



The Amarillo Little Theatre

proudly presents

Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville:* *A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*



Ken Ludwig's
BASKERVILLE
A Sherlock Holmes Mystery



***A Sherlock Holmes mystery is the perfect foil
for the winter doldrums!***

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Amarillo Little Theatre is very pleased to present one of the most popular new plays of the season, **Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery**. This delightfully clever new play is going to be a hit with ALT audiences.

Get your deerstalker cap on — the play's afoot! From the award-winning mastermind of mayhem, Ken Ludwig (**Lend Me a Tenor**), comes a fast-paced comedy about everyone's favorite detective solving his most notorious case. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson must crack the mystery of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguises and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than 40 characters. Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Join the fun and see how far from elementary the truth can be.

ALT has selected an amazing collection of veteran actors to bring this hilarious show to vivid life on our stage. Included in the cast are **Zeke Lewis** as Sherlock Holmes and **Jeffrey Pickens** as Doctor Watson. Actors 1 and 2 are played by **Brandon Dawson** and **Brooks Boyett**. Actress 1 will be played by **Kara Leimer**. Artistic Director for the production is **Callie Hisek** of WTAMU. Assistant to the Director is **Laura Jo Worsham**. Costume Coordination will be by **Kim Shreffler**.

This fast paced show will be a laugh out loud treat for the entire family.

You won't want to miss it! Make your reservations today.

Facts at a Glance

PERFORMANCE DATES:

January 16 and 23 7:30 PM
January 17, 18, 24 and 25 8:00 PM
January 26 2:30 PM

BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

Members - Monday, December 30... 10:00 AM
Public - Monday, January 6..... 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

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

Director's Notes

Hello to all of my friends and colleagues at ALT! Isn't it hard to believe that we have already completed six shows of ALT's 2019-20 season? AND we have six more to go.....wow!!!!



Allen Shankles

I am very proud of the work we have done thus far. We have produced truly brilliant productions of **The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Underpants, Legally Blonde, Sweeney Todd, Sweat** and **Frozen Jr.**

This issue of Curtain Call announces the opening of **Ken Ludwig's Baskerville**, which will be presented at the ALT Mainstage January 16-26. This is a very funny new script and it should be a very popular show for ALT audiences. Director, **Callie Hisek**, has gathered a cast of brilliant actors to bring this show to life on our stage. You MUST plan to see it.

Next up at the Adventure Space in February is the rockin' salute to the music of the 80's, **Rock of Ages**. **Jason Cresspin** will be directing this show with Music Director **Jennifer Akins**. I can't wait to see this show in our Adventure Space. It is going to be so much fun!

I think that you will agree that ALT has been operating on a very high level of professionalism for a number of years and it just keeps getting better. Each of the shows produced thus far this season have been extraordinary works of art AND our audiences have been supportive of every show. Not only have these shows been successful on an artistic level, they have been very successful financially! That's the best of both worlds. I am also very excited to announce that during a time when many other theatres and performing arts organizations are experiencing downturns in their season ticket sales, ALT has smashed previous years sales by 15%. I believe that many people in our area are finally discovering what a treasure ALT is to our community. It is after all, **The Place to Be....**

We are blessed with an immensely deep and highly skilled talent pool, fantastic volunteers, an extraordinary staff, beautiful facilities and a culture of professionalism and hard work that has been nurtured for many years. I am so proud.

Whether you spend hundreds of hours volunteering at ALT, or you generously provide necessary financial contributions for our organization, or you simply attend our productions, you all share in making ALT a truly extraordinary theatre organization! Thank you.

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

Allen Shankles

Managing/Artistic Director

Year-end Appeal

Dear ALT Friends and Patrons,

As we are drawing near to the end of the year 2019, it is that time of year for me to ask you to consider making an end of year, tax deductible contribution to YOUR theatre - Amarillo Little Theatre. I typically attempt to dazzle you with some of the important numbers at ALT. These include over 30,000 residents in attendance during the season. 650 students in our Academy program. Thousands of young lives touched by the magic of live theatre through daytime performances of Academy shows such as **Frozen** and **Honk!**.

Today, I am going to focus your attention on one powerful number!! \$25,000. It may look more impressive this way - **Twenty five thousand.** Add a dollar sign to this and you have my goal for our end of year donations for 2019. I have talked often about the power of numbers. That power was clearly evident during our campaign to raise \$18,000 to purchase new Adventure Space chairs. For that campaign, I asked that 180 of our patrons each donate \$100 toward the purchase of one chair. In less than a week, we raised the \$18,000 necessary to purchase the seats. Our goal was attained and no one had to contribute more than \$100, although some did.

Remember my goal is \$25,000.

Here's how easy that will be. We have around 1,000 season ticket holders, plus several thousand friends and patrons who don't purchase season tickets. If we could get just 500 of you reading this letter right now to donate \$50, our goal would be reached. It's really ridiculously simple.

