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2nd annual New Years Eve Fundraising event

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025 From 7:30PM - 1:00 AM

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## THE COTTAGE

By  
Sandy Rustin

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January 8-18, 2026  
A brand-new old-fashioned British farce!

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The Amarillo Little Theatre is thrilled to present the side-splitting comedy *The Cottage* as the third Mainstage production of the season. Inspired by the works of Noël Coward and from the playwright that took *Clue* from screen to stage, *The Cottage* is an outrageously roaring 20's romp that will have you laughing from start to finish.

Set in 1923 in an English country cottage, Sylvia Van Kipness decides to expose her affair to both her husband and to her lover's wife. As secrets unravel and passions collide, the meaning of love, identity and marriage are all thrown into question, and served in a way only the British can serve it: with tea. With shocking plot twists, scandalous reveals and razor-sharp humor, *The Cottage* is a deliciously funny hit comedy where no one's secrets are safe.

ALT has assembled an insanely talented cast of veteran ALT actors for this production. Performers include **Carrie Huckabay** as Sylvia, **Zach Oehm** as Beau, **Jenny Morgan** as Marjorie, **Jason Crespin** as Clarke, **Jeni Stennis** as Dierdre and **Caleb Cordes** as Richard. Artistic Director for this production is **Cy Scroggins** with **Shannon Mashburn** serving as Assistant Director and **Shelby McCown** as Production Assistant.

This outrageous tale of sex, betrayal and desire runs January 8-18 on the ALT Allen Shankles Mainstage. Come kick off the new year with this ridiculous — potentially murderous — romantic comedy! Reserve your tickets today before this show sells out!

Facts at a Glance

PERFORMANCE DATES:  
Jan. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17.....7:30pm  
Jan. 11 and 18.....2:30pm

BOX OFFICE OPENS TO:  
Members: Monday, Dec. 22.....10:00 am  
Public: Monday, Dec. 29.....10:00 am

LOCATION:  
ALT Allen Shankles Mainstage  
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Tickets: Box Office – 806-355-9991  
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### AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!

#### AUDITION INFORMATION

Amarillo Little Theatre is pleased to announce open auditions for the last production of the 2025-26 season.



#### SCHOOL OF ROCK

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber  
Lyrics by Glenn Slater  
Book by Julian Fellowes

January 11, 2026 @ 7PM

Directed by Callie Hisek  
Music Direction by Jennifer Akins  
Choreography by Christeen Bernet

#### AUDITION DATES

January 11, 2026 at 7:00pm  
This audition will ONLY be for the 4 student roles that play instruments in the musical. Auditions for other students and adult roles will be later in March.  
ALT Adventure Space (2751 Civic Circle)

#### PRODUCTION DATES

APRIL 30-MAY 17, 2026  
ALT Mainstage

#### ROLES AVAILABLE:

- Katie (Bass player) stage age 10-13
- Zack (Guitar player) stage age 10-13
- Freddie (Drums player) stage age 10-13
- Lawrence (Keys player) stage age 10-13

More information including audition sheet music and audition forms can be found in the audition packet on the ALT website.

Performers of all races and ethnicities are encouraged to audition. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. All are invited to audition. Ages are how the character will be perceived and not necessarily the age of the actor.

Amarillo Little Theatre is rooted in reflecting the Amarillo community through art and authentic storytelling. We recognize that in order to do that, it's imperative that everyone regardless of ethnicity, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical ability, religion or socioeconomic status, are represented by our productions. All are welcome into the Amarillo Little Theatre and 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 or you can call the ALT Box Office and have a script emailed to you for no deposit. Please contact the ALT Box Office for more information.

## Director's Notes



Happy Holidays everyone!

I first want to thank each and every person who was able to donate to our Panhandle Gives campaign this year. You all were absolutely amazing! Every donation that came in was truly inspiring and to know that so many people showed their support for what we are doing for our community was inspiring! We were able to not only reach our goal this year but surpass it as well! All because of you! So THANK YOU!

How fantastic was the Academy production of **Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells?!** It was great seeing the younger actors of our Academy take center stage and lead this holiday play at the Adventure Space. I was so impressed with the cast and thought Academy Director Harrison Stringer and his production team did a fantastic job with this show. It certainly put me in the holiday spirit. I can't wait to see what Harrison does with **Prince of Egypt** in the Spring!

This is the time of year where we tend to look back on what we did this past year. What trips we took, what memories we made, who was at the top of or Spotify playlist, etc... For me, it's always fun to look back and reflect on the great theatre that we made this past year. 2025 was certainly a history making year for ALT as we produced **Dial M for Murder, First Date, James and the Giant Peach, 33 Variations, Dreamgirls, ALT's Musical Men of the Past Ten, Something Rotten, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Disney's Frozen, Misery, Ragtime** and **Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells**. When you sit down and look at the full list, it is crazy to think how much theatre we produce in a year! Other theatre company's produce half this amount of shows in a single season. I am beyond proud of our hard working staff, dedicated board of directors, generous volunteers who help make the "magic" happen and our fantastic patrons who support our work. What a wonderful year of storytelling!

