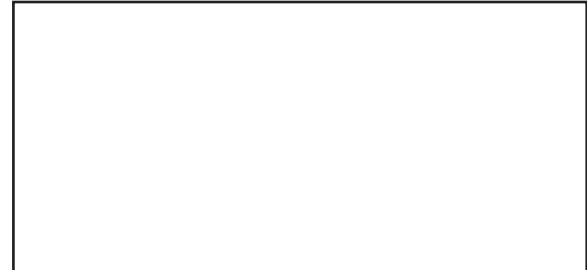


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April, 2008

**Amarillo Little Theatre
and
Joseph H. and Arlene Pool**
present

MEL BROOKS'
THE
PRODUCERS
the musical

Book by: Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan
Music & Lyrics by: Mel Brooks

Amarillo Little Theatre and Joseph H. and Arlene Pool take great pride in presenting Mel Brooks' **The Producers**. It should be noted that ALT is one of the first community theatres in the nation to do so. Bialystock and Bloom are names that should strike terror and hysteria in the minds of anyone familiar with Mel Brooks' classic cult comedy film. As a big Broadway musical which opened in 2001, **The Producers** once again sets the standard for modern, outrageous, in-your-face humor. It is a truly "boffo" hit, winning a record twelve Tony Awards and wowing capacity crowds night after night.

A down-on-his-luck Broadway producer and his mild-mannered accountant come up with a scheme to produce the most notorious flop in history thereby bilking their backers, who are "little old ladies" out of millions of dollars. Only one thing goes awry: the show is a smash hit!

ALT has enlisted a wonderfully talented cast for this production featuring many audience favorites and newcomers alike. Leading

actors include **Richie Garza** as Bialystock, **Jeff Jarnagin** as Bloom, **Annika Johansson** as Ulla, **Brent Biles** as Franz Liebkind, **Shawn Walsh** as Roger DeBris and **Jason Crespin** as Carmen Ghia. The very busy and talented ensemble includes **Chuck Alexander**, **Josh Bates**, **Brandon Bellar**, **Tony Brazell**, **Lori Boston**, **Amber Burton**, **Caitlin Campbell**, **Megg Dunlap**, **Jason Garren**, **Lissa Garren**, **Ryce Garren**, **Joshua Gibson**, **Bobby Gregg**, **Robert Hansen**, **Sarah Johnson**, **Cara Kee**, **Justin Loe**, **Shannon Mashburn**, **Jonathan Mobley**, **Caroline Robinson**, **Kim Shreffler**, **Tara Teetor**, **Elizabeth Tracy** and **Dustin Ward**. Artistic Director for the production is **Allen Shankles** with **Jim Gardner** as Music Director and **Anne Lankford** as Choreographer. **Raymond Girard** applies his skills as Costume Designer with **Gregg Dunlap** as Technical Director and **Tana Roberson** as Scenic Designer.

Make your reservations today for **The Producers**. You don't want to miss this incredible finale to ALT's 80th season.

Production Funding by
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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Performance Dates	Times	Location – ALT Mainstage	2019 Civic Circle
May 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24	8:00 pm	Box Office Phone – 806-355-9991	
May 11, 18, 25	2:30 pm	Order Online by Email – jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org	
Box Office opens to Members – Monday, April 21	10:00 am	This production is rated PG-13 due to mature language and innuendo.	
Box Office opens to Public – Monday, April 28	10:00 am		

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF MEMORABLE PERFORMANCES

Director's Notes



**Allen
Shankles**

It's hard to believe, but this issue of *Curtain Call* announces ALT's final show of the 2007-08 season. Eight productions have come and gone in what seems to be the blink of an eye. We are only a few days away from opening **The Producers** and everyone is in high gear. I am very proud to be among the very first community theatres in the world to be producing this amazing Broadway hit. This is a show that has tested us in many ways. It is among the most difficult I have ever produced. It is certainly testing our abilities, but I think we are going to be very successful. I hope our audiences have a great time with this outrageously funny show.

You will note that we have announced our new season of shows on the back cover of this *Curtain Call*. It is always a difficult proposition to pick nine shows which we hope will captivate the interest and imagination of our audiences. We try to select a mix that will provide many good choices for every member of our audience, regardless of their taste and sensibility. I think we have succeeded again.

Those of you who have been with ALT for a long time may notice that some of the shows have been produced previously at ALT. There is a good reason for this. The 2008-09 season represents my 25th season at ALT and I have decided that it is appropriate to revisit some of the shows that I have done during my career here. I intend to do this for the next two or three seasons. Many of these shows represent the biggest successes in ALT history. Others are shows with which I hold a special fondness. Most possess both qualities. Shows like **Dracula** and **Cinderella** were done here almost twenty years ago, so for many ALT patrons, they will be shows you have not seen before.

Of course, we want to mix in some new and exciting selections that are new to the theatre world in general. **Over the Tavern** is a great, new heartwarming comedy that I am certain our Mainstage audiences will love. It revolves around a family struggling to make ends meet in the late 1950s. We are also doing **Rabbit Hole** and **The Clean House** at the Adventure Space. These shows are among the "hottest" new shows in the world of theatre. **Rabbit Hole** won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2007 and **The Clean House** is currently one of the most produced plays in the country. Both are exceptional new plays that will be perfect for our Adventure Space audiences.

The 2007-08 season looks like it will be another success for ALT. We just need good houses for **The Producers**. After that, we will finish the season with a special celebration and performances of **Sweet Dreams, Peggy Sue**. I hope everyone will plan to see one or more of these performances. The Saturday night event, which includes both the show and a party after, should be a perfect way to celebrate a great 80 years for ALT.

