

AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!

Amarillo Little Theatre is pleased to announce open auditions for the second Adventure Space production of the 2024-25 season!



BOOK BY Austin Winsberg
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY Alan Zachary and Michael Weiner
DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY Jason Crespin
MUSIC DIRECTION BY Jennifer Akins

AUDITION DATES

Monday and Wednesday,
December 16 and 18 at 7:30pm
ALT Mainstage – (2019 Civic Circle)

PRODUCTION DATES

February 6-16, 2025
ALT Adventure Space

ROLES AVAILABLE:

- **One woman** age range late 20's-30's
- **One male** age range late 20's-30's
- **Two men** age range 20's-30's
- **One man** age range 35-45
- **One woman** age range 25-65
- **One woman** age range 25-50

AUDITION INFORMATION

Those auditioning will be asked to do a prepared vocal audition not to exceed 60 seconds. All ethnicities are invited to audition. Ages and genders indicated are how the characters will be perceived, not necessarily the age/gender of the actors.

Amarillo Little Theatre is rooted in reflecting the Amarillo community through art and authentic storytelling. We recognize that in order to do that, every member of our community must be represented by our productions. We invite you to join us in providing art that challenges, entertains and represents us – Amarillo.

Perusal scripts are available at the ALT Box Office for a \$10.00 refundable deposit. Please contact the ALT Box Office for more information.

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November, 2024

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alt main stage

Amarillo Little Theatre
proudly presents

A Christmas Story

Book by
Joseph Robinette

Music and Lyrics by
Benj Pasek & Justin Paul

Rated: Appropriate for all ages

PRODUCTION FUNDING BY

- David and Sherry Schaeffer
- Amarillo National Bank
- Josephine Anderson Charitable Trust
- Dr. Kent Roberts & Ilene Roberts-Balliett Foundation
- CJ and Syble Fowlston Charitable Trust
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- Murphy's Law Firm
- Dave and Carol Piper
- Al and Patricia Smith
- Amanda Smith
- Robert and Sue Stiles
- Chad and Anne Zarbock

A CHRISTMAS STORY

THE MUSICAL

Dec. 5th - 22nd, 2024

ALT unwraps a glittering musical version of the beloved movie classic just in time for the holidays!

Amarillo Little Theatre proudly presents **A Christmas Story: The Musical** as its third Mainstage production of the season. This bold and bright Broadway musical promises to be the event of the Holiday season!

The only thing little Ralphie wants for Christmas is an Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle BB gun. But to get it, he must navigate all the obstacles of the yuletide season. Will a neighborhood bully, a strict school teacher, a distracted dad and a department store Santa thwart his quest? **A Christmas Story: The Musical** is the hilarious account of Ralphie's desperate quest to ensure that this most perfect of gifts ends up under his tree this Christmas. Based on the classic 1983 movie, this holiday production is filled with nostalgia, quirky childhood innocence and will be a heartwarming event for the entire family.

ALT has cast an extraordinary ensemble of adults and Academy students for this great show. The cast includes **Jaxson Gaitan** as Ralphie, with **Hugh Fristoe** as the Old Man, **Jessie Neel** as Mother, **Colin Gaitan** as Randy and **Gabe Scherman** as Jean Shepherd. The remainder of the cast includes **Norah Bennett, Nels Bjork, Kayleigh Colbert, Brooklyn Comer, Christy Corder, Kathy Durrett, Jay Hayes, Kallie Huckabay, Joanna Kimbell, Finley Knowles, Cash Lane, Trinity Lopez, Bobby McCauley, Brandon McCauley, Audrey Moore, Hannah Moore, Maddox Nite, Britain Pennington-Booher, Sara Pennington-Booher, Franklin Salazar, Nicholas Shaffer, Slaton Spinks, Grady Wyrick** and **Jeff Wyrick**. Artistic Direction and Choreography is done by **Jason Crespin** with Music Direction by **Jennifer Akins** and tap choreography by **Beth Alexander**. **Carla Fristoe** serves as Assistant to the Directors with **Abigail Martin** serving as Production Assistant.

There's something for everyone in this hilarious love letter to Christmas past. A package of naughty and nice nostalgia to warm your winter! **A Christmas Story: The Musical** is sure to be a sell-out so make your reservations today!

Facts at a Glance

PERFORMANCE DATES:

Dec. 5, 12 and 197:30pm
Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 218:00pm
Dec. 15 and 222:30pm

BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:

Members: Monday, Nov. 18 10:00 am
Public: Monday, Nov. 25 10:00 am

LOCATION:

ALT Allen Shankles Mainstage
2019 Civic Circle
Tickets: Box Office – 806-355-9991
Rated: Appropriate for all ages

Order online at amarillolittletheatre.org

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Solve your Holiday gift giving dilemma!

No need to worry about shipping woes and back-orders! Give the gift of experiences this year and see the joy last for months past the holiday season!

Season ticket packages make an excellent gift for that Theatre lover on your gift list.

You may purchase those memberships through December 31, 2024. Another great option would be an ALT Class or Gift Cards. Gift cards may be purchased in any denomination and never expire. **Contact the box office today for more information.**

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Director's Notes



Jason Crespin

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and man are we ready for the holidays here at ALT! From fundraisers and rentals to rehearsals and auditions, there is certainly something happening all the time at our theatre. We are currently gearing up for what will be a wonderful holiday season and we hope you will be a part of it!

I just finished watching a school performance for the Academy's production of **Charlotte's Web**. If you don't have tickets for this show, I am so sorry for you. You are going to miss such a heartwarming and fantastic production put on by our brilliant Academy. With every show (including added on ones) being sold out, your best opportunity to see this play is to get on the standby list at the box office for any show. Each performance turned in by the entire cast were all T-E-R-R-I-F-I-C. This show was expertly directed by our Academy Director Harrison Stringer who is doing such brilliant work in his position. He

and his hard working production team all did a great job. I can't wait to see what Harrison does with **James and the Giant Peach** this Spring!

