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Amarillo Little Theatre
presents



Adapted by Patrick Barlow

From the novel by John Buchan

From the movie of Alfred Hitchcock

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And an original concept by Simon Corble and Nobby Dimon

Amarillo Little Theatre is very pleased to present the regional premiere of the new and wildly popular comic masterpiece **The 39 Steps** as the second Mainstage production of the 2011-12 season. This hilarious show played well over 500 shows on Broadway and is currently one of the most produced shows in the country.

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have **The 39 Steps**, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This 2-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a talented cast of 4), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance!

In **The 39 Steps**, a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps" is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale! A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, **The 39 Steps** amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure.

ALT has assembled a brilliant cast of four highly skilled actors for this production. They include **Carrie Huckabay**, **Travis Johnson**, **Justin Loe** and **Michael Newman**. Artistic Director is **Allen Shankles** with **Jeffrey Pickens** as Assistant to the Director.

The 39 Steps is certain to be one of the most popular shows of the season. Make your reservations today for this very funny new show!!!

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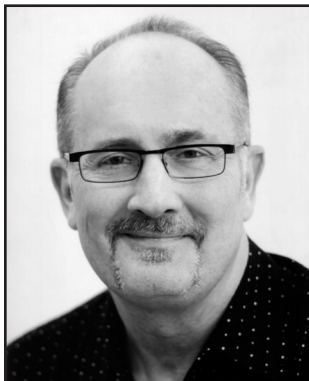
Thursday, December 8th is **D'Vine Wine** night at ALT. Buy a ticket to that performance and enjoy a free wine tasting before the show in the ALT Terk Lobby!

FACTS AT A GLANCE

Performance Dates	Times	Location – ALT Mainstage	2019 Civic Circle
December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10	8:00 pm	Box Office Phone – 806-355-9991	
December 11	2:30 pm	Rated – PG	
Box Office Opens to Members – Monday, November 14	10:00 am	Order Online by e-mail – jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org	
Box Office Opens to Public – Monday, November 21	10:00 am		

CHECK OUT ALT'S WEB SITE AT WWW.AMARILLOLITTLETHEATRE.ORG

Director's Notes



Allen Shankles

Wow. It has been a whirlwind of activity around here since the 2011-12 season opened. It's amazing to me that we have already successfully produced four great shows since mid-August. If you missed *Freud's Last Session*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *In the Next Room or the vibrator play*, or ALT Academy's production of *James and the Giant Peach*, you missed a lot of great theatre!!! Each of these productions excelled to the high standard of excellence we expect at ALT and our audiences loved them. Of course, **Jason** and the **Academy** get the nod for the biggest show, with 90 great performers starring in that production. What an amazing accomplishment.

This issue of Curtain Call announces the upcoming opening of *The 39 Steps* on the ALT Mainstage. I am very excited about this show. It is very new. In fact, it just closed a very successful run of over 500 performances on Broadway and is currently one of the most popular shows in the country as it is being produced in many theatres this season. The show is really fun and promises to be a hit with our audiences. It is suitable for all audiences with its PG rating.

I want to take a moment to recognize our generous Production Partners at ALT and remind our volunteers and patrons how important these generous people are to our continued success. At present, ticket sales are down for the season. However, even in strong years, ticket sales only cover a portion of ALT's expenses. Without the generous support of our Production Partners, including our Producers' Circle members and other generous benefactors, ALT could not continue at the high level of operation we are currently enjoying. When I recognize these people during my preshow announcements, it is just a small way to thank them for keeping ALT's "magic" alive. I hope everyone at ALT understands the importance of these people to our existence.

Few people have a good understanding of the expenses involved in producing high quality theatre productions, especially musicals. For a big and extravagant show such as *La Cage Aux Folles*, which featured elaborate costumes, lots of scenery and a large orchestra, production costs can run upwards of \$35,000-\$40,000. We spent almost \$10,000 on the rental and purchase of costumes alone. Also, most musicals have expensive licensing fees. In the case of *La Cage*, these fees were also almost \$10,000. Add another 7-8K for the orchestra and you can see how quickly it adds up. We are very fortunate to have contributions to help us cover these expenses.

We are moving into the busiest time of our season. We will have three shows in rehearsal and/or performance just during the months of December and January. A lot of great theatre still awaits you. I hope you will plan on enjoying every production we produce.

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

Notes from the Guild

Thank you to **Laura Dunson** for hosting our October meeting. The Guild has taken on the project of purchasing an outdoor ashtray for the theatre in lieu of a gift exchange at our Christmas meeting. Ticket sales for the Dallas Theatre Weekend are going well and we are excited about the prizewinner drawing that will be held December 10th during *The 39 Steps*. If you have not yet purchased an opportunity to win this trip; tickets are on sale during shows or at the Box Office at any time. November will be a quiet month for the Guild as we make plans for our Christmas party on December 13 (details TBA). Stay tuned for opportunities to assist with the next production, *The 39 Steps* at the ALT Mainstage.

