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Amarillo Little Theatre

proudly presents our

2011-2012 SEASON OF SHOWS!!

Preparations are already underway for the beginning of ALT's exciting 2011-12 season. This year's collection of nine great productions promises to be one of the most popular seasons in ALT's history. And why wouldn't it be? With three wonderful musicals, four comedies and two great dramas, including an American literary classic. This is truly a season not to be missed!

ALT's **Adventure Space** season will open on August 18th with the brilliant new play **Freud's Last Session**. Based on a hypothetical meeting between Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis, this play is a truly captivating new work that all audiences will love. The remainder of the Adventure Space season includes the very new comedy by Sarah Ruhl, **In the Next Room or the Vibrator Play**. This is followed by a remount of the most popular show in Adventure space history, **Chicago**. This hot musical will light up the stage in February. The final Adventure Space production is the hilarious farce, **Boeing, Boeing**.

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 15 with the warm and very funny **La Cage Aux Folles**. This classic musical just enjoyed an award winning revival on Broadway starring Kelsey Grammar and it promises to be a wonderful theatre event for ALT audiences.

In December, ALT presents the country's most popular new comedy **The 39 Steps**. Based on Alfred Hitchcock's classic movie, this hilarious satire features four great actors who play all 150 roles from the movie. It is going to be fun! In January, John Steinbeck's classic drama **Of Mice and Men** takes the stage followed in March by Neil Simon's wonderful comedy **Rumors**. The season comes to a spectacular finish in May with the classic pop sounds and exuberant dancing of **Footloose!** What a season!!!!

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 subscriber. Season ticket holders get advance reservation privileges. ALT season tickets also save you money - almost 40% over regular box office prices. Also, 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 2010-11 season officially closed a week or so ago with the annual **ALTA Awards Gala**. It was a terrific event and is always a great way to top of the season. It has been a great season and I feel very fortunate that we were as successful as we were. Many arts entities are struggling right now. We are certainly feeling some of the struggles of the economy, but we had an artistically excellent season and ended the year in the black. What more could we ask for?

I also want to take a moment to comment on our recent special event featuring **Kelli O'Hara**. If you missed this great event, I'm sorry because it was undoubtedly one of the best yet. Not only did Ms. O'Hara give a stunning performance, she was more charming and gracious than any performer we have ever hosted. What a show. I don't mind telling you that it is frustrating to have to work so hard to sell tickets for such an event. That said, I think these events are important to ALT's mission. We are serving our area and where else are our residents going to get an opportunity to see such talent without going to NYC, Chicago or maybe Dallas? I believe we owe it to our community to bring these types of events to Amarillo. Think about it, right here at ALT we have been able to experience the likes of **Tommy Tune, Kristen Chenoweth, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Ben Vereen, Jim Brickman** and many more.

This issue of **Curtain Call** focuses on the new season at ALT. I hope you will agree that the nine shows we have on the schedule are a winning combination. We have selected a season that is very heavily weighted toward comedies and musicals. We know that this is what our audiences want and we want to deliver. We are doing a couple of heavier pieces including the American Classic **Of Mice and Men**. I love this show and think it will be a great night at the theatre. The other drama is the very new play **Freud's Last Session**. This play is based upon a hypothetical meeting between C. S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud and is set against the backdrop of the bombing in London during WWII. The dialogue is incredible and the thoughts and ideas explored in the show will have audiences talking for days after. This is an exciting new work that you won't want to miss.

We have a very brief hiatus from producing plays, but it will all begin again on July 11 with the auditions for **Freud's Last Session**. I hope you don't miss us too much in the interim. We look forward to seeing all of our friends and great patrons again starting on August 18 as the new season commences. In the meantime, stay cool and enjoy your summer.

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

AUDITIONS!

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

Freud's Last Session

by Mark St. Germain

AUDITION DATES

Monday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 12, 2011

ALT Terk Lobby

PRODUCTION DATES

August 18-28

ALT Adventure Space

Directed by
Jeff Jarnagin

Roles are available for 2 men (age range 40-60)

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

La Cage Aux Folles

Music and Lyrics by Jerry Herman,
Book by Harvey Fierstein

AUDITION DATES

Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, July 26, 2011

ALT Mainstage

Directed by

Allen Shankles

Music Direction by
Jim Gardner

Choreography by
Shawn Walsh

Roles are available for 12-15 Men (age range 16-65)
and 4-6 Women (age range 18-65)

Auditions will consist of a prepared vocal audition not to exceed 60 seconds and a movement combination taught by the choreographer. Some auditionees will be asked to do cold readings from the script. An accompanist and CD player will be provided.

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

Academy Spotlight

The Academy is busy, busy, busy this Summer and looking at next season, it doesn't look like we are slowing down. Camps and dance classes are in full swing and they aren't even over yet!

We had a very successful 'Stories to Stage' camp featuring 33 K-4th graders and our 5-7th grade '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 Cara Clopton** for providing their expertise as Camp Directors as well as our amazing Camp Counselors **Beth Avila, Kayla Bull, Joann Early, Chesley Hedger, Meghan Homen, Katrin Otterness, and Alex Rocha** for all their help.

Speaking of camps, we still have a couple more to go! Our next K-4th grade 'Stages to Stories' camp will be **July 11th-15th** and our 8-12th grade "gLee Musical Theatre Camp" runs from **July 18th-29th**. Dance studios will be busy with two dance camps. Our 2nd-6th grade 'Mini Camp Ballet Intensive' camp will run from **August 2nd-5th** and our 7th-12th grade **Dance Camp** will run from **August 9th-12th**. These camps will feature instruction in Ballet, Hip Hop, Lyrical and Musical Theatre. Sign up soon as space is limited!

