ALT Academy Audition Information For:



Audition Date:

Monday, October 9th & Tues. October 10th, 2023

Production Dates:

December 1st - 10th, 2023

Directed by Harrison Stringer

AUDITION SCHEDULE

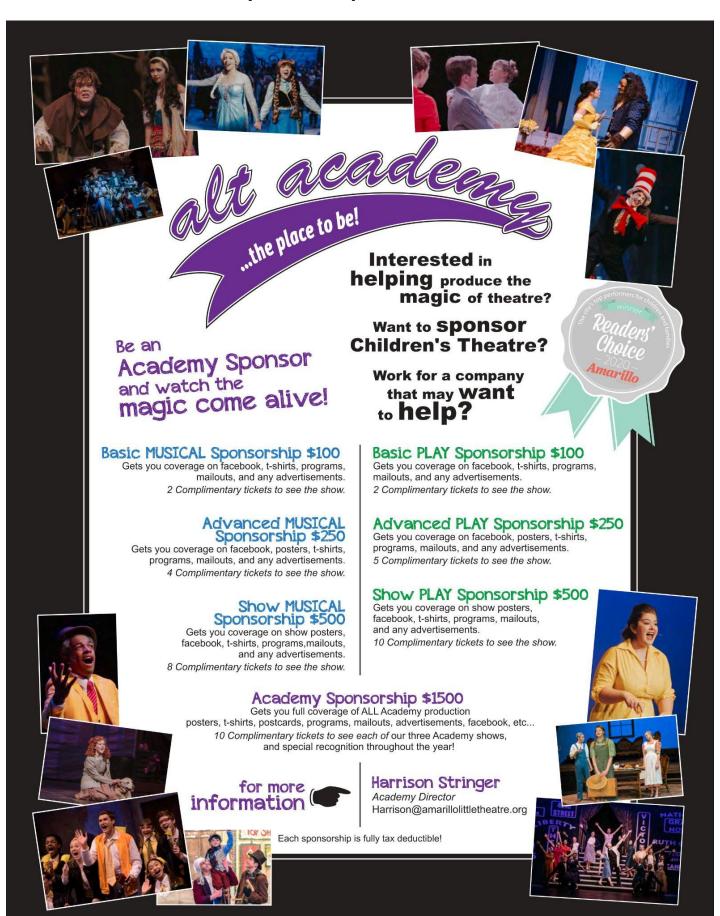
DATE	START TIME	GRADE	LOCATION
Mon., Oct. 9 th	5:00 pm (Puppetry Workshop)**	6 th - 12 th	Adventure Space Classroom A
Mon., Oct. 9 th	Appointments begin at 7:00 pm	3 rd - 7 th	Adventure Space Classroom B
Tues., Oct. 10 th	Appointments begin at 7:00 pm	8 th - 12 th	Adventure Space Classroom B
Wed., Oct 10 th	7:00 pm	Callbacks	Adventure Space Classroom B

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR AUDITIONS

- Students should sign up for a time slot for their grade level by clicking the link below: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAAA623A7FAC43-44561504-prancer#/
- Review the times listed and choose the spot you like.
- If you need to cancel: Please remove your name from the sign up so others may use the time.
 - **Students interested in auditioning for the role of PRANCER must attend the Puppetry Workshop on Oct. 9th to be considered. These students should also sign up for a slot to perform a side if they wish to be considered for any other roles as well. This workshop is not required if you don't wish to be considered for the role of PRANCER.**
 - o Please do not sign up unless you are confident you will audition.
 - Auditions are open to currently enrolled Fall Academy Students, 3rd Grade & older.
 - Auditions will consist of a puppetry workshop (for the role of Prancer only) and/or performing one of the audition sides in this packet.
 - o Roles are available for roughly 40 Academy students.
 - You must download and fully complete AUDITION FORM, CONFLICT FORM and MEASUREMENT SHEET from the Audition packet before auditioning. There will not be any blank forms available at the auditions.
 - Students auditioning should dress in appropriate attire for an audition. Look nice and feel like yourself.

For a copy of the script, to request an alternate audition date (must request by Wednesday, Oct. 4th), or if you have any questions, email Harrison at harrison@amarillolittletheatre.org.

Sponsorship Information



Cast of Characters

JESSICA RIGGS - 9 years old, high-spirited, energy to burn, a true believer. After falling on hard times with her family, she finds comfort and a friend in **PRANCER**. (Female Character)

PRANCER - A mysterious and mystical reindeer discovered in the woods. Believed by **JESSICA** to be one of Santa's very own. This role will be a puppet controlled by puppeteers with excellent movement skills. This role does not speak, but is the heart of the story. (2 Puppeteers, 6th Grade and up, Any Gender)

JOHN RIGGS - **JESSICA**'s Father, a troubled widow who has fallen on hard times financially. He will do anything he can to keep his children, **JESSICA** and **STEVE**, happy and healthy. (Male Character)

STEVE RIGGS - 12 years old, **JESSICA**'s older brother. While he can pick on her sometimes, he is ultimately protective of his little sister. (Male Character)

AUNT SARAH - JESSICA & STEVE's aunt & **JOHN**'s sister. Caring and loving, the mother figure that the children have been desperately missing. (Female Character)

CAROL WEATHERBY - 10 years old, the best friend of **JESSICA**. She starts out skeptical of **PRANCER**, but eventually becomes a believer herself. (Female Character)

DR. BENTON - Three Oaks' town veterinarian. A **PRANCER** skeptic, but an animal lover with a good heart. (Male Character)

TOM STEWART - The Santa at the Three Oaks' Mall. Inspired by **JESSICA**'s story, he tries to make it national news. (Male Character)

MRS. MCFARLAND - An older recluse at the edge of town with a mysterious past. She is the richest woman in Three Oaks. (Female Character)

PASTOR WILLIAMS - The minister at JESSICA's church. (Female Character)

DORA BENEDETTI - A Three Oaks policewoman. (Female Character)

HERB DRIER - Three Oaks' town butcher & owner of the Christmas Tree Lot. (Male Character)

MISS FAIRBURN - A teacher at JESSICA's school. (Female Character)

OTHER CHARACTERS - Classmates of **JESSICA**, Construction Workers, Reporters, Townspeople of Three Oaks, Children in Three Oaks

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Audition Sides

Please choose <u>one</u> of the following sides that best fits you. Sides do not have to be memorized, but you should be at least very familiar with your selection. The full script can be found by emailing Harrison at harrison@amarillolittletheatre.org.

