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Amarillo Little Theatre
presents
DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

Book by Jeffrey Lane
Music and Lyrics by David Yazbek

Based on the film **“Dirty Rotten Scoundrels”**
Written by Dale Launer, Stanley Shapiro and Paul Henning

Amarillo Little Theatre is very proud to present the hilarious new musical **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** as the final production of the 2010-11 season. Based on the rollicking 1988 film, this fun production begins on May 5 and will run through May 22.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels centers on two con men living on the French Riviera. The first is the suave and sophisticated Lawrence Jameson, who makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money. The other, a small-time crook named Freddy Benson, more humbly swindles women by wakening their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother’s failing health.

After a chance meeting, they unsuccessfully attempt to work together only to find that this small French town isn’t big enough for the two of them. They agree on a settlement: the first one to extract \$50,000 from a young female target, heiress Christine Colgate, wins and the other must leave town. A hilarious battle of cons ensues, that will keep audiences laughing, humming and guessing to the end!

ALT has cast a remarkably talented group of performers for this production. Included in the cast are **Shawn Walsh** as

Lawrence, **Decker Dyess** as Freddy, **Rose Frugé** as Christine, **Scott Royster** as Andre’, **Leigh Anne Crandall** as Muriel, and **Amber Burton** as Jolene. The ensemble includes **Blaze Bulla**, **Elizabeth Carlisle**, **Sarah Fordham**, **Lissa Garren**, **Carrie Huckabay**, **Justin Loe**, **Camille Medina**, **Natasha Melius**, **Katie Rowan**, **Trisha Russell**, **Don Shipman**, **Ryan Sustaita** and **Tara Teetor**. Artistic Director is **Allen Shankles**. Music Director and Conductor is **Jim Gardner**, with **Anne Lankford** as Choreographer. **Art DeMar** is Assistant to the Directors.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels promises to be great fun for ALT audiences. Make your reservations today!!!

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Performance Dates	Times	Location – ALT Mainstage	2019 Civic Circle
May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21	8:00 pm	Box Office Phone – 806-355-9991	
May 15, 22	2:30 pm	Rated – PG-13	
Box Office Opens to Members – Monday, April 18	10:00 am	Order Online by e-mail – jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org	
Box Office Opens to Public – Monday, April 25	10:00 am		

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Director's Notes



Allen Shankles

Due to the large amount of information that needs to be squeezed into this edition of **Curtain Call**, I am going to be fairly brief.....sort of an oxymoron for me. It's hard to believe that we are advertising the final production of the 2010-11 season. Truly, time is just flying by. That means we are also unveiling the new season for 2011-12, which you will see on the back of this newsletter. I think we have settled upon a truly magnificent collection of plays and musicals for the new season. What's even more exciting is that in almost every case, these are the shows you, our audience, voted to be your top picks for the season. You will also note that we are planning to do the musical **Chicago** again at the Adventure space. I know it's hard to believe, but it has been nine years since we staged this show, which is still the most successful show ever staged at the Adventure Space.

I know that I say this every year, but the current season has been truly remarkable from an artistic standpoint. I believe that every show of the season wonderfully showcased the great talent and artistry that is present at ALT and in our community. Very few theatres anywhere in the country could successfully produce nine productions in a season, much less do so with such professionalism. I am so proud.

ALT's Academy program has also grown substantially in the past year, posting record attendance in classes in both dance and theatre. And how about those Academy productions? It is truly mind-blowing to witness the talent and skill of these young thespians.

As time flies by, I can remember a time when this place was basically a "one man operation" supported by a small group of great volunteers. Now, there is an amazing staff of very committed artists leading hundreds of great volunteers. Their work is so good that I now have to work hard just to keep up. My vision for ALT continues to evolve as we push beyond what we once just dreamed was possible. It's an exciting time to be a part of this great organization. I hope you are enjoying the ride as much as I am.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels is truly one of the funniest new musicals to hit the stage. It is fresh and funny and has great music and dance, as well as some hilarious characters and situations. I hope you like it as much as we do. I look forward to seeing you at the theatre(s).

ALT ACADEMY 2011 SUMMER ARTS DAY CAMPS

Come learn more about the arts and theatre with ALT Academy's Arts Day Camps! This summer will be jam packed with theatre games, costume designing, set building, and a whole lot of fun!

