

AMARILLO LITTLE THEATRE
proudly presents

WINTER WONDERETTES

Written & Created by **Roger Bean**

Vocal Arrangements by **Roger Bean & Brian Baker**

Musical Arrangements by **Brian Baker**

Winter Wonderettes premiered at Milwaukee Repertory Theatre
Joseph Hanreddy, Artistic Director and Timothy J. Shields, Managing Director

Starring

Amber Dewey

Mikayla Garren

Kaycee Humphrey

Kelsey Kilburn

Allen Shankles
Artistic Director

Jennifer Akins
Music Director

Shawn Walsh
Choreographer

Gregg Dunlap
Technical Director

Brandon Khamphoumy
Asst. Technical Director

Jamie Humphrey
Asst. to the Directors

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Missy Amber Dewey
Cindy Lou Mikayla Garren
Suzy Kaycee Humphrey
Betty Jean Kelsey Kilburn

PRODUCTION STAFF

Artistic Director..... Allen Shankles
Music Director Jennifer Akins
Choreographer Shawn Walsh
Technical Director..... Gregg Dunlap
Asst. Technical Director..... Brandon Khamphoumy
Theatre Technician Noah Lang
Asst. to the Directors Jamie Humphrey
Costumes Ashley DeVoid
Wigs Jeff Jarnagin
Light operator Dennis Humphrey
Sound operator Connor Brent
Spot light operators Ray Humphrey
Andrew Terry
Backstage Crew Ryan Sustaita

THE BAND

Conductor/Keyboard - Jennifer Akins
Guitar - Bryan Gomez
Bass - Bobby Schafer
Drums - Brandon Trey Borup

SPECIAL THANKS TO

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WINTER WONDERETTES MUSIC

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BIOGRAPHIES

Allen Shankles has been creating theatre “magic” at ALT for 36 years. He has directed hundreds of shows at ALT and has managed the growth of this organization as it has become one of the finest, most successful and highly respected theatres in the country. During his tenure at ALT, Allen has taken ALT from a struggling organization with a \$50,000 annual budget to its current budget of over \$1,200,000 annually. Allen is a visionary who has developed the ALT Academy, the ALT Adventure Space and the construction of the beautiful Terk Lobby at the Mainstage facility. He also coordinated the construction of the aforementioned Terk Lobby including making decisions about every facet of the project from paint colors to carpet choices. Allen also conceived and implemented installations of state of the art lighting and sound upgrades in the Mainstage auditorium. He has always believed that there was no reason why great theatre could not exist in Amarillo, Texas. Now it does.

Allen is grateful and proud that he has been able to have a wonderfully fulfilling career and an equally fulfilling personal life. He and his extraordinary wife, Carrie, have two wonderful daughters. They have also recently become proud grandparents to Reno Hart DeMezza and he is perhaps the greatest gift they have ever shared.

Allen served many terms as a Theatre Peer Review Panelist for the Texas Commission on the Arts. He has served on the board of Texas Nonprofit Theatres and is a member of the American Association of Community Theatres. Allen was inducted into the Branding Iron Theatre’s “Hall of Fame” at West Texas A&M University and in 2016, Allen was honored to be named “Man of the Year” by the Amarillo Globe-News.

Allen wishes to thank the ALT staff, both current and past, for its dedication, commitment, and passion for creating the finest in theatre art and entertainment.

Mikayla Garren (Cindy Lou) is excited to be back on the ALT stage in the production replacing *Matilda* (Mrs. Wormwood). She was last seen in ALT’s *Rock of Ages* (Sherrie), *Mary Poppins* at Abilene Christian University (Mary Poppins) and as a featured dancer in *Texas! The Outdoor Musical*. Mikayla holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in Musical Theatre from ACU (2016) and is currently the Assistant Academy Director at ALT. She enjoys spending time with family after being away from Amarillo for so long. She enjoys learning and having discussions with her husband Ryce, as well as goofing off with him while playing video games, watching TV or singing at the top of their lungs. Mikayla is grateful beyond words to be back home at ALT in such a humbling capacity.

Amber Dewey (Missy) is back on the ALT stage for the first time in over a decade. Her previous theatre experience includes *Assassins* as Balladeer/Lee Harvey Oswald (Theater 2020 in NYC), *The Magic Flute* as Queen of the Night (Notre Dame University Guest Artist), *Half-Stitched* as Star Stephens (Blue Gate Musicals in Indiana and Ohio), *She Loves Me* as Ilona Ritter (College Light Opera Company in MA), *Die Fledermaus* as Adele (College Light Opera Company in MA), *Legally Blonde* as Enid Hoopes (New London Barn Playhouse in NH) and her last ALT credit was *Into the Woods* as Rapunzel (2007) for which she won the ALTA for Best Featured Actress in a Musical. She attended Dartmouth College and has been singing and acting professionally since 2012. Amber’s hobbies include writing, playing computer games and seeing cute dogs.