At this summer's annual Amarillo Little Theatre Awards Gala, we were able to recognize some hardworking individual's who have given so much to the Academy this past year. **Katie Rowan** was recognized as our **2010/2011 Theatre Intern**, **Evan Domme** received the **Elise Keely Carlton Spirit of the Theatre Award**, **Hana Herrington** was named **Student of the Year**, and **Teri Stringer** 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 **Junior/Senior Company auditions!** Auditions will be **Wednesday, August 10th** and **Thursday, August 11th** held in the Terk Lobby of the Amarillo Little Theatre and those wishing to audition should prepare a 1-2 minute (dramatic or comedic) monologue and expect to perform in front a panel of judges. **Junior Company** (7th-9th grade) auditions will begin at **4:00 pm** on **Thursday, August 11th** and **Senior Company** (10th-12th grade) will begin at **4:00 pm** on **Wednesday, August 10th**. 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 had such a fantastic season last year and we are positive this year will be just as exciting! We will kick off our season with Roald Dahl's classic tale **James and the Giant Peach**. The plot centers on a young English orphan boy who enters a gigantic, magical peach, and has a wild adventure with six insects he meets within the giant peach. This hilarious story will be staged **November 4th-6th** and will feature a large cast with exciting costumes. The new Jason Robert Brown musical **13** will be brought to life at the Adventure Space **January**

6th-8th. The story concerns the life of 13-year-old Evan Goldman as he moves from New York City to Appleton, Indiana, and his dilemma when the move conflicts with the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah. Our BIG spring musical will be the ever popular **Children of Eden**. From the creators of *Godspell*, *Pippin* and *Wicked* comes this joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and their search for understanding. **Children of Eden** is a musical parable based on the first nine chapters of the Book of Genesis, from Adam and Eve to Noah and the Great Flood and will run **March 23rd-25th**. Also, our Junior and Senior Company Acting classes will be participating in an outreach program where they will be able to travel and perform in shows that deal with teen issues all across the Panhandle. This is going to be a great way for our talented students to share their talents with others and make a positive influence in not only our community, but also in other areas of our great state. Look for more info to come on ALT Academy's Outreach!

As you can see, a lot is going on in the Academy! We are excited to be adding more instructors in the Fall with some new classes so be sure to be on the look out for our Fall Academy Class Schedule on our web site soon. Mark your calendars for Fall registration on **August 22nd** and get ready for another year of great training!

I can't wait for our season to begin. We certainly will be having a great time at ALT Academy! You don't want to miss out! See you at registration!

Jason Crespin
Academy Director

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.

Notes from the Guild

Greetings:

The Guild was thankful to be able to contribute \$12,000 this year to ALT for production funding next season. This represents a lot of hard work by our members and a proud commitment to support our theatre. At our May meeting, we voted on the final copy for a new ad, so keep an eye out for it in next season's Playbill. Your Guild officers will meet this summer to prepare some issues for vote at our August meeting that will include plans for another fundraiser this year. Please keep your calendars open for **Tuesday, August 9th** as we will host our annual **Membership Drive** party - details to be announced. This is a fun event with free food, fellowship and membership renewal forms and this year we encourage our members to bring a guest who might be interested in joining the ALT Guild. We will also establish Committee Chairs for the coming season at this event. So, until we all meet again... enjoy your (hot) summer!

Melanie Sanders
ALT Guild President

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

ALT MAINSTAGE SEASON

LA CAGE aux FOLLES
(classic musical)
Sept. 15 - Oct. 2, 2011

THE 39 STEPS
(madcap comedy)
Dec. 1-11, 2011

OF MICE AND MEN
(classic drama)
Jan. 19-29, 2012

RUMORS
(hilarious comedy)
Mar. 1-11, 2012

FOOTLOOSE
(rocking musical)
May 3-20, 2012

ADVENTURE SPACE SEASON

FREUD'S LAST SESSION
(new wonderful drama)
Aug. 18-29, 2011

IN THE NEXT ROOM OR THE VIBRATOR PLAY
(great new play)
Oct. 20-30, 2011

CHICAGO
(classic musical)
Feb. 2-19, 2012

BOEING, BOEING
(hilarious comedy)
Mar. 29 - Apr. 7, 2012

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

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Five packs (5 Admissions) Perfect for the Mainstage

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Only 1 ticket per Musical

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Thursday/Sunday Only

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Thursday/Sunday Only
Only 1 ticket per Musical

Four Packs (4 Admissions) Perfect for the Adventure Space

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Good Anytime

Basic A - \$61.00
Only 1 ticket per Musical

Flex B - \$57.00
Thursday/Sunday Only

Basic B - \$53.00
Thursday/Sunday Only
Only 1 ticket per Musical

Donating Members

Patron - \$1000.00 - 40 Admissions (plus \$400 Tax Deductible Contribution)

Sponsor - \$500.00 - 30 Admissions (plus \$50 Tax Deductible Contribution)

Angel - \$350.00 - 20 Admissions (plus \$50 Tax Deductible Contribution)

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



Yes! I Want To Be An ALT Season Ticket Holder 2011 - 2012 Season Ticket Order Form

Season Ticket Options

Patron - \$1000.00 - 40 Admissions (plus \$400 Tax Deductible Contribution) \$ _____
Sponsor - \$500.00 - 30 Admissions (plus \$50 Tax Deductible Contribution) \$ _____
Angel - \$350.00 - 20 Admissions (plus \$50 Tax Deductible Contribution) \$ _____

Five Packs - _____ x _____ = \$ _____
Type Number Price Per Pack

Four Packs - _____ x _____ = \$ _____
Type Number Price Per Pack

Keep the magic alive! — DONATE..... \$ _____

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a combination of 9 or more
tickets before July 1 and
get two bonus tickets.

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theatre at ALT.
Please consider making a tax
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Donors of \$50 or more will be
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