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ALWAYS a BRIDESMAID

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In this hilarious comedic romp, four friends have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their Senior Prom: to be in each other's weddings ... no matter what.

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More than thirty years later, these Southern friends-for-life are still making "the long walk" for each other, determined to honor that vow. Libby Ruth, the hopeful romantic with the perfect marriage, believes - in spite of all evidence to the contrary - that her friends can find the very same happiness. Headstrong Deedra's "rock-solid" union hangs by a thread when she discovers her husband of many years has not only a wandering eye but the hands to match. Monette, flashy, high-spirited and self-involved, continues to test her friends' love and patience with all-too frequent trips down the aisle. And salt-of-the-earth, tree-hugging Charlie discovers - the hard way - that marital bliss is not the end of her rainbow and panics in outrageous style when the opportunity presents itself.

Hop on this marriage-go-round for a laugh-out-loud journey with these beleaguered bridesmaids as they navigate the choppy waters of love and matrimony. Libby Ruth, Deedra, Monette and Charlie are committed to the notion that careers, waistlines and even marriages may disappear, but real friendships last a lifetime. Forsaking all others, in sickness and in health, they repeatedly struggle to stage the perfect wedding in spite of fistfights at the altar, runaway brides and the mistaken, and unfortunate, release of a flock of white doves on the first day of hunting season.

Always a Bridesmaid is the rollicking tale of four loyal and determined women who definitively answer the question, "Just how far are you willing to go to keep a promise to a friend?"

ALT has cast an outstanding group of performers for this production. It includes **Kelsey Landry, Kryss Miller, Christy Corder, Carrie Huckabay, Brenda Bailey** and **Nicole Murphy**. Artistic Director is **Pegi Lovett**, with **Chriselda Reyes** as Assistant to the Director. Please note that this production has been relocated to the ALT Adventure Space. As a result, seating will be fairly limited due to social distancing. Make your reservations today!

Facts at a Glance

{ **NOTE:** All patrons will be required to wear face mask/covering }
while attending a show at ALT. **No exceptions.**

PERFORMANCE DATES:

March 4 and March 11 7:30 pm
March 5, 6, 12 and 13 8:00 pm
March 7 & 14 2:30 pm

BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

Members - Monday, February 15 10:00 AM
Public - Monday, February 22 10:00 AM

LOCATION:

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

Order online at amarillolittletheatre.org

Director's Notes

We just keep chugging along! This has undoubtedly been the craziest year and season that I have ever experienced. I am very happy and relieved to have just completed my second vaccine. I am hoping with all my heart and soul that the vaccines will be effective and that this will be the light at the end of the tunnel.



It has been a difficult year at ALT. However, our fantastic patrons and our community have supported us generously through this period and have shown that they want to keep ALT flourishing in our community. We had an incredible show of support for my end of year fundraising appeal that resulted in total contributions to this specific appeal of over \$130,000! That level of support will ensure that ALT will continue to be **"the Place to be!"** We have a listing of the contributions to date included in this newsletter. My sincere thanks to everyone who made a contribution no matter what size.

Through it all, we have created some excellent productions. That's what we do best!! I am so tired of dealing with Covid issues and all of the stress and turmoil that are a result of this pandemic. One of my favorite sayings at ALT is **Do what you do!**

This Curtain Call newsletter announces the opening of the hilarious comedy ***Always a Bridesmaid***. Our good friend **Pegi Lovett** is directing this show. She has a terrific cast for the show, including two or three newcomers to our stage. It's always exciting to bring in new faces. It is one of the ways we keep ALT strong.

BTW, if you have not yet seen our current production of ***ONCE***, I strongly urge you to consider checking it out. It is an unusual show in that the cast plays all of the instruments used in the show. We have guitars, mandolins, violins, pianos and drums. It is amazing to see these incredibly talented people shine in this show. ***ONCE*** is one of my favorite shows of all time! I hope you will plan to see it.

Some exciting changes are on the horizon for ALT. I am hopeful that our organization will have a smooth transition to new management and that we will take it to levels of achievement and success that we have dreamed of.

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

Allen Shankles
Managing/Artistic Director

End of Year Contributions 2020

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*as of 2/9/2021

Academy Spotlight

The start of a new year always brings hope for a better year. I am sure hoping 2021 is a better and more uplifting year for us all! We certainly need it to be!