This curtain call announces the hilarious comedy **The Cottage** as our next production for the Mainstage. This show is currently one of the most produced plays in the nation and there is a reason for that. It is written by the same author who wrote our record breaking production of *Clue* a few season ago. The writing is quick and funny, the characters are extreme in nature and the set is going to be extraordinary! I was lucky to catch this show on Broadway in the Fall of 2023 and after laughing my head off, I knew that it would be a great show for us to produce. I think you all are going to love it! Also, a fun fact: I will also be returning to the stage as an actor with this show! That's right! It has been several years for me to see my name on a cast list but was something I wanted to try and do again this season. Recently, I have filled in for actors who have been sick in productions that I have directed so it hasn't been that long of a time for me to perform. In fact, I had to fill in for the whole run of **Ragtime** for an actor who was ill. I was unsure if I wanted to even audition for this show because of the time commitment but thought there probably wouldn't be another window of time that would allow me the opportunity. I am so glad I did audition. It has been so refreshing brushing off my acting skills and getting to "play" on stage again! There are a handful of new ALT volunteers or patrons who only know me as a director and not as an actor so I am excited to show them that (hopefully) this old dog still has some new tricks! **Cy Scroggins** and his production team are doing an excellent job and I have loved getting to share the stage with great friends that I met right here at ALT. I hope you are making plans to see this show as I am certain you are going to have a great time!

One last thing. Are you coming to our New Year's Eve fundraiser **A CUT ABOVE: Diamonds in the Dark?** It is going to be EPIC this year! With entertainment from Pocket Break and DJ Cassandra to a 360 camera and fortune teller on sight, this party is the only way to ring in the new year! Our amazing committee transformed the Adventure Space to become this cool "I can't believe we are in Amarillo" space last year and they are ready to make it even better this year! Tickets are \$100 a person or starting at \$750 for a table of 8. That includes open bar graciously provided by **Reed Beverage**, heavy hors d'oeuvres by **Chef Bud**, a **Jewelry Doctor** Diamond Raffle, a wine and whisky pull and of course a champagne toast at midnight! You can't get all that anywhere else in town for that price so get your tickets today! A huge thank you to **Amarillo National Bank** for being our title sponsor for this end of the year fundraiser! You know theatre people throw the BEST parties so make plans to spend NYE at ALT!

See you all at theatre soon,

**Jason Crespin**  
**ALT Managing/Artistic Director**

### New season, new shows!

Check your tickets and make sure you have enough to enjoy all the theatre action this season.

## Academy Spotlight



As we begin to tie a bow on 2025 and usher in 2026, I am feeling overwhelmed with gratitude! We have had another fantastic year in the Academy thanks to countless people in our community.

On top of another fabulous semester of classes, the Academy presented the hilarious comedy **Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells**, and if you missed it, you missed some riotous holiday fun at the hands of some of our younger talent. I want to take a moment to thank the cast of 30, the crew and the production team who helped make this experience one to remember. My Assistant Director, **Tres Norris**, and Production Assistant, **Victoria Huseman**, made this process a breeze. **Noah Lang's** scenic and lighting design and **Kim Shreffler's** costume coordination helped bring the *Junie B.* books to life as well. Thanks always to our sponsors, ALT's staff and Board of

Directors and everyone else who dedicated countless hours to making this show possible. It was a huge success for the Academy and proof that the future of the arts in Amarillo is bright!

Spring registration is open for classes, which begin January 12th. If you've got someone in your life who has always wanted to give singing, acting or dancing a try, why not give them the gift of a class this holiday season?

Speaking of the Spring, you will want to mark your calendars for one of the biggest events of the season as the ALT Academy will bring **The Prince of Egypt** to the Allen Shankles Mainstage March 27 - April 5. Auditions for this monumental show will take place at the end of January, and only currently enrolled Academy students will be eligible to audition. This epic spectacle will bring the beloved *DreamWorks Animation* film to life, and I cannot wait for our community to witness this breathtaking adaptation of the book of Exodus.

As I said, there is lots to be grateful for this holiday season, and even more to look forward to as we head into the new year! The talented students in the ALT Academy continue to exhibit excellence and will only continue to take theatre in Amarillo to new heights. If you haven't seen an Academy show, class showcase or recital lately, I urge you to make plans to do so and get a full understanding of just how exemplary our students can be. They prove every day that arts education matters.

Thank you for another amazing year of theatre. I look forward to seeing you at ALT in the new year!

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