Amarillo Little Theatre proudly presents the 2019-2020 Season!

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Do you have your season tickets for the exciting new Amarillo Little Theatre Season? We guarantee that this is a season shows that is not to missed. There is certainly something for everyone in this diverse season which will include some of the finest Broadway productions ever produced.

The ALT season will begin August 15 at the ALT Adventure Space with the hilarious, new show **The Underpants**. This show was written by Steve Martin, certainly one of the funniest comedians of our time. **The Underpants** is a very funny play that is full of hilarious moments that will have ALT audiences giggling throughout. It is truly an endearingly sweet show....one not to be missed.

Early in September ALT's focus will turn to the Mainstage and one of the most adored movies and musicals of our time - *Legally Blonde*. Filled with great music, lots of dance and the hilarious characters we all know and love, this show will be a mega-hit for ALT. Production dates are September 12 - 29.

We will stay at the Mainstage in October with our production of the dark and darkly humorous **Sweeney Todd**. This brilliant musical, written by Stephen Sondheim, is a show that will have audiences holding their breath in anticipation of some of the most shocking moments to ever grace the stage. ALT did this show at the ALT Adventure Space in 2005 and it was so popular we had to extend its run. We are excited to produce the show again in a much bigger space. We feel as though we can explore some exciting ideas for the show in the Mainstage environment. It will be fun.

In November, ALT returns to the Adventure space featuring a play that was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2017, *Sweat*. It is a well written and very gritty new work that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats. It is an exciting work of theatre art. I hope you will plan to see it.

In January, ALT will produce Ken Ludwig's Baskerville. This comic romp visits the classic Sherlock Holmes mystery, but in a very humorous way. The numerous characters in the show will be played by 3 actors. This style is reminiscent of *The 39 Steps* which we produced a few years back. This will be a fun night and a perfect opportunity to bring the whole family to ALT.

Opening February 6th at the ALT Adventure Space will be the campy rock musical **Rock of Ages**. This show features the great music of the 80's Hair Bands in a loosely structured plot that keeps the hits coming and coming. This show can't be missed!

Opening on February 27 is the wonderfully inventive new show *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This excellent show will be a treat for the entire family.

April 9-19 ALT will produce a show we have waited on for a couple of years. It is a staff favorite and it promises to be an ALT favorite. It is called *The Humans* and it is the winner of the 2017 Tony Award for Best Play. This is a well-crafted production that is at turns hilarious and tragic. It is one of our favorite shows of the season.

Finally, ALT will produce one of the most popular shows in the country - **Matilda**. This wonderful new musical will feature a number of ALT Academy students as well as some of ALT's favorite adult performers. It is going to be a wonderful opportunity for ALT families to experience the magic and joy of live theatre.

That's it! ALT's new season!! You don't want to miss a single one of these great productions. That's why you should purchase your season tickets today. That will guarantee you a great seat for every production. ALT season tickets also save you over 40% compared to regular ticket prices. This is truly the best entertainment value in town.

Becoming an ALT season member is easy. Just complete the season ticket form on-line, over the phone or in person at the ALT box office. We promise you won't regret it.

Director's Notes

AMAZING!

Yes, that's the appropriate word for the response to our Adventure Space Chair Replacement campaign. We asked our



membership, patrons and friends for a little assistance to help us purchase 180 new chairs for that space. To say our we got a great response to that request would be would be falling way short. We raised the necessary \$18,000 in one week! I am so grateful to everyone who "purchased" a seat. Doesn't it feel good to be able to help your community theatre in such a tangible and meaningful way? Want to feel even more gratified? Why not consider joining the ALT Producers' Circle? The \$500 annual contribution can be paid in full, in monthly payments, or via bank draft. Just imagine the pride in knowing that you helped ALT to produce a season of remarkable shows. Now is your chance.

The 2018-19 season was a great success for ALT, despite the fact that some of our shows didn't post the attendance numbers we had hoped for. We had very successful productions of *Joseph, Little Shop of Horrors, Fun Home, Steel Magnolias* and *Mamma Mia!*. We are proud to tell you that *Mamma Mia!* sold almost 6,000 tickets during its run. As always, *Steel Magnolias* was "money in the bank."

We closed out our season with two very big events in June. *Recollections: Stories and Songs that defined a career* was a night of story telling by ALT Managing/Artistic Director - that's me - punctuated with wonderful songs and performances by some of ALT's favorite entertainers. This show was a wonderful success for ALT.

We concluded our season wth our annual ALTA gala on June 15. The ALTA's continues to be one of my favorite nights of the year at ALT. I want to congratulate the winners of the various acting awards for their great work. I would also like to congratulate our two volunteer award winners, **Carla Fristoe**, who received the "Amy Gililland - Technical Volunteer of the Season Award. The Daniel J. Shwartz Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to **Treva Oller**. Each of these women made significant contributions of time, talent, passion and loving care to ALT during the season. Congratulate them and thank them for their service to ALT when you get a chance.