Jason Crespin

This curtain call announces the Academy's Spring production of ***The Wizard of Oz***. This big musical has certainly been one I have wanted to direct for a long time and put my spin on. We knew going into auditions that we wouldn't be able to have one big cast like we have done in the past. We hoped we would have enough talent to cast the show twice with 2 completely different casts to give more kids an opportunity to be in a show. Boy did we get what we were hoping for! The talent of the Academy is mind blowing. Theaters across this nation would be excited if they just had one of our amazing casts. How lucky are we to have both!

Casting the show twice has allowed us to have smaller casts for each performance. This allows more students the opportunity to be involved in our Spring musical and allows us to practice our COVID safety protocols. It also helps us spread out cast members' families to attend the show over 2 different weekends. This also allows us to have a built in "safety net" if one of our actors gets ill or has to quarantine. Of course, having two casts means double the rehearsals for our production team. I am so thankful our production team is as dedicated to the success of this

show as I am. We will have fewer days off but it will certainly be worth it. I hope you will be able to get one of the limited seats we have available for this Spring production. It is going to be so much fun and you won't want to miss it!

See you in Oz!

Jason Crespin
ALT Academy Director

Amarillo Little Theatre Academy and AAA Electric present

Production Dates: March 26-April 3, 2021
Show is rated G

Based on the Book by L. Frank Baum

Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg



The Amarillo Little Theatre Academy and AAA Electric invite you to travel "over the rainbow" as they present ***The Wizard of Oz***. Based on the classic MGM movie musical and the book by L. Frank Baum, ***The Wizard of Oz*** is a classic musical enchanting families for generations.

Like so many girls her age, little Dorothy Gale of Kansas dreams of what lies over the rainbow. When a twister hits her farm and carries her to the merry old land of Oz, Dorothy battles the Wicked Witch of the West and soon learns that "there's no place like home." Join Dorothy, her little dog Toto, the Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion as they take Glinda's advice to follow the brick road in search of the mysterious Wizard of Oz. Will the Wizard grant them their hearts' desires? Watch out for the Wicked Witch of the West and her winged monkeys as you rediscover this fantastic musical treat for the whole family.

ALT Academy has assembled two equally brilliant casts to bring this classic story to life. The "Yellow Brick Road" cast will perform March 26-28 and the "Emerald City" cast will perform April 1-3. ***The Wizard of Oz*** features 94 total talented Academy students and 1 small adorable dog. Academy Director **Jason Crespin** directs with incoming Academy Director **Mikayla Garren** serving as Assistant Director. Academy Instructors **Brandon Bellar** and **Beth Alexander** serve as Music Director and Choreographer, respectively. **Tana Roberson** is the Scenic Designer for this production with Academy parents **Jamie Laird** and **Krystal Burns** coordinating costumes. **Velvet Knight** and **Noah Lang** serve as Production Assistants.

Ticket prices for this classic musical are \$18.00 for 12 and up and \$15.00 for under 12. Tickets go on sale to ALT members on March 8th and to the general public on March 15th. Reservations can be made by calling the ALT box office at 806-355-9991 or online at www.amarillolittletheatre.org. This performance will be taking place at the ALT Mainstage and Covid Safety precautions will be in place. All audience members will be required to wear a face covering while at the theatre and during the performance. There will be limited seating due to social distance seating so get your tickets sooner than later!

Click your heels together as you experience one of the most famous stories of all time come to life on our ALT Mainstage. With all your favorite songs, including "We're Off to See the Wizard," "If I Only had a Brain," and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," this timeless musical will sweep you off your feet and into a magical adventure. Make your reservations today!

Amarillo Little Theatre has some great shows scheduled in the next few months!

April 8-18, 2021
ALT Adventure Space



May 6-23, 2021
ALT Mainstage



Book by Dennis Kelly
Music and Lyrics by Tim Minchin

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Guild Notes

Greetings from the Guild!

We'd like to take this moment to thank all of our volunteers who have helped streamline the COVID protocols during performances this season. It has been a great undertaking that our Vice President, Carla Fristoe, has organized. Along with the help of loyal guild members, we have helped ensure the safety of our patrons, staff, cast and crew. To be able to perform shows during this time is such a gift for our audiences and for the heart of the ALT Community.

The ALT Guild has historically been able to provide impressive monetary donations to the theatre through fundraisers and our concession sales. This, as you might guess, has been largely affected by COVID and safety precautions. But the Guild continues to serve ALT faithfully and enthusiastically.

If you have ever wanted to be involved with the theatre, now is the time to join! We appreciate all of our members, their generosity, their talents and skills, and their true passion to see ALT thrive.

Thank you again to our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Stay safe out there!

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