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ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE



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FAMILY MUSICAL

The most successful show in ALT history!!!

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ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE is perhaps the FIRST production to put ALT on the map!! This show toured the country (mostly in Texas and the Southern US, but also to places like Jackpot NV.) for over 10 years. It has played in over one hundred venues all across Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and beyond. Along the way, this show generated over three hundred thousand dollars and made its stars, **Cindi Bulla** and **Tammy Hysmith**, regional celebrities during its run.

Never have we witnessed a show that has had such broad appeal and we are already hearing from folks across the state asking how they might get tickets to this very special event. You don't have to be a huge Patsy Cline fan to love this show. It features twenty three of Patsy's greatest hits including **"Walkin' After Midnight," "Crazy," "She's Got You,"** and **"Sweet Dreams."** It is also one of the funniest and most endearing shows you will ever have the pleasure of seeing. We promise!

Always...Patsy Cline will feature the same two fantastic ladies who made this show such an enduring hit. **Tammy Hysmith** and **Cindi Bulla** who garnered rave reviews everywhere the show played. Both ladies are undoubtedly too old for this show, but both Tammy and Cindi will make you forget about silly things such as that as soon as the first note plays.

This production will feature an extremely talented band including **Jennifer Akins** as Music Director and piano player. The rest of the band includes **Brian Gomez** on guitar, **Bobby Schaffer** on bass, **Rick Faucette** on pedal steel, **Alyson Hall** on fiddle and **Scott Nall** on drums. **Allen Shankles** is Artistic Director with **Gregg Dunlap** as Technical Director.

We anticipate that tickets for this season opening production will be hard to get. We encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible!

Facts at a Glance

PERFORMANCE DATES:

July 29 and August 5..... 7:30 pm
July 30, 31, August 6 and 7..... 8:00 pm
August 1 and 8..... 2:30 pm

BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

Members - Monday, July 12..... 10:00 AM
Public - Monday, July 19..... 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

Hello! It's me again! I truly believed that I had written my last article of "Director's Notes" when I completed the article for the **Matilda** Curtain Call. I shed a tear or two when I finished that article and repeated one of my favorite lines **"I look forward to seeing you at the theatre."**



Anyone who knows me, knows that I never, ever turn down an opportunity to talk about my beloved ALT! We are still recovering from the fantastic ALT celebration. It was a magnificent evening during which we honored a large number of our volunteers. We also created a new award category called, **The Keepers of the Flame**. This award was created to pay recognition to a number of great volunteers who have been committed to ALT for over 20 years and who are still making a positive impact on ALT today. These are remarkable people and we were thrilled to give them the recognition they deserve. Without a doubt, we will have more people receiving this award as time marches on.

This newsletter announces the opening of **Always...Patsy Cline**. I will be "directing." I use that word carefully, because one never knows what is going to come out of Cindi Bulla's mouth during the show. That's what happens when one works with a comic genius! I pretty much lost control about twenty shows in, but it has been delightful to watch how quickly she has every audience in the palm of her hand.

Someone asked me the other day if Tammy and Cindi might be too old to play these roles again. After all, this show first opened on the ALT stage in January of 1997. Here is my non-profane answer. These ladies are undoubtedly too old if I was casting the show today; however, age is a minor inconvenience that can be covered up with a little extra makeup. I promise you once these ladies take the stage, they will be young again and their rock solid talent forged by the fire of over 150 performances will overwhelm you with its depth, nuance, comic timing and heart. From the very first notes that Tammy sings, you will know that you are in the company of greatness! Next, Cindi will take the stage, cup of coffee in hand, after much anticipation she speaks in that familiar Texas drawl, "The first time I heard Patsy Cline sing wasn't on the Grand Old Opry, no, she was in my living room and I was in my kitchen."

At many of our performances, Cindi's entrance would draw huge applause because so many people were seeing our show for the second or third time and they knew that they were about to witness true theatre magic.

Don't miss this great show! It probably won't be on our stage again.

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

Allen Shankles
Director in Training

If you haven't purchased your Season Ticket Package, what are you waiting for?

There is no better way to experience all of the great theatre productions being made at ALT than a Season Ticket Package. Season ticket holders are saving about 40% over public sale tickets. As a season ticket holder, you get special priority to reserve tickets a week before we open sales to the general public. You will also get discounted fees for Special Events and other ALT events.

In the hope of convincing you to purchase a season ticket package, we are extending the deadline to purchase your season tickets and still get bonus tickets to July 9.