Believe it or not, our season opens in less than a month. We will open the season at the Adventure space on August 15 with *The Underpants*. This show was written by Steve Martin. While it is not belly laugh funny, it is wonderfully clever and it will be a huge hit for ALT.

We open the Mainstage season on September12 with the contemporary favorite musical, *Legally Blonde*. This show will be ridiculously fun. You love the characters and the story, so now fall in love with the great music created for this show as well as the abundant dancing and hilarious situations.

I'm telling you for sure, this is a fantastic selection of shows! If you miss out on any of these shows you may need your head examined. Just do it!

I look forward to seeing you at the theatre(s). Allen Shankles Managing/Artistic Director

GUILD NOTES

Hello! My name is Chriselda and I am excited to start the 2019-2020 season of ALT with the guild. I recently said the guild is my favorite thing about ALT. This group of volunteers truly serves as the foundation of the community you'll find at ALT; a community that we all feel fortunate to have come into.

The guild's passion is to serve our board and directors. There is no doubt that this season will continue to bring growth to the guild in its ability to better serve ALT.

I look forward to sharing the successes of each of our guild committees in the coming months and I hope you will consider joining us if you aren't a guild member already.

Our first meeting will be August 13 and we hope to see you there! Also, we'd love for you to save the date for our ALT Guild membership party in early September.

See you at the theatre! Chriselda

Academy Spotlight

The Academy is wrapping up a hectic summer! We are completing finishing touches on what will be a beautiful production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. I have just enough time to announce some exciting things coming up for the Academy so be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming auditions and events!



Show Stopper Show Choir Auditions! Auditions will be held at the ALT Mainstage on Tuesday, August 6th at 2pm. Those wishing to audition will have to come to a Show Choir clinic Monday, August 5th at 2pm to learn song and choreography. Auditions for Show Stoppers Show Choir will be for students entering the 9th-12th grades.

Junior/Senior Company Auditions! Auditions will be Wednesday, August 7th and Thursday, August 8th held at the ALT Mainstage and those wishing to audition should prepare a 1-2 minute (dramatic or comedic) monologue and expect to perform in front a panel of judges. You must email Mr. Jason to secure an audition time slot for these auditions!!! Junior Company (7th and 8th grade) auditions will begin at 1:30pm on Wednesday, August 7th and Senior Company (9th-12th grade) auditions will begin at 1:30pm on Thursday, August 8th. Please dress in appropriate audition attire and have an age appropriate monologue prepared.

Jason Crespin Look for more information on these upcoming auditions on our website later this summer! If you are unable to attend any of these audition dates, you must notify Mr. Jason before these dates to set up an alternate audition time. Questions? Email Mr. Jason at jason@amarillolittletheatre.org

Academy Fall Registration will begin on August 12th with classes starting on August 26th! Check out our website at the end of this month for all the great classes we will be offering this Fall.

ALT Academy Season Reveal Party! This "Open House" style event will invite Academy families and friends to come to ALT to meet instructors, enjoy treats, learn about free tickets to ALT shows, win prizes, and so much more. We will also unveil the Academy Season at this event so you do not want to miss it! Be sure to come and celebrate at the ALT Mainstage on August 21st from 5:30pm to 6:30pm!

As you can see, the Academy is busy this summer all while conducting jam packed theatre and dance camps! As you mark these performance and auditions dates as well as the Academy Season Reveal Party on your calendar, don't forget to also jot down that Fall registration starts on August 12th and classes start on August 26th!

See you all at *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*! Jason Crespin Academy Director

jason@amarillolittletheatre.org

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SEASON TICKET OPTIONS 2019-2020

 Patron - \$1000.00 — 40 Admissions (plus \$400 Tax Deductible Contribution) \$

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Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin



AUDTION DATES Monday, July 22 @ 7:30 pm

CALL BACKS Tuesday, July 23 @ 7:30 pm

PRODUCTION DATES September 12-29, 2019 — ALT MainStage

DIRECTED BY Jason Crespin

CHOREOGRAPHY BY Beth Alexander

MUSIC DIRECTION BY Jennifer Akins

Roles are available for **10-15 Women** (age range 16-55) **10-12 Men** (age range 16-55)

Scripts and Scores for both shows are available at the ALT Box Office for a refundable \$10 deposit.

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AUDITION DATES August 12 and 13, 2019 @ 7:30 pm

CALLBACKS August 14, 2019

PRODUCTION DATES October 24 - November 3, 2019

DIRECTED BY Allen Shankles

MUSIC DIRECTION BY Jennifer Akins

Roles are available for: 10-12 Women (age range 16-60) and **12 Men** (age range 16-65) We will be casting 1 Boy (age range 12-17)

Scripts and Scores for both shows are available at the ALT Box Office for a refundable \$10 deposit. Auditions will consist of a vocal selection not to exceed 60 seconds and cold readings from the script. Those auditioning for Legally Blonde will be expected to learn and perform a short choreography routine which will be taught by the choreographer.