Each camp will end with a show starring your camper! Registration begins May 9. Phone: 806-355-9991

"Stories to Stage" Theatre Camp

Dates: June 14th-18th (Tuesday - Saturday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: ALT Academy Space, 2751 Civic Circle

Ages: Kindergarten - 4th Grade

Cost: \$165 (Bring a sack lunch, drink provided)

Campers will bring characters and stories to life as they experience "Stories to Stage" camp. Each camper will learn the basics of theatre skills, theatre games, theatre crafts, and what it takes to develop a character and tell a story on stage. From "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" to "Alice in Wonderland", these stories will take flight with the campers imagination and creativeness. Campers will even put on a show on the last day of camp based on stories that we all know and love. Who knows... there may be a story written by your very own young actor!

"Camp Broadway!" Musical Theatre Camp

Dates: June 27th-July 8th* (*No class July 4th)

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m for first week.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for second week

Location: ALT Academy Space, 2751 Civic Circle

Ages: 5th-7th Grade

Cost: \$275 (Bring a sack lunch, drink provided)

"Camp Broadway!" Musical Theatre Camp will engage students in all aspects of musical theatre. Campers will experience learning dance combinations, vocal selections, audition techniques, constructing and painting sets, costume construction, technical aspects of theatre, promoting a show, as well as an overview of Broadway and musical theatre over the years. This camp will end each session with a "One Night Only" Broadway style revue show full of great musical numbers from some of Broadway's great musicals!

"gLee" Musical Theatre Camp

Dates: July 18th-29th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: ALT Academy Space, 2751 Civic Circle

Ages: 8th-12th Grade

Cost: \$275 (Bring a sack lunch, drink provided)

"gLee" Musical Theatre Camp was such a huge hit last year, we had to bring it back! Campers will bring all aspects of the beloved Fox TV series to the stage by acting in scenes, learning dance combinations, and vocal selections. Campers will also learn audition techniques, constructing and painting sets, costume construction, technical aspects of theatre, promoting a show, as well as an overview of Broadway and musical theatre over the years. This camp will end with a "not to be missed" Broadway style revue show full of great musical numbers and scenes from the hit show!

Questions? Please call our ALT Academy Director
Jason Crespin at 352-0731

Academy Spotlight

Bye Bye Academy Season and hello summer! I can't believe the Academy season is coming to a close and dance recitals and summer camps are just around the corner! This season went by fast but was a whole lot of fun!

The Academy season ended with a bang as the Academy presented **Bye Bye Birdie**. This show was a huge success for the Academy both financially as well as artistically. Amazing performances were turned in by the whole 80 member cast and I was so proud that our graduating Seniors were able to share their talents with the Academy one last time and shine on our stage. They will truly be missed! A big thank you goes out to **Brandon Bellar** who brought music to our ears as Music Director, **Tana Roberson** for her fabulous and colorful Set Design, **Gregg Dunlap** who designed our lights and served as Technical Director, **Gary Graham** and **Mark Jones** who assisted us with sound and microphones, **Jim Gardner** who recorded all our wonderful music, **Carrie Huckabay** and **Kim Shreffler** who constructed and repaired many costumes, and **Katie Rowan** and **Claire Mints** who helped with all the amazing hair styles! We also could not have had such success without the generous support of our donors who helped fund our show as well as our amazing parents and families of the cast and who worked so hard to help make this show the success it was. Our Academy is very fortunate to have such wonderful support from these amazing parents.

Summer camps are right around the corner and you won't want to miss out on all the fun! We will be offering more dance classes in the summer as well as another round of fun-filled theatre day camps that will challenge students on all levels. Registration begins May 9th! Camps fill up fast so do not wait!