***Don't be left behind and wishing you could get tickets to a sold out show.
Become a season ticket member today!!!!***

Academy Spotlight

The Summer is always a fun time for the Academy. We are full swing with Theatre and Dance camps as well as producing a big Disney musical!



Jason Crespin

Our Academy students are currently in rehearsals for **Newsies**. This show was originally scheduled for the Summer of 2020 but, as with so many other things, was rescheduled to this July. I am actually glad this show was pushed back a year because it gave our students extra time to take more dances classes to prep for auditions.

Beth Alexander led those classes and has done an excellent job. It is mind blowing how great these students are dancing. I sat in awe the other night at rehearsal as I watched about 25 of our students in a full tap number that starts Act 2. Years ago, I would have been happy to just have 10 kids who could tap. Now we have a full stage and they are awesome! This as well as the great acting and fantastic vocals are just some of the great reasons why you should see this show! I hope you plan to attend!

Looking towards the Fall, **I want to remind you that registration for Fall classes will begin on August 16th and classes will start on August 30th!** We also offer scholarships for every semester. For more information, be sure to check the Academy page on the ALT website.

This will be my last Academy Spotlight for the Curtain Call as my thoughts will now move over to the Director's Note section. I am thrilled to be following the footsteps of Allen and look forward to working hard to continue to make ALT the place to be. I hope you are all ready to help as well as we will have a big year this year at the theatre! As we all know, **Mikayla Garren** will be our new Academy Director and I couldn't be more thrilled and proud of passing the baton to such a talented and dedicated individual. If you have yet to meet Mikayla, do yourself a favor and introduce yourself at **Newsies**. I am excited to see the Academy under her leadership. She is going to do so well. Thank you all and we will see everyone at **Newsies**!

Jason Crespin,
Academy Director
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Newsies

Production Dates: July 9-18, 2021
Show is rated PG

Music by: Alan Menken

Lyrics by: Jack Feldman

Book by: Harvey Fierstein

Based on the Disney Film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White
Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions

WHO: Amarillo Little Theatre Academy
WHAT: Disney's *Newsies*
WHEN: July 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17 @ 7:30 pm
July 11 and 18 @ 2:30 pm
WHERE: Amarillo Little Theatre Mainstage
2019 Civic Circle
TICKETS: \$18 for ages 12 and up. \$15 for under 12.
Reserve by phone: (806) 355-9991 or
online at: www.amarillolittletheatre.org

Now is the time to seize the day as the Amarillo Little Theatre Academy presents **Newsies**. Based on true events, **Newsies** tells the captivating story of a band of underdogs who become unlikely heroes when they stand up to the most powerful men in New York.

Set in New York City at the turn of the century, **Newsies** is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a ragged band of teenaged "newsies," who dreams only of a better life far from the hardship of the streets. But when publishing titans Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst raise distribution prices at the newsies expense, Jack finds a cause to fight for and rallies newsies from across the city to strike for what's right. **Newsies** is inspired by the real-life 'Newsboy Strike of 1899,' when newsboy Kid Blink led a band of orphan and runaway newsies on a two-week-long action against Pulitzer, Hearst and other powerful newspaper publishers.

ALT Academy has assembled a brilliant cast to bring this historical Disney musical to life. **Newsies** features 33 talented Academy students and 8 adults. New Academy Director **Mikayla Garren** and ALT's new Managing/Artistic Director **Jason Crespin** co-direct this production. Academy Instructors **Brandon Bellar** and **Beth Alexander** serve as Music Director and Choreographer, respectively. **Tana Roberson** is the Scenic Designer for this production with **Leigh Anne Crandall** designing costumes. **Lauren Girty** and **Chriselda Reyes** serve as Production Assistants.

Newsies features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Sister Act*) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (*Kinky Boots*, *La Cage aux Folles*). Featuring the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," "King of New York," and "Santa Fe." Filled with one heart-pounding number after another, **Newsies** is a high-energy explosion of song and dance you won't want to miss. Be sure to make your reservations today!

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

August 19-29, 2021
ALT Adventure Space



September 16 - October 3, 2021
ALT Mainstage



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Amarillo Little Theatre with special support from **Dee Miller** and **Oth Miller** Invites you to a very *special event*

The event will be at the ALT Adventure Space and it will include some late night BBQ by Spicy Mike's, open bar, and dancing to "A Damn Good Country Band." The stars of the show, **Cindi Bulla** and **Tammy Hysmith**, will be at the party and hope to visit with all of their good friends and admirers.

Cost for this event is \$50.00 per couple.

Those patrons who pay for the After Show Party tickets prior to midnight on July 14, will be given a special code that will allow them to reserve tickets to the show before we open to the public on July 19.