I want to thank all of our patrons and volunteers for their continued generous support and dedication to ALT. You make this one of the greatest theatres in the country! Here's to a terrific 2007-08 season and a wonderful new 2008-09 season.

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

Guild News...

Greetings,

It's hard to believe that this season is rapidly coming to an end. It has been an enjoyable ride. I want to say a big thank you to the Junior League of Amarillo and to all of you for your hard work and dedication this season. ALT will be rewarded for all that each of you has done this season. Coming up for us, we have our final Mainstage show, **The Producers**. It promises to be an exciting run for everyone involved. Be sure and spread the word about this award winning show. During intermission, we will be selling window stickers for five dollars. If you haven't gotten yours yet, you need to. It is a good way to show your support for the theatre all year long, and spread the word even while you are driving down the road. Also, this year's special event is a weekend run of **Sweet Dreams, Peggy Sue**. We will be in charge of ushering and concessions during that weekend. Be sure and mark your calendars for June 13th – 15th to support this fundraising event.

Finally, our last meeting of the season will be on Tuesday, May 13th, at six o'clock in the evening at the Mainstage. At this meeting, we will be electing officers for the 08-09 season, and we will be voting on a revision to the bylaws. It is very important that as many members attend as possible. We will be discussing some important things that I hope will make the Guild stronger and vital to the entity that is ALT. As always, we couldn't do half as much as we do without the dedication of each and every one of you. Have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the theatre.

Justin Loe
President

Celebrating 80 years of great theatre!

SWEET DREAMS, PEGGY SUE Helps ALT Celebrate 80 years!!!!

ALT will culminate its 80th Anniversary season with a special weekend of performances of **Sweet Dreams, Peggy Sue** starring Cindi Bulla, Tammy Hysmith and Mark Jones.

This very special event will include performances of the show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 13-15. On Saturday, June 14, the performance will be followed by a spectacular anniversary party at ALT's Adventure Space. The evening will include food, open bar (provided by Marty's) and dancing to the great western swing sounds of The Western Swing Heritage Band.

Tickets to the Friday and Sunday performances are \$25.00 each. Tickets for Saturday's show are \$50.00 each and include the gala after-party. Individual gala-only tickets may be purchased for \$30.00.

Tickets go on sale to ALT season ticket holders on Monday, May 19 and to the general public on Tuesday, May 27.



"AND THE WINNER IS.....!!!!!"

Annual ALTA AWARDS scheduled for June 21st.

ALT's **ALTA Awards & Celebration** are scheduled for Saturday, June 21st. The event will begin with cocktails and "mingling" at 6:30 pm followed by a scrumptuous buffet catered by Marty's. The award presentation will begin around 8:00 pm. This exciting event is being held at the ALT Adventure Space.

**Cost is \$25.00 per person.
Make plans now to attend!**

ALT'S SEAT REPLACEMENT CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

ALT'S generous patrons and friends have made contributions in excess of \$75,000 toward this very important project. Unfortunately, we need just over \$110,000 to complete the project. As such, ALT will have to postpone the actual purchase and replacement of the seats until sometime later next year, perhaps even next summer. In the meantime, we will work to raise the additional funding through more individual contributions and potential grant funding. All contributions received to date will be segregated into an interest bearing account until ALT can complete the project. We thank everyone who has made a contribution to date. If you have not made your contribution yet, please consider doing it today.

The following people have made contributions since our last newsletter:

Donations Made For New Theatre Seats

February 6 - April 14, 2008

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Seussical Cast & Crew
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Betsy Swenson
Msgr. Joseph Tash
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Elaine Thompson
(In honor of all the helping hands for "Seussical, the Musical")
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Alice & Lester Wiles
Taylor & Lil Withrow
Brent & Candy Womble
Phil & Nancy Woodall
Robb & Jennifer Wright

Academy Spotlight

“Oh the things you can think” when you do Seussical the Musical as your Academy show. And what a show it was! Not only did my large “things” become a reality, but they surpassed all expectations and helped showcase our talented Academy students! This show was the largest in the Academy’s history and proved worthy of Dr. Seuss himself.

A big thank you goes out to **Jayne McBride** who inspired the cast each night as Artistic Director, **Brandon Bel-lar** who gave confidence as Music Director, **Raymond Girard** who created magic as Costume Designer, and **Karen Walsh** who transformed our stage to the wonderful world of Sues and created one of the best sets I have seen as Set Designer. We also could not have had such success without our amazing parents! From working the light board and pulling drops to gluing costumes and running the ever busy concession stand, our Academy parents are just as inspiring as their kids. Thank you to everyone who helped make this show truly magical!

Summer is fast approaching which means one word in the Academy... CAMPS! We have put together some fun-filled camps this summer that will challenge students on all levels of theatre. Don’t miss out! Registration begins May 12th.

As we wrap up our semester with theatre showcases and dance recitals, I can’t help but think what a great year the Academy has had. Our talented students and supportive community make my job very easy to come to! Thank you for a great year. See you this summer!

Jason Crespin
Academy Director

Amarillo Little Theatre
announces

Summer Arts Day Camps

Registration Begins May 12, 2008

Call the ALT Academy at 352-0731 for more information.

Grades K - 4th

“Fairy Tales
with a Twist...”
June 24th-28th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tuition \$150

(Bring a sack lunch - Drink provided)

Grades 5 - 7th

Session II*
“Camp Broadway”
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9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tuition \$150

(Bring a sack lunch - Drink provided)

Grades 5 - 7th

Session I*
“Camp Broadway”
July 7th-11th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tuition \$150

(Bring a sack lunch - Drink provided)

Grades 8 - 12th

“Camp Broadway”
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10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuition \$250

(Bring a sack lunch - Drink provided)

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ADVENTURE #1
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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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