Melanie Sanders
ALT Guild President

ALT ACADEMY REGISTRATION!

ALT Academy Registration
begins Monday, December 12, 2011
for second semester classes which
will start Monday, January 2, 2012.

Schedules are available at the
ALT Box Office
or on our website

www.amarillotheatre.org

Academy Spotlight

Turkey? Already!? I can't believe November is already here! Seems like just yesterday we were registering for the fall semester! The semester is flying by and things are not slowing down for the Academy.

I want to congratulate the cast and crew of **James and the Giant Peach** on a great run of performances. This show was such a highlight for me! From the tiniest shark to the massive Ferris wheel, this show was nothing short of magic. All 90 cast members and 12 crew members should be very proud not only producing a fine show, but being a part of the largest cast in the history of ALT.

Of course, the Academy is very lucky to have had some help to put up this massive show. I want to thank **Rebecca Smithee** and Academy student **Maddie Todd** who served as Assistants to the Director, **Tana Roberson** for her great set design, **Gregg Dunlap** and **George Cumming** for constructing our 18 foot Ferris Wheel, Academy instructor **Leigh Anne Crandall** who served as our Costume Coordinator, the staff of ALT for their continued support, **Xcel Energy** and **Fire Slice** for providing school performance lunches, and to all the wonderful parent volunteers who helped backstage, tear tickets, work the

concession stand, worked our Trunk or Treat, and so much more! ALT Academy certainly could not have produced this show with such success without the help of these amazing individuals. *Thank you!*

With the spring semester right around the corner, our attention will quickly be turned to our upcoming musical **13**. This "grown up story about growing up" features a modern pop/rock score by Tony Award winning composer Jason Robert Brown. This is a hilarious, high energy musical for all ages about discovering that "cool" is where you find it, and sometimes where you least expect it. Look in this Curtain Call for more information on auditions!

Don't forget Spring Semester registration begins on December 12th and the spring semester begins on January 2nd. Check out our class schedule online and sign up fast as many classes fill up the first week of registration!

Happy Holidays!

Jason Crespin
Academy Director

ALT Academy Announces Auditions for

13

A new musical

Production Dates

January 6th-8th, 2012

ALT Adventure Space

Directed and choreographed by

Jason Crespin

Musical Direction by

Brandon Bellar

Audition Date

Monday, November 21st @ 7:30pm

ALT Adventure Space

Roles are available for 11-20 students
(age 11-16)*

*All characters must look like
they are 13 years of age.

Auditions will consist of a prepared vocal selection not to exceed 60 seconds in length and cold readings from the script. A short dance combination will also be taught.

Look for an audition packet with character info in your Academy classes!

Those cast will need to be VERY available during the holiday season.

We will be rehearsing evenings and during the day of the Winter Break.

Please have all conflicts ready at auditions.

Scripts will be available at the
ALT Box Office with a
\$10.00 refundable deposit.

AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!

Amarillo Little Theatre is pleased to announce open auditions for its third Mainstage and Adventure Space productions of the season.

OF & MICE MEN

by John Steinbeck

Audition Dates

Monday and Tuesday,
December 5 and 6, 2011 @ 7:30

ALT Mainstage Auditorium

Production Dates

January 19-29, 2012

Directed by

Allen Shankles

Roles are available for **9 men** (age range 18 and up),

1 woman (age range 18-30),

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

Celebrate the Holiday Season with the Flying J Wranglers!!!

ALT is very pleased to welcome the ***Flying J Wranglers*** from Ruidoso, New Mexico for their sixth annual holiday performance! This great show features wonderful music and comedy and is a Holiday favorite for ALT audiences.



This one-night only performance is scheduled for Friday, December 16 @ 8:00 pm in the ALT Mainstage auditorium.

Reservations for this popular event will begin for ALT season ticket holders on Monday, November 28 @ 10:00 am. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, December 5 at 10:00 am.

Tickets are \$25.00. ALT season ticket holders get a 10% discount on all tickets.

CHICAGO

Book by Terrence McNally

Music by John Kander

Lyrics by Fred Ebb

Audition Dates

Monday and Tuesday,
December 12 and 13, 2011 @ 7:30 pm

ALT Mainstage Auditorium

Production Dates

February 2-19, 2012

Directed by

Allen Shankles

Music Direction by

James Gardner

Choreography by

Anne Lankford

Roles are available for **10-15 adult men** (age 17 and up)

10-15 adult women (age 17 and up)

Auditions will consist of a prepared vocal selection not to exceed 60 seconds and cold readings from the script. Most will also learn a short dance combination to be taught by the choreographer.

Scripts and scores for both shows are available at the ALT offices with a \$10.00 refundable deposit.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the ALT offices at 355-9991 or info@amarillolittletheatre.org