This edition of the Curtain Call promotes our BIG December show, **A Christmas Story: The Musical**. This Academy collaboration is going to be spectacular! If you recall, ALT did this show 10 years ago and it was a huge hit. I was the choreographer for that show so it has been a blast to revisit it. Taking the director's chair this time around while still keeping my choreography hat on has been a fun challenge. I hope you make plans to see this show and get your tickets early! This show will sell out quickly so don't delay! Really, the best way to secure your tickets is to be a season ticket member and you are in luck as you can still purchase season ticket packages! Season tickets are available to purchase until December 31st and our lowest package is just \$70 for 4 admissions. If you were to buy 4 tickets to A Christmas Story on a Friday night, that would equal \$120. So why not save some money and purchase season tickets and reserve your tickets a whole week before the public? Remember when the Academy's production of **Charlotte's Web** sold out on the first day of public ticket sales? I would hate for anyone to miss out on **A Christmas Story: The Musical** so call our Box Office today if you need to get season tickets or add another package on to your account.

You will also see in this Curtain Call information on how ALT is raising funds through The Panhandle Gives. We are excited this year and have a wonderful event to help boost the giving. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 29th at 7pm as we give you **Rockin' Around the ALTree Telethon**. That's right. We will be going live from the Allen Shankles Mainstage where volunteers will be performing for you in order to donate. This telethon will be in the style of the old Judy Garland Christmas specials where our ALT talent will be stopping by to help kick off the holiday season with performances. It is going to be a spectacular event and you aren't going to want to miss it! Admission is free but we would love for you to donate to ALT through Panhandle Gives during the show. Can't make it in person? No worries! We will also be streaming the telethon live on our ALT social media channels. I hope you will get to join us or tune in as we share the stage with some amazing talent all while raising funds for our great theatre!

See you all at ALT,

Jason Crespin
ALT Managing/Artistic Director



Academy Spotlight



Harrison Stringer

It's the most wonderful (and busiest) time of the year! This Fall semester has truly flown by here at the Academy, but it is not slowing down and we've got a lot of exciting things coming up in 2025.

First, though, I'd like to congratulate the cast and crew of **Charlotte's Web** on a run that sold out the day tickets became available to the public. Thanks to their generosity with their time, we were able to add 3 additional performances that have since sold out as well. This is unbelievable and a true testament to the consistent excellence that our Academy students bring to every single production! This cast of 35 students (plus one alum) begins performances this weekend and I couldn't be prouder of the way they are telling this beautiful, classic tale. I have to thank my Assistant Director, **Socorra Carrillo**, and Production Assistant **Anna Hill** for their many hours of dedication to this show. **Joni Norris** has served

as costume coordinator and has created some of the most beautiful and endearing costumes you can imagine for this sweet story. **Tana Roberson** shared her original design for this show that the Academy put on 12 years ago, and our Technical Director, **Noah Lang**, tweaked it for the new production. Thanks always to the ALT Staff and Board of Directors, our technical team, and the many parents who provide invaluable support to each and every production. I was in this show 12 years ago as an Academy student and being on the other side of the table has been so rewarding. If you weren't able to get tickets, get on a Waiting List or come 30 minutes before the show to try to get in on standby. You seriously won't want to miss this one!

We are gearing up for registration for our Spring semester as well with a host of new classes that will be offered. As always, there is something for everyone at the Academy! Check out the schedule before registration opens **December 2nd** for currently enrolled students and **December 9th** for new students. Scholarships, as always, are available and the deadline for those applications will be **November 30th**. We are proud to always offer at the very least a partial scholarship to every applicant. Let me know if you'd like to help us directly with our scholarship fund to continue making this a possibility.

I am also so excited for our 12 Academy students in our upcoming Academy-Mainstage collaboration, **A Christmas Story**. I cannot wait to see this holiday classic come alive on our stage. It's going to be a hit! If you don't already have season tickets, why not? If **Charlotte's Web** is any indication, you'll want to be able to get tickets early for this production to get the best seats in the house! Keeping up with the Christmas spirit, our Show Stoppers will be bringing holiday cheer all around town this season with a joyful holiday set list. Need holiday party entertainment? It's not too late to reach out to me and we can set something up!

As the end of the year approaches, I like to practice gratitude. I am grateful for a community that uplifts artists and young people. I am grateful for a place where folks from all walks of life can tell their stories on stage for their community. I am grateful for a historic 97th season of theatre at ALT and I look forward to your support as we approach our centennial. How lucky are we to have ALT? I'm wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season and we'll see you at the theatre soon!

Harrison Stringer, Academy Director

The Amarillo Little Theatre is once again participating in The Panhandle Gives



As many of you know, The Panhandle Gives is an annual event hosted and coordinated by the Amarillo Area Foundation. This campaign runs **November 25 – December 3** where donors can make a donation to an organization under the umbrella of the Amarillo Area Foundation. Any gift that is made to the Amarillo Little Theatre through this campaign will be amplified, allowing more people in this region to experience the magic of live theatre. We hope you will plan on making an end of the year donation through this campaign as every little bit helps. Visit thepanhandlegives.org, search for **Amarillo Little Theatre** and make a donation. Simple as that!

Our hope is to raise \$40,000 in this end of the year campaign. We believe that, because of our generous and dedicated supporters, our 2024 Panhandle Gives campaign will be the most successful in our history! Won't you make a donation? Again, any donation through Panhandle Gives gets amplified so your gift becomes an even greater donation for ALT.

Question? Email Jason at jason@amarillolittletheatre.org.