The Academy also has some great news! Three students who have been involved in and had star performances in ALT's Academy have been accepted into Abilene Christian University's prestigious Musical Theatre Program. **Ryce Garren**, **Clint Diaz**, and **Jacob Alexander**, were each notified that out of over 200 students who auditioned, they had been accepted. ACU's Musical Theatre Program is one of the hardest to get into because it is what the majority of students apply for. This year, they accepted 14 freshman into their program. Students accepted came from Kansas, Chicago, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Pennsylvania, Germany and other cities in Texas. No other city had three students accepted. The Academy is extremely proud of these three talented young

Notes from the Guild

Greetings:

The Guild has had a busy season thus far and recently voted to update its Playbill advertisement and to prepare a themed membership drive for next season. We encourage volunteers to "Show Yourself" and become a part of the show at ALT by joining the Guild and supporting productions throughout the season. Remember that you can become an official member of the ALT Guild at any time throughout the season. Just download the membership form from at www.amarillolittletheatre.org/documents/GuildMembershipForm_001.pdf, or call the Box Office. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10th and will be hosted by member Cindy Singleton. Details of the meeting will be emailed to members soon. We will conduct a vote for officers and set the slate of committee chairs for next season, so please plan to attend and submit your vote. Up next, **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** at the Main-stage will be the last major production of the season and a wonderful opportunity to assist the Guild with ushering and concessions as we close out the 2010-2011 season.

Melanie Sanders
ALT Guild Vice President

men as well as all of our graduating Seniors. This is a true testament on the great training they received not only at ALT Academy, but also at their schools and other venues in the area. Amarillo should be proud in knowing that ALT Academy is training tomorrow's talent today.

I could not be more proud of all the Academy accomplished this season. From producing three amazing shows that had sold out performances to each and every class taught by our amazing teaching staff, the Academy is a true inspiration on how we can positively affect amazing students and let their talents shine! Hope everyone has a great Spring and we will see you all at Summer Camps!

Jason Crespin
Academy Director

ALT WELCOMES BROADWAY SENSATION

KELLI O'HARA

JUNE 11, 2011

In the tradition of previous spectacular ALT special events, we will be welcoming Kelli O'Hara to the ALT stage for a concert on Saturday night June 11 at 8:00 pm.

Kelli O'Hara has unequivocally established herself as one of Broadway's great leading ladies. She recently starred in the Tony Award-winning revival of **South Pacific** at Lincoln Center, enrapturing audiences and critics alike with her soulful and complex interpretation of Nellie Forbush, and garnering a third Tony nomination.

A native of Oklahoma, she made her Broadway debut in **Jekyll & Hyde** and followed it with Sondheim's **Follies**, **Sweet Smell of Success** opposite John Lithgow, and **Dracula**. In 2003 Kelli committed to a production of **The Light in the Piazza** at Seattle's Intiman Theatre. The show landed on Broadway in 2005 and earned Kelli her first Tony and Drama Desk Award nominations. She moved from one huge critical and commercial success to another when she joined Harry Connick on Broadway in the 2006 Tony award-winning production of **The Pajama Game**, for which Kelli received Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Award nominations.

Patron packages and individual tickets are now available for this special event. Please contact the ALT box office to purchase or for more information.

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ALT'S 2011-2012 SPECTACULAR SEASON OF SHOWS!!!

ALT MAINSTAGE SEASON

LA CAGE aux FOLLES
(classic musical)

THE 39 STEPS
(madcap comedy)

OF MICE AND MEN
(classic drama)

RUMORS
(hilarious comedy)

FOOTLOOSE
(rocking musical)

ADVENTURE SPACE SEASON

FREUD'S LAST SESSION
(new wonderful drama)

IN THE NEXT ROOM OR THE VIBRATOR PLAY
(great new play)

CHICAGO
(classic musical)

BOEING, BOEING
(hilarious comedy)

Titles and dates are subject to change based on availability.

2011 - 2012 SEASON TICKET PACKAGES!

SAME GREAT SAVINGS! - ADVANCE RESERVATIONS PRIVILEGES - EASY EXCHANGES - OTHER DISCOUNTS

PURCHASE SEASON TICKETS IN "PACKS" OF 5 OR 4. STACK 'EM UP TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR OWN SEASON TICKET PACKAGE!
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Only 1 ticket per Musical

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Donating members receive recognition in ALT Playbill, advance reservations and invitations to opening night receptions.



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Season Ticket Options

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Purchase season tickets before July 1 and get one bonus ticket **or** purchase a combination of 9 or more tickets before July 1 and get two bonus tickets.

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Ticket sales only cover a portion of producing live theatre at ALT.
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