Kelsey Kilburn (Betty Jean) Previous productions include *Legally Blonde* (Serena), *Mamma Mia!*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* where she won the ALTA award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical for her rendition of the Narrator, and *Sister Act* (Sister Mary Robert). Kelsey is recent graduate of West Texas A&M University where she received a BA in Public Relations and Advertising with a minor in Theatre. She is currently working for Sparkman Orthodontics as their Marketing Coordinator. When she's not working or rehearsing, Kelsey likes to hang out with friends and play with her pets. Kelsey would like to thank the cast, crew, friends, family, Allen, Shawn, and Jen for believing in her.

Kaycee Humphrey (Suzy) - Kaycee is a Sophomore Musical Theatre Major at Abilene Christian University and words cannot begin to express the joy and pride she has of being able to come back to her home theatre of ALT to perform! Some of her favorite memories have been made at ALT while performing in such shows as Miss Hannigan in *Annie*, Amy in *Little Women*, Alice in *Alice in Wonderland* and Celise in *Godspell*. Kaycee is super excited to make another special memory during the run of this show by performing alongside mentor and former ACU theatre alumni (what team!?!... Wildcats!!), Mikayla Garren. She would like to give a special thanks to the theatre staff of ACU for allowing her to audition for this show and then go "online" for her remaining few weeks of classes when the opportunity came up. Kaycee would also like to thank Allen Shankles and Jason Crespin for always pushing her to pursue her dreams and for making ALT not just "the place to be," but a "safe place to be" as well. She also thanks her family, Dennis, Jamie and Jordan, for always supporting and believing in her!

Jennifer Akins (Music Director) is a veteran of ALT and has served as Music Director, Assistant Music Director and pianist for over a decade. She is a graduate of WTAMU with a degree in Music Education. When not directing musicals, she plays piano at First Christian Church. She enjoys being married to her husband, Mike and is very proud of her daughter Kate and her three bonus kids Emily, Andrew and Aaron. Her absolute favorite thing is taking care of her grandson, Zander. The next grandbaby is on the way in May!!!

Shawn Walsh (Choreographer) entertains ALT audiences, both on and off stage. Some of his acting highlights include: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Dracula*, *Sordid Lives*, *Woman In Black* and *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. His Choreography work with ALT includes some fan favorites, such as *Mamma Mia!*, *Mary Poppins*, *Sister Act*, *Anything Goes*, *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Hello Dolly*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, *White Christmas* and *La Cage Aux Folles*. Shawn is a realtor with Realty Central, as well as a tap instructor. He enjoys when he gets to spend time with Jeff and their three dogs – Earl, Sissy and Currie.

Jamie Humphrey (Assistant to the Directors) – Jamie is excited to be back at the Mainstage as Assistant to the Director! Even though the December show itself has changed, being a part of the magic that comes with sharing has not. Jamie hopes that *Winter Wonderettes* brings a little holiday cheer to everyone’s life during these crazy times. Making this holiday time even more special is getting to watch her daughter Kaycee make her return to the ALT stage! Jamie would like to thank Allen Shankles for always trusting her with such an important role at ALT. She would also like to thank Dennis for his encouragement and her kids, Jordan & Kaycee, for their love and support!

Roger Bean created the long-running hit *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (over 1,200 performances Off-Broadway), along with the sequels *Wonderettes: Caps & Gowns*, *Winter Wonderettes*, *Wonderettes: Dream On*, and the new large-cast *Wonderettes: Glee Club Edition*. Original cast albums for all *Wonderettes* shows are available from iTunes and Amazon. *The Marvelous Wonderettes* received the 2007 LA Ovation Award for Best Musical for its record-breaking Los Angeles run and continues to be an audience favorite in theatre companies throughout the country. Mr. Bean’s do-wop hit *Life Could Be A Dream* had a record-breaking 12-month run in Los Angeles, receiving the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award, the LA Weekly Theatre Award, and the Backstage Garland Award for Outstanding Musical.

Other popular musicals created by Mr. Bean include *The Andrews Brothers*, *Summer of Love*, *Route 66*, *Honky Tonk Laundry*, and *Why Do Fools Fall In Love?*, all published by Stage Rights. More info at www.rogerbean.com

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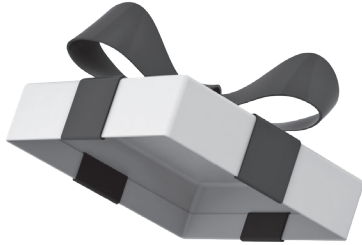
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