

AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!

Amarillo Little Theatre is pleased to announce auditions for its first Adventure Space and first Mainstage productions of the 2010-11 season.

@ Feminine Ending

by Sarah Treem

AUDITION DATES

**Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13, 2010 @ 7:30 pm
ALT Terk Lobby**

Directed by
Jeff Jarnagin

Roles are available for **1 woman** (age range 20-30), **1 woman** (age range 45-60)
2 men (age range 20-30), **1 man** (age range 45-60)
Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.



by Rodgers and Hammerstein

AUDITION DATES

**Monday, July 26 and Tuesday, July 27, 2010 @ 7:30 pm
ALT Mainstage**

Directed by
Allen Shankles

Music Direction by
Jennifer Brewer

Roles are available for **12-15 men** (age range 16-65) and
12-15 women (age range 16-65)
1 boy (age range 6-10) and **1 girl** (age range 10-13)

Perusal scripts for both shows are available at the ALT Offices for a \$10.00 refundable deposit.
For more information regarding these auditions, please contact the ALT Offices at 355-9991
or go to our web site at www.amarillolittletheatre.org

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Amarillo Little Theatre
proudly presents

The 2010-11 Season of Shows!!

Preparations are already underway for the beginning of ALT's exciting 2010-11 season. This year's collection of nine great productions promises to be one of the best seasons in ALT's history. That's a tall order as we have just completed one of our best seasons ever. ALT will be presenting some of the most popular shows of all time along with some of the most current contemporary theatre available.

ALT's Adventure Space season will open on August 19th with the new contemporary comedy **A Feminine Ending**. This quirky, new show is fresh off the Broadway stage and it will be a great opening show for the season. The remainder of the Adventure Space season includes, **Eurydice**, a brilliant, new play by Sarah Ruhl (The Clean House) and currently one of the most produced plays in the country. The season continues in February with **Kiss of the Spider Woman**. This dark musical masterpiece won seven Tony Awards in 1993 including Best Musical. Our final Adventure space show is to be announced, which means we are holding that spot for one of the hottest new shows coming straight off the Broadway stage.

ALT audiences will also be delighted with the great collection of work being presented at the Mainstage. We will open the Mainstage season on September 16 with what has been hailed as the "greatest musical of all time" **South Pacific**. This Pulitzer prize winning musical promises to be a wonderful theatre event for ALT audiences. It features a very timely story and some of the most memorable music ever written for the stage.

In December, ALT presents the "new" comedy by Mark Twain **Is He Dead?** This hilarious farce will be delightful fun for the Holiday season. In January, the funny and poignant **On Golden Pond** takes the stage followed in March by Agatha Christie's **The Mousetrap**. The season comes to a spectacular finish in May with the funny new musical **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**.

Of course, the best way to guarantee that you get the best seats for all of these great shows is to be an ALT season ticket holder. Season ticket holders get advance reservation privileges. ALT season tickets also save you money - almost 40% over regular box office prices. Furthermore, ALT season ticket holders get discounts to all special events and Academy classes. Now is the time to purchase your season tickets. You may either call the ALT box office or download the season ticket form at our web site and mail or fax it in.

Don't miss out on all of the fun and excitement of ALT's new season!!

PURCHASE ALT SEASON TICKETS TODAY!!!
CALL THE ALT BOX OFFICE AT 355-9991, EMAIL JEFF AT
jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT
www.amarillolittletheatre.org
TO DOWNLOAD THE SEASON TICKET FORM.

Director's Notes



Allen Shankles

ALT's 2009-10 season just closed a couple of weeks ago with the very successful Special Event on June 19. I have said this many times, but it bears repeating; the Special Event performances as well as the four rehearsals leading up to the shows combined to be the best week of my career at ALT. It was an intoxicating combination of great performances, nostalgia, and wonderful people that proved to be truly overwhelming for me. I will forever cherish the great memories we created with this event.

I want to thank everyone who took part in making the Special Event truly "special." The 27 cast members and presenters dedicated a good deal of time and talent to this project as did the ALT staff and our wonderful crew of volunteers. Also, a great deal of the credit for the show's success goes to Jim Gardner, who created musical arrangements for over thirty songs and a seven piece band. It was remarkable.

Of course, this Curtain Call newsletter announces the opening of ALT's 2010-11 season. We have auditions for our first production, **A Feminine Ending** July 12 and 13. From that point on, the season begins gearing up and will be in full swing with the auditions for **South Pacific** on July 26 and 27. I am very excited about the shows scheduled for the new season. I think it is one of the finest collections we have ever put together. The season offers a lot of comedy, three terrific musicals, a record-breaking "whodunit" and one of the most "feel good" shows ever written, **On Golden Pond**. I trust that you, our wonderful patrons, and the community will support these shows enthusiastically.

The recent special event proved once again that ALT is a unique and special place. I hope that you know how proud I am to be the leader of this organization. I am also very grateful to everyone who supports it. I am looking forward to our greatest season ever!

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

XCEL ENERGY MAKES BIG CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLEN SHANKLES' SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ALT is proud to announce that **Xcel Energy** has made a contribution of \$5,000 to the Allen Shankles Scholarship Fund. Dale Williams of Xcel Energy had originally issued a challenge to ALT indicating that Xcel would match contributions up to \$5,000. We received a number of generous contributions to the fund as a result of this challenge and despite not making our goal, Xcel has agreed to go ahead and make the full contribution to the fund.

