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## OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

by Joe DiPietro



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**"A hilarious family comedy that is even funnier than his long-running musical revue *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*."**

From the author that brought us the hilarious musical, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, ALT is proud to present the heartwarming and very funny comedy, *Over the River and Through the Woods* as it's third Mainstage production of the 2018-19 season. ALT successfully produced this great show in 2004. It was an overwhelming audience favorite that we are excited to produce again.

As the story goes, Nick is a single, Italian-American guy from New Jersey. His parents retired and moved to Florida. That doesn't mean his family isn't still in Jersey. In fact, he sees both sets of his grandparents every Sunday for dinner. This is routine until he has to tell them that he's been offered a dream job. The job he's been waiting for—marketing executive—would take him away from his beloved, but annoying, grandparents. He tells them. The news doesn't sit so well. Thus begins a series of schemes to keep Nick around. How could he betray his family's love to move to Seattle, for a job, wonder his grandparents? Well, Frank, Aida, Nunzio and Emma do their level best, and that includes bringing to dinner the lovely—and single—Caitlin O'Hare as bait...we won't give the ending away here.

ALT has assembled a wonderful cast for this production. It includes **Michael Newman** as Nick, with **Jeffrey Pickens**, **Connie Cannady**, **Don Shipman** and **Kim Shreffler** as the grandparents. **Amy Shelburne** is playing the role of Caitlin. Artistic Director for this production is **Callie Hisek**, Associate Director of Theatre at WTAMU.

*Over the River and Through the Woods* promises to be one of the most popular shows of the season. Audiences will love it! Make sure to reserve your tickets right away.

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### Facts at a Glance

#### PERFORMANCE DATES:

January 17 and 24 ..... 7:30 PM  
January 18, 19, 25 and 26 ..... 8:00 PM  
January 20 and 27 ..... 2:30 PM

#### BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

**Members** - Monday, December 31 ... 10:00 AM  
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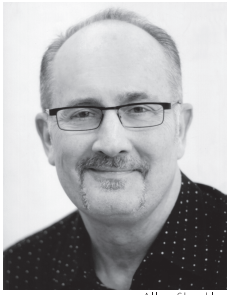
#### LOCATION:

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

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# Director's Notes

As you read this issue of Curtain Call, we will be very close to the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019. I hope that 2018 was a good year for you and yours. ALT had a great year!! I have personally had a great year. My health is holding on. I got a new knee and Carrie and I have welcomed our first grandchild into the world. That is a life changing event in our lives.



Allen Shankles

As I stated above, ALT has had a phenomenal year. Our season ticket sales are up, contributions are up and our attendance is great. We have more interested volunteers than we have ever had and our shows are a testament to the great work being done right here in Amarillo.

This Curtain Call announces the opening of ***Over the River and Through the Woods*** as our next Mainstage production of the season. This beautiful show is funny, heart warming and delightfully charming. You are going to love it!! I promise.

I am just beginning staging for our upcoming Adventure Space production of ***Fun Home***. I am very, very excited to be producing this extraordinary show. It is critically acclaimed having won five 2015 Tony Awards including **Best Musical, Best Score, Best Book of a Musical** as well as being a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

This is not an easy show. In fact it is perhaps one of the most challenging in my career. But it is one of the most heartfelt and inspirational shows we have ever produced. We also have an exquisite cast for this show. This show is a remarkable work of art. I look forward to sharing it with all of our patrons.

I am excited to tell you that we have taken over the lease on the space just east of our Adventure space. This space will soon undergo some renovation that will make it suitable for a couple more classroom and rehearsal spaces. We are busting at the seams for our Academy classes and so this space is much needed. We are also looking toward doing some painting and renovation at the Adventure space. I want to have art on our exterior of the Adventure Space. We are hoping to make the Adventure Space building a landmark in Amarillo. We will be working with various artists to come up with a design and I hope to complete the project in the summer. It's going to be exciting.

