outreach program as well as gearing up for another fun musical!



Jason Crespin

This month, we are excited to be partnering with Palace Coffee on a great give back aspect of their company called "Kindness is the Cause" where they help 4 different non-profits a year. ALT Academy is their first non-profit and we are doing several different projects with them including the Cause Latte this month and next. The newest addition occurs this month and I am really excited for it! We will be hosting a free theatre workshop for middle school aged students at ALT. We are naming it "An Act of Kindness" Theatre Workshop. We will be hosting kids in 6th-8th grade at ALT on Saturday, February 23rd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our goal is to offer a free theatre workshop to students who might not be able to afford an extra circular theatre class or to someone who might not have the means to drive to ALT once a week for a class. Our day will include workshops with 4 different aspects of theatre: Acting, Costumes, Hair/Makeup and Set Design. We will rotate each station learning aspects of the theatre from instructors in the morning and then in the afternoon, rehearse a show that they will be putting on that day at 4pm for their families and friends. We are hoping to have 30 students from all over Amarillo and will provide breakfast and lunch for these kids. Again, this will be a FREE Theatre workshop for students. As you can see, I am very excited about this

project. If you are interested in volunteering at the workshop or would like to sponsor a student for \$30, please contact me at [jason@amarillolittletheatre.org](mailto:jason@amarillolittletheatre.org).

In January, the Academy held auditions for our upcoming musical **HONK!** and what an abundance of talent showed up! This musical is the story of the ugly duckling and holds a special place in the heart of the Academy. We first produced the show in the Spring of 2002 and then again in the Spring of 2010. It is a fantastic musical with a hilarious book and wonderful songs and it has a beautiful message of tolerance and acceptance, something the world could hear a little more about these days. We were able to cast a very strong group of 72 students for this production. This show is going to be a lot of fun and you certainly are not going to want to miss it! **HONK!** will run March 29th – April 7th with tickets going on sale to Season Ticket Holders on March 11th and to the public on March 18th. Make sure to reserve your tickets next month before this show sells out!

## See you at the show!

Jason Crespin  
Academy Director

## THE GALA Hollywood Glam

The Gala 2019 will be the place to dance, drink, and revel the night away in true Hollywood Glam fashion. Proceeds of the party will benefit Amarillo Little Theatre. Reserve your tickets now to avoid missing out on the event of the season.

**Saturday, April 27 7:30 -11:30 pm**  
**Derrick Event Center 814 S. Tyler**  
**Buy tickets at [altguild.org](http://altguild.org)**

## END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS 2018

Kathy Adams  
Melinda Batchelor  
Patrick Bennett/Satana, LP  
Peter & Helene Botsonis  
Kay Bullock  
Art & Rosie Carroll  
Ann Clary  
Mike & Kathy Connor  
Debora Dougan  
Evelyn & Kurt Ecker  
Emily Ellis  
Gary Fields

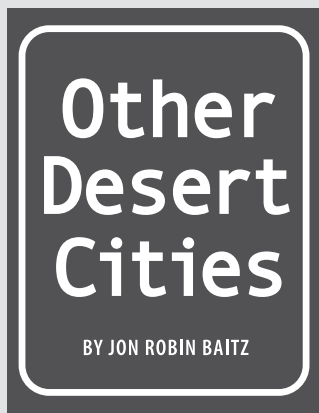
Tony & Diane Freeman  
Pat Hayes  
in honor of Laura Worsham  
Susan Hellberg  
in honor of Jeff Hellberg  
Nancy Holt  
Nolan & Carrie Huckabay  
Jane Juett  
Lorene Lacer  
Jason & Jamie Laird  
Anne & Jack Lankford

Bill & Poppy McCarty  
in honor of Gwen & John Patterson  
Sue Norman  
Bill Popham  
Parman & Mary Reynolds  
Tony & Virginia Sicola  
Carson & Helen Smith  
Bob Stout  
Dirk & Kimberly Vergaalen  
Karen & John Walker  
in honor of Allen Shankles

\*as of 1/31/19

AUDITIONS!

Amarillo Little Theatre is pleased to announce open auditions for its final Adventure Space and Mainstage productions of the 2018-19 season!



**AUDITION DATES**

Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26, 2019 @ 7:30pm  
ALT Mainstage

**PRODUCTION DATES**

April 11-20, 2019  
ALT Adventure Space

**DIRECTED BY**

Allen Shankles

**Roles are available for:**

**1 man** (age range 55-80)  
**1 man** (age range 25-35)  
**2 women** (age range 55-70)  
**1 woman** (age range 25-35)

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

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**AUDITION DATES**

Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5, 2019 @ 7:30pm  
Callbacks - Wednesday, March 6 @ 7:30  
ALT Adventure Space

**PRODUCTION DATES**

May 2-19, 2019  
ALT Mainstage

**DIRECTED BY**

Allen Shankles

**MUSIC DIRECTION BY**

Jennifer Akins

**CHOREOGRAPHY BY**

Shawn Walsh

**Roles are available for:**

**10-15 adult men** (age 16 and up)  
**10-15 adult women** (age 16 and up)

Auditions will consist of a prepared vocal selection not to exceed 60 seconds and cold readings from the script. Perusal scripts for both shows are available at the ALT Box Office for a \$10.00 refundable deposit.