Can we make this happen? My prediction is that more than half our patrons will make a contribution of \$50 and we will easily surpass our goal! Call me a dreamer! But I know how much you treasure the great shows being produced at ALT. These are very high quality shows such as **Legally Blonde** and **Sweeney Todd**. I know you believe in our Academy program, which is among the finest youth theatre programs in the country. I also know that you understand that although at least 75% of our revenue is "earned income," we cannot survive on ticket sales alone.

500 patrons - \$50.00 each - \$25,000 raised!

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Allen Shankles

Managing/Artistic Director

Academy Spotlight

"Let it go... let it go...can't hold it back anymore..."

The Academy certainly held nothing back as we produced **Frozen Jr.** with our talented cast of 94 Academy students. This was a big success for our Academy as we made history at selling out before our tickets even went on sale to the public! We wished we could have added performances but we were restricted on the number of shows we could produce from Disney since this show is currently running on Broadway and the National Tour is currently touring.



Jason Crespin

I want to thank our production team that consisted of **Brandon Bellar, Beth Alexander, Carla Fristoe, Courtney Frazier, Velvet Knight, Krystal Burns, Tiffany Laur** and **Tana Roberson**. The success of this show was due to the hard work of these individuals as well as the many family members who helped make costumes, worked backstage, ushered, fixed puppets, decorated lobbies, worked concession and so much more. A huge thank you also to **Savannah Ware** and **Chriselda Reyes** for planning two additional Frozen inspired events and **Brandi Reed** and **Cathy Tingle** for planning our awesome cast party!

I would also like to thank the **staff of ALT** and **ALT Board of Directors** for their continued support, **Sparkman Orthodontics** for co-producing this show, all of our community sponsors as well as **Street Toyota, Happy State Bank, Xcel Energy** and **Atmos Energy** for sponsoring our *Love is an Open Door Give Back Performance*. 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.

Just a reminder that registration is currently in progress for the Spring semester. Classes begin the week of January 13th. Make sure to check out the list of Spring classes as there are some great classes for all ages, including adults! Sign up soon though as I know many classes are filling up fast!

2019 was a busy year for the Academy. We produced the heart warming musical **HONK!** in the Spring, heard the story of a lonesome bell ringer in **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** this summer and went on an icy adventure with **Frozen Jr.** The Academy also won 26 National Awards from the National Youth Arts Awards this year, our Show Stopper Show Choir competed in the Walt Disney World Festival of the Arts where we brought home the Best Show Choir award and Outstanding solo vocalist, our Academy was again named *Amarillo Magazine's Reader's Choice for Best Theatre, Dance and Vocal programs* and we held our first Ghost Light Gala Awards ceremony where we honored our departing Seniors. We certainly had a blessed year and could not have done it without our amazing instructors, the support of the ALT staff and Board of Directors, our talented students and their amazing families!

We are ready to make 2020 just as memorable!

Happy New Year!

Jason Crespin
ALT Academy Director

Guild Notes

What a successful Fall we have had at ALT!

Our guild has been hard at work this season. One lucky recipient won our giveaway for Dallas Cowboy tickets in Chicago! With the success of each production, our guild has had tremendous success in concession sales. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to the theatre.

If you have considered being a part of ALT, we encourage you to join the ALT guild! Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30pm** at the Terk Lobby of ALT. We'd love to see you there.

A special thank you to **Tom & Susan Johnson** for hosting our December meeting and Guild Christmas party!

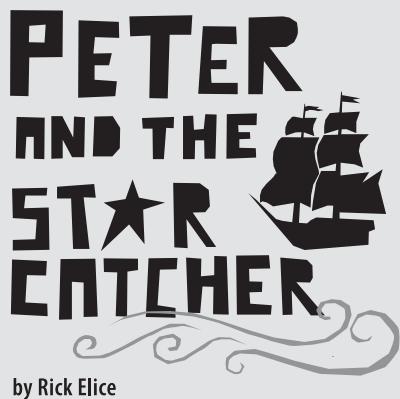
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See you at the Theatre,

Chriselda
President, ALT Guild
altguild.org

AUDITIONS!

Amarillo Little Theatre is pleased to announce open auditions for its fourth Mainstage and fourth Adventure Space productions of the 2019-20 season!



by Rick Elice



Auditions will be by cold readings from the script.
Scripts are available at the ALT Box Office for a \$10.00 refundable deposit.

AUDITION DATES

Monday and Tuesday, January 6 & 7, 2020 @ 7:30
ALT Adventure Space

PRODUCTION DATES

February 27 - March 8, 2020
ALT Mainstage

DIRECTED BY

Allen Shankles

Roles are available for:

12-15 Pirates (Pirates can be any ethnicity and/or gender - age range 16 and up)
1 young woman (age range 15 - 24)

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AUDITIONS!



by Stephen Karam



AUDITION DATES

Sunday, February 9, 2020 @ 7:30 pm
ALT Mainstage

PRODUCTION DATES

April 9 -19, 2020
ALT Adventure Space

DIRECTED BY

Allen Shankles

Roles are available for:

1 man (age range 55-65)
1 woman (age range 55-65)
1 woman (age range 65 and up).
1 man (age range 30-40)
2 women (age range 25-35)

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