ALT is gearing up its Advertising campaign for the 2019-20 season. This is one of the only programs at ALT that is not flourishing. Our advertising sales are down almost 15%. If you own a business or are with an organization that wants and needs to support ALT, please consider placing an ad in our ALT Playbill. Your ad will be exposed to almost 30,000 patrons during the course of the season. Give me a call or shoot me an email if you want more information. Life is so good! I hope the new year is the best ever for all of us. Thanks for your support and commitment to ALT.

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

Allen Shankles  
Managing/Artistic Director

## GUILD NOTES

**Congratulations to the winners of the Guild raffle:**

**Debbie Perry**-Palace Coffee Membership

**Chuck Jacobson**-Escape Room adventure

**Grand Prize**-Lucy Bodkin

Thanks to everyone for your support.

Our next Guild meeting will be February 12. Until then, we hope everyone has a bright, peaceful Holiday season, spent with those you love, and a successful New Year, whatever that means to you!

**See you at the Theatre!**

Susan Johnson, President  
ALT Guild

# Academy Spotlight

*"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."* Charles Dickens

We certainly have been in the Holiday spirit in the Academy and spreading the love of the season as best we can. **A Christmas Carol** was a big success for our Academy and we want to thank you for kicking off your holiday season with this classic show.



Jason Crespin

I want to thank our production team that consisted of **Krystal Burns, Velvet Knight, Noah Lang, Beth Alexander, Tana Roberson** and **Tiffany Laur**. 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, work backstage, ushered, put up posters, worked concession and so much more. Also a huge thank you to **Carrie Leigh Huckabay** who adapted the Charles Dickens' script for our stage. Carrie's script was fantastic and the ending left the audience clapping through tears. What a joy to witness at every show.

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, **Sparkman Orthodontics** for co-producing this show, all of our community sponsors and **Chick-Fil-A on Georgia Street** and the **ALT Guild** 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.

Just a reminder that registration is currently in progress for the Spring semester. Classes begin the week of January 14th. 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! 2018 was a busy year for the Academy. We produced the "toe tapping" play **Mr. Popper's Penguins**, reminded you to "stick our your chin and grin" with **Annie**, took you on a magical adventure with **Into the Woods**, and help put audiences in the holiday season with **A Christmas Carol**. The Academy also won 20 National Awards from the National Youth Arts Awards and was again named Amarillo Magazine's Reader's Choice for Best Theatre, Dance and Vocal programs. We certainly had a blessed year and could not do have done it without our amazing instructors, the support of the ALT staff and Board of Directors, and our talented students and their amazing families! We are ready to make 2019 just as memorable!

## Happy New Year!

Jason Crespin  
Academy Director



*Have an upcoming party and need entertainment?  
Valentine's Banquet coming up with no one to sing any love songs?*

Well... here's your chance to book the ALT Academy  
Show Stoppers Show Choir!

**Our Show Stopper choir students are currently raising money for travel and lodging expenses for their Disney Festival of the Arts Spring Trip.** This festival is a vocal and performance festival held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida where our students will be able to showcase their talent. They will also be able to attend workshops led by Disney professionals! To book the Show Stoppers, contact Academy Director Jason Crespin at [jason@amarillolittletheatre.org](mailto:jason@amarillolittletheatre.org) today!

Don't have any upcoming party but want to support? Donations are also being accepted at the ALT Box Office!

AUDITIONS!

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

# Steel Magnolias

by Robert Harling



## AUDITION DATES

Monday and Tuesday, January 7 and 8, 2019  
@ 7:30 pm  
ALT Mainstage

## PRODUCTION DATES

February 28 - March 10, 2019  
ALT Mainstage

## DIRECTED BY

Pegi Lovett

## Roles are available for:

**6 Adult Women** (age range 25 and up)

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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# Other Desert Cities

BY JON ROBIN BAITZ



## AUDITION DATES

Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26, 2019  
ALT Turk Lobby

## PRODUCTION DATES

April 11 -20, 2019  
ALT Adventure Space

## DIRECTED BY

Allen Shankles

## Roles are available for:

**2 men** (age range 20-70)

**3 Women** (age range 25-70)

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.