

AMARILLO LITTLE THEATRE
proudly presents

ONCE

Book by Enda Walsh

Music and lyrics by

Glen Hansard and Makéta Irglová

Based on the motion picture written and directed by
John Carney

Starring

Bobby Schaffer

Kristen Loyd

Featuring

Zeke Lewis

Bryan Gomez

Ricardo Cruz

Kallie Kilburn

Larri Jo Starkey

Don Shipman

Alyson Hall

Dillon Kizarr

Ruby Loyd

Brandon Khamphoumy

Allen Shankles

Artistic Director

Jennifer Akins

Music Director

Gregg Dunlap

Technical Director

Brandon Khamphoumy

Asst. Technical Director

Ashley Devoid

Assistant to the Director

Orchestrations by Martin Lowe

Originally produced on Broadway by
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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Guy	Bobby Schaffer
Girl.....	Kristen Loyd
Billy	Zeke Lewis
Andrej.....	Ricardo Cruz
Reza.....	Kallie Kilburn
Svec.....	Bryan Gomez
Bank Manager.....	Dillon Kizarr
Da	Don Shipman
Baruska	Larri Jo Starkey
Eamon.....	Brandon Khamphoumy
Ex-Girlfriend	Alyson Hall
Ivonka	Ruby Loyd

PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer.....	Allen Shankles
Artistic Director	Allen Shankles
Music Director.....	Jennifer Akins
Technical Director	Gregg Dunalp
Asst. Technical Director	Brandon Khamphoumy
Technical Assistant	Noah Lang
Assistant to the Directors.....	Ashley Devoid
Set and Lighting Design	Allen Shankles
Sound Design/Operation	Connor Brent
Sound Tech.....	Andrew Hawkins
Costume Coordinator.....	Ashley DeVoid
Volunteer Coordinator.....	Lissa Garren
Light Operation.....	Vanessa Valenzuela
Backstage Crew	Jacob Miller

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CAST BIOGRAPHIES

Ricardo Cruz (*Svec*) was last seen as “Sancho Six String” lead guitarist of Arsenal in *Rock of Ages* and also for 5 years playing guitar in ALT’s orchestra pit. He holds an Associate of Arts in Music from Amarillo College, Bachelor of Music Performance and Music Education from Texas Tech University and teaches Elementary Music for AISD. Ricardo hopes to continue to learn and grow as a musician while becoming a better player himself and teaching others by offering private guitar lessons. He loves spending time with family and friends and would like to thank his wife Andrea for “supporting me and giving me time to prepare for this show.”

Bryan Gomez (*Andrej*) was last seen playing guitar on stage in *Winter Wonderettes* and *Rock of Ages*. He has also played violin for many ALT productions including *Legally Blonde*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Joseph...Dreamcoat*, *Hairspray*, and *The Adams Family*. He also plays for the WTAMU theatre (*Into the Woods* – violin) and *Texas! The Outdoor Musical* (guitar, violin). Bryan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music with an all level teaching certification and is the Director of Orchestras at Houston Middle School along with being a violinist with the Sunny-Side Up String Quartet and a private lesson instructor and performer. His hobbies include fitness, cooking, table top games and music with goals to “continue to be a better musician, teacher and human being.”

Alyson Hall (*Ex-Girlfriend*) is excited to be making her ALT debut! Alyson began her music education at the Suzuki Violin School at age 5 and played violin through high school and college along with teaching in the Amarillo College Suzuki Program for 2 years. She graduated from Tascosa High School (2005) and from WTAMU with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education. She taught 4th grade Math and Writing for 4 years and is now a stay at home Mom of Wyatt (7) and Annie (20 months). Alyson enjoys traveling with her husband of 12 years, Tyler along with playing golf, tennis, water skiing and entertaining friends and family. “I want to thank Allen, Jen, Ashley and the entire cast for this amazing opportunity. I want to also thank my husband and family for all their support in this wonderful adventure!”