Students interested in the role of Prancer must attend the Puppetry Workshop on Oct. 9th at 5:00 PM.

JESSICA (female students 3rd - 7th grades) **Side 1**

STEVE (male students 3rd - 7th grades)
Side 2

AUNT SARAH (female students 13 - 18) **Side 3**

JOHN (male students 13 - 18) **Side 4**

Side 1:

JESSICA: Know why my mom read this to me every Christmas? She said I reminded her of this Virginia girl. What she did is she wrote a letter to the local newspaper to ask if Santa was real because a lot of people were telling her he wasn't. If you can believe that.

Aw, all this talk about Santa. You miss him, don't you. I know he misses you.

Gotta go. But listen to me. This is very important. No matter how hungry you get, you have to stay right here. My dad's on the lookout for you because of those little trees you ate. And believe me, you don't want to come face to face with my father.

Night, Prancer. I love you. Sleep tight.

Side 2:

STEVE: How'd this deer get here, anyway?

Tell you one thing. Between now and Christmas Eve, I wouldn't go taking any more hay from the barn. Dad's sure to notice what's already gone, and you know what he'll do if he sees this animal snooping around our little trees.

You've done some weird things before, sis, but this one takes the prize. See ya, Carol. Nice meeting you, Prancer. I can't wait to see you fly.

Side 3:

AUNT SARAH: I just want to talk.

JOHN: About what?

AUNT SARAH: When we were younger. Around Steve and Jessica's age. I've been thinking a

lot about those days lately.

I'd like to remind you of something.

You might have been the younger one, but you always took care of me. Fought off those bullies who wouldn't let me alone, with my thick glasses and skinny legs. Stepped in when I got into it with dad. You made things better, John. It's part of who you are.

What I'm trying to say is...it's my turn, now. I want to do everything I can to try to make things better. For you. For your family. I want to see the old John again. I miss him.

Side 4:

JOHN: Jessie, I can't tell you everything's gonna be alright. I wish I could. But things are always going to be hard around here. Could be I'll lose this farm someday. I could bear that. What I can't bear is the...

When you were in the hospital last night, I saw what it would be like around here not to have you around.

I love you, Jessie.

You're home, honey. And that's where you're going to stay.

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AUDITION FORM ALT ACADEMY'S PRANCER

PLEASE FILL OUT <u>ALL</u> PORTIONS OF AUDITION FORM

Name:			
	l:		
	Guardian's Phone #:		
Student's Email Address:			
Guardian's Name:			
Would you be willing to change your lo	ook for the show (for example, haircut, hair color, shave		
facial hair, etc.)?			
Will you accept any role given?			
If not cast and 6th grade or older, wou	ld you like to be on crew?		
Would your parents or guardians be w	illing to help with the show?		
If so, please check areas of interest:			
Sew Costumes	Being a Sponsor		
Helping with Costumes	Backstage Help		
Break-A-Leg Notes Poster Delivery			
Helping Provide Work Call Lunc	ch (On Saturdays when set is built)		
Helping Plan the Strike "Closing	a Afternoon" Party		
Lobby Decorating Committee			

On the back of this page, please list any past theatre experience JUST for the past 5 years or attach a theatre resume. Include any puppetry experience as well.

PRANCER CONFLICT SHEET

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Please note, we <u>will</u> rehearse the weekend after Thanksgiving, Saturday & Sunday, November 25th & 26th. These will be important final rehearsals, and conflicts will not be allowed.

October/November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18

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The meet-and-greets at Maxwell's will only require a few cast members to be in attendance.

November/December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			THANKSGIVING BREAK	THANKSGIVING	THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO CONFLICTS
			No Rehearsal	No Rehearsal	No Rehearsal	PRANCER MEET- AND-GREET @ MAXWELL'S
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
NO CONFLICTS	NO CONFLICTS	NO CONFLICTS	NO CONFLICTS	NO CONFLICTS	NO CONFLICTS	NO CONFLICTS
			School Performances	School Performances	Opening Night!	Matinee & Evening Performances
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NO CONFLICTS			*Potential Pick-Up Rehearsal*	NO CONFLICTS	NO CONFLICTS	NO CONFLICTS
Matinee Performance			Renearsar	Give-Back Performance	Evening Performance	Matinee & Evening Performances
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NO CONFLICTS Matinee & Strike						PRANCER MEET- AND-GREET @ MAXWELL'S

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Measurement Sheet

(Must be turned in at auditions for ALL that are auditioning! No exceptions!)

Name:	Phone:
Character: (Please leave blank)	
Height:	
Weight:	
T-Shirt Size:	
Pants Size:	
Dress Size:	
Shoe Size:	
Measurement Around Head:	
Measurement Around Chest:	
Measurement Around Waist:	
Measurement Around Hip:	
Inseam Measurement (crotch to ank	kle):
Arm Length Measurement (Shoulde	er to wrist).