In addition to the generous support of Xcel Energy, ALT wishes to acknowledge the following recent donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Chuck and Melody Alexander
George Cumming
Jay Kirk

Kevin and Roxann Ball
Art and Rita DeMar
Bill and Poppy McCarty
Phil and Nancy Woodall

Pete and Helene Botsonis
Juanita Faulkner
Margaret Willis

Notes from the Guild

Greetings:

The Guild was proud to present a check for \$8,000 to ALT this past season and our goal is to make this gift even larger next year! We had 14 members present at our May meeting wherein we elected the officers who will serve for the 2010-2011 season. They are as follows: Amy Gililand, President; Melanie Sanders, Vice President; Cindi Bulla, Treasurer; Ruth Newsom, Recording Secretary; Stella Paquette, Corresponding Secretary. We also appointed committee chairs at this meeting. The ALT Guild performs many support functions for the theatre in addition to a monetary gift each year and if you would like to be a part of your community theatre, the Guild is a wonderful way to begin. Just email amarillolittletheatreguild@yahoo.com for more information. Please save the date for our Membership Drive Kickoff Party on August 10th (details to follow), and a heartfelt welcome to our newest Life Member, Helen Kleuskens.

Thank you,
Melanie Sanders

Academy Spotlight

Summer time and the Academy is busy, busy, busy! Camps and dance classes are in full swing and they aren't over yet! We had a very successful **"Summer with Seuss"** camp featuring 56 K-4th graders and our 5-7th grade **"Disney Camp Broadway"** is going on as you read this! Both have been a blast to work on. Special thanks go out to **Brandon Bellar, Megg Dunlap, Shannon Mashburn** and **Jeni Roller** for providing their expertise as Camp Directors as well as our amazing Camp Counselors **Joann Early, Ashley Parsley, Katie Rowan** and **Ashleigh Sherrel** for all their help.

Speaking of camps, we still have a couple more to go. Our 8-12th grade **"Camp Broadway"** runs from July 19th-30th and our 1st-12th grade Dance Intensive Camp that will feature instruction in Ballet, Hip Hop, Lyrical & Musical Theatre runs August 3rd-6th. Sign up soon as space is limited!

At this summer's annual Amarillo Little Theatre Awards, we were able to recognize some hardworking individuals who have given so much to the Academy this past year. **Elizabeth Tracy** was recognized as our 2009/2010 Theatre Intern, **Molly Martindale** received the **Elise Keely Carlton** Spirit of the Theatre Award, **Alex Rocha** was named Student of the Year, and **Wendy Blankenship** was awarded our Parent of the Year. This was a great night to not only honor the ALT Season, but the Academy as well. Congrats to all!

Academy Students... mark your calendars for two events coming up! First, the College of Santa Fe will be conducting an **"Audition 101"** workshop on July 24th at the ALT Classroom. Look in this Curtain Call for more info! Also, Junior/Senior Company auditions are set for Wednesday, August 11th. Auditions will be held in the Terk Lobby of the Amarillo Little Theatre and those wishing to audition should prepare a 1-2 minute (dramatic/comedic) monologue and expect to perform in front a panel of judges.

Make your college audition a success!

Attend "AUDITION 101" a free workshop offered by The College of Santa Fe in conjunction with the Amarillo Little Theatre Academy.

WHAT: Students will focus on a College audition situation. They will learn how to choose the right monologue, review basic DO's and DONT'S of auditioning, work on a prepared monologue to learn rehearsal techniques that will make their audition stand out in a "cattle call" situation.

WHO: All High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

WHEN: Saturday, July 24th from 2:00pm to 4:30pm

WHERE: ALT Mainstage 2019 Civic Circle

HOW MUCH: It's free. Just RSVP to: jason@amarillolittletheatre.org or call 352-0731. Space is limited!

Junior Company (7-9th grade) auditions will begin at 4:00 pm and Senior Company (10-12th grade) will begin at 5:30 pm. Please dress in appropriate audition attire and have an age appropriate monologue prepared. **Questions? Don't hesitate to call me at 352-0731.**

Finally, I am very excited to announce our Academy season for next year. We will kick off our season with the classic Mark Twain tale of **"Tom Sawyer"**. This coming of age story of the community's most mischievous boy will run November 6th-8th and will feature a large cast. The touching play **"The Little Match Girl"** will be brought to life in the Adventure Space January 7-9th. This play is Hans Christian Andersen's tale of a poor little girl who is trying to sell matches on the coldest day of the year. This play combines dance with a story of hope that will surely warm the coldest of hearts. Our BIG spring musical will be the ever popular **"Bye Bye Birdie"** running March 25-27th. This musical won four Tony's including Best Musical in 1961 and was recently revived on Broadway last season. This musical tells the story of a rock and roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army and is full of memorable songs and dance numbers!

As you can see a lot is going on in the Academy! This season is going to be a blast!

See you at registration!

Jason Crespin
Academy Director

ALT Dance and Theatre Academy Schedules will be available Monday, July 26 online at www.amarillolittletheatre.org or in the ALT Box Office. Registration for fall classes starts Monday, August 23, 2010 at 10 am.

VOLUNTEERS....WE NEED YOU!!

Ever wonder how the incredible sets, backdrops and costumes are created at ALT? These great works of art would never be accomplished without the dedicated work of a talented corps of volunteers. ALT is blessed with many excellent volunteers, but we need more. A season of eleven or more productions can burnout even the most committed volunteer. That's why we need you.

No experience is necessary. Really! ALT's professional staff can teach you what you need to know to be a highly functioning member of the team. All that is required from you is the desire to get involved.

If you would like to get involved with set construction, painting, costumes or backstage crew work, please contact **Tana Roberson** ALT Scenic Designer and Volunteer Coordinator. You can call Tana at 355-9991 or e-mail her at tana@amarillolittletheatre.org.

Come be a part of an exciting and very successful organization. We can't wait to see you.