Brandon Khamphoumy (*Eamon*) was most recently seen in the *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (stunt double murderer), *Anything Goes* (Chinese gambler) and *Full Monty* (male stripper). Brandon graduated from Palo Duro High School and went to WTAMU for a performance degree, but fell in love with the technical aspect of the theatre. He has been employed at Amarillo Little Theatre since 2016 and as the Assistant Technical Director for the past 2 years and wants “to advance as far as I can at the theatre because I love this place”. When Brandon is not at the theatre, his second home, you will find him at the gym.

Kallie Kilburn (*Ensemble*) has been seen by ALT audiences in many productions, most recently in *Sweeney Todd* (Beggan woman) and *Rock of Ages* (ensemble), *Adams Family*, *Young Frankenstein* and *Mary Poppins*. Kallie is a longtime ALT Academy student, appearing in such productions as *Shrek the Musical*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Annie*. She also performed with Amarillo Opera and has appeared in several of the Amarillo Opera’s Summer Youth Musicals. Kallie’s goal is to make people happy through her talents and to continue a career in musical theatre.

Dillon Kizarr (*Bank Manager*) was last seen on the ALT stage in *The Humans* (Richard) and *Rock of Ages* (Stacey Jaxx). He has been in choir since grade school including show choir at Amarillo High and the acapella jazz ensemble at Amarillo College. Dillon is a realtor at Keller Williams who also enjoys taking care of his 3 year old daughter Ember, playing his guitar and singing, baking and driving while listening to music. He hopes to continue learning guitar, furthering himself as an artist and plans on participating in as many shows at ALT as possible. Special thanks go to Ember, for being the best little girl a Dad could ask for, Mom and Dad for always being supportive and friends and family for being patient and allowing him to perform.

Zeke Lewis (*Billy*) holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre from WTAMU. Previous credits include *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* (Ed), *Baskerville* (Sherlock Holmes), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Dr. Orin Scrivello, *ALTA Best Featured Performance in a Musical*), *Next to Normal* (Dr. Madden), *Young Frankenstein* (The Monster) and *Man of La Mancha* (Dr. Carrasco). Zeke has been the Artistic Director for the Theatre and Speech department at Borger Middle School since 2016. Offstage, Zeke can be found cheering on his wife, Allie, as she pursues her Master's Degree in Autism Intervention from UNT. He and Allie are the proud parents of Owen & Jaeson Lewis...SHMILY

Kristen Loyd (*Girl*) was last seen on ALT's Mainstage as Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*. Previous roles on the ALT stage are *Mamma Mia!* (Donna), *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (Marjorie Baverstock), *Mary Poppins* (Mary Poppins), *Anything Goes* (Reno Sweeney), and *Young Frankenstein* (Elizabeth Benning). Away from the stage, she is the proud wife to Ryan Loyd and mom to 2 beautiful daughters. Kristen owns a voice and acting studio in Amarillo. "My two favorite things are family and theatre. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to work with such an incredible community organization as Amarillo Little Theatre."

Ruby Loyd (*Ivanka*) is proud to be making her ALT debut. She has been a member of the ALT Academy for the past two years. She is thrilled that her first show is one that she gets to perform with her Mom.

Bobby Schaffer (*Guy*) first appeared on the ALT stage in the 1994 production of *Alone Together*, and won that season's Best Supporting Actor award for the performance. Some of his other favorite roles include Freddie in *Noises Off*, Mitch in *Tuesdays With Morrie*, Stanley in *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, and Felix in *The Odd Couple*. Bobby has also directed several productions for ALT – *The Mousetrap*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *Rumors*, and *Miss Firecracker Contest*. For the last ten years, he has brought the role of Drosselmeyer to life in Lone Star Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*. Bobby is a massage therapist, and enjoys playing music and spending time with his partner, Teresa, and their beautiful daughter, Emma.

Don Shipman (*Da*) is a 40-year veteran at ALT with 9 ALTA awards, Don was most recently seen in *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* (Voice 4) and *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Gremppkins/Pirate/Mollusk). Don has a B.A in theatre from Texas Tech. With over 100 productions under his belt either on stage or behind the scenes, it's hard for Don to pick an absolute favorite, but Scrooge from A Christmas Carol comes close. Don is a retired mailman, who keeps moving by being an avid hiker and backpacker and "cat-father to my dear wife Kellie's cats".

Larri Jo Starkey (*Baruska*) is thrilled to be playing Baruska in this production, not least because it gives her the opportunity to bring out her beast of an accordion. The Beast was a Christmas gift from Larri Jo's sister, who found it in a neighbor's closet many years ago. The Beast previously made ALT appearances in *Smoke on the Mountain*, *Chicago*, *Cabaret* and in the Tommy Tune concert. Larri Jo dedicates this performance to her parents, who bought her a piano and paid for lessons when she was a child.

Allen Shankles (*Artistic/Managing Director*) 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 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.

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!!!

Ashley DeVoid (*Assistant Director*) is a graduate of Corry Area High School in Corry, Pennsylvania where she was a cast member of several high school productions such as *Oklahoma*, *The Music Man* and *On the Town* and currently works as an optometric technician at Wesley J. Anderson's office. Ashley recently helped with costumes for ALT's productions of *Steel Magnolias*, *Mamma Mia* and Assistant Directed ALT's productions of *Rock of Ages* and *Curious Incident*. Ashley loves road trips, spending time with her husband and friends along with dancing and singing which is one of the reasons she loves being at ALT. She wants to thank Erin and Ethan for dog sitting Nicole on her long days, the cast and production team for their talent and hard work, and her husband for always supporting her!"

Enda Walsh is an acclaimed playwright, screenwriter and director. His recent work includes the play *Arlington* and the opera *The Second Violinist* which both premiered at the Galway International Arts Festival in 2016 and 2017 respectively. He also worked on the new musical, *Lazarus*, with David Bowie, which opened at New York Theatre Workshop in December 2015. Enda adapted and directed Max Porter's *Grief is the Thing with Feathers*, which ran both in Glasgow and New York. His work has been translated into many languages and has been performed internationally since 1996. In 2014 he received an Honorary Doctorate from Galway University.

Glen Hansard is an award-winning musician with a host of real-life songs and lilting vocals that reflect a passion for his diverse influences. Film: *The Commitments*, *Once*. Albums: *Between Two Shores*, *This Wild Willing*, *Didn't He Ramble*, *Rhythm and Repose*, *Strict Joy*, the soundtrack of *Once* (Academy Award for Best Original Song, 'Falling Slowly'; Olivier award for Outstanding Musical Contribution), *The Swell Season*, *The Cost*, *Burn the Maps*, *Set List*, *For the Birds*, *Dance the Devil*, *Fitzcarraldo*, and *Another Love Song*.

Markéta Irglová is an Academy Award winning musician and actor born in the Czech Republic. Film: *Once* and *Milluji tě Modře*. Albums: *Muna*, *Anar*, *The Swell Season*, the soundtrack of *Once* (Academy Award for Best Original Song, 'Falling Slowly', Olivier award for Outstanding Musical Contribution), *Strict Joy*.

John Carney is a Dublin-based writer-director who came to the world's attention following the box office hit and critically acclaimed musical feature film *Once*, which garnered multiple Independent Spirit, Sundance and Raindance awards. Previously, John was a bassist in the Irish rock band the Frames, where he met Glen Hansard. These musical roots continue to be evident in John's work with his latest production, *Can a Song Save Your Life?*. Other projects include *Dogs of Babel* for David Heyman and Nathan Kahane starring Steve Carrell and a feature adaptation of M.R. James's *Castling the Runes* for Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson.

MUSIC AND LYRICS

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