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Amarillo Little Theatre
presents

DRIVING MISS DAISY

by
Alfred Uhry

"Driving Miss Daisy is a total delight!"

Amarillo Little Theatre is very proud to present **Driving Miss Daisy** as the third Mainstage production of the 2007-08 season! Winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize and the Outer Circle Critics Award for Best Off-Broadway Play and an Academy Award for Best Picture, this brilliant play is certain to be a hit with ALT audiences of all ages.

Driving Miss Daisy is a warmhearted, humorous and affecting study of the unlikely relationship between an aging, crotchety white southern lady and a proud, soft-spoken black man. Through a series of absorbing scenes spanning twenty five years, the two despite their mutual differences, grow ever closer to and more dependent on each other until, eventually, they become almost a couple. As the play ends it is movingly clear that they have both come to realize they have more in common than they ever believed possible and that times and circumstances would ever allow them to publicly admit.

ALT has cast a brilliant ensemble of three actors for this wonderful show. They include **Shirley Fancher** in the role of Daisy Werthan. Shirley has been involved at ALT for over 50 years starring in numerous productions during that time. Her last ALT stage appearance was in the hugely popular **The Cemetery Club**. Guest artist **Mathew Greer** will be performing the role of Hoke Coleburn. Mathew is currently working as a professional actor in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and he has just completed a production of **Driving Miss Daisy** with One Thirty Productions at the Bathhouse Cultural Center in Dallas. Rounding out the cast will be

Scott Royster in the role of Boolie, Miss Daisy's son. ALT audiences have recently enjoyed Scott's work as Marley's Ghost in **A Christmas Carol**.

Jeff Jarnagin is Artistic Director for this production with **Julie Yock** working as Assistant to the Director.

Driving Miss Daisy is sure to be a very popular production. We expect most performances to sell out very quickly. Make reservations today!

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Performance Dates January 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 January 20 and 27	Times 8:00 pm 2:30 pm	Location – ALT Mainstage Box Office Phone – 806-355-9991 Rated – G (Great for the whole family)	2019 Civic Circle
Box Office Opens to Members – Wednesday, Jan. 2 Box Office Opens to Public – Monday, Jan. 7	10:00 am 10:00 am	Order Online by e-mail – jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org	

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

Director's Notes



**Allen
Shankles**

Another year gone. It seems that time flies by more quickly than ever.....I think that may be a sign of age. We just completed our second spectacular production of "A Christmas Carol" and I am so very proud of this year's production. I believe that we fulfilled our promise to make this year's show bigger and better than last year's. Much of that success is due to the extremely talented and hard working cast. They all did a great job. I would also like to again thank **Don Shipman** for his brilliant work as Ebenezer Scrooge. I don't think there is a better Scrooge anywhere in the country.

We have a tough decision ahead of us regarding the future of "A Christmas Carol." This year's production didn't sell as well as we had hoped. Certainly several factors may have contributed to this. However, we must decide whether our patrons and our community will continue to support this show if it is to become a holiday tradition. I do think that if we do the show again next year we will shorten the run and make the production a special event that is not necessarily a part of our regular season. If you have an opinion, I would love to hear from you.

As we move into 2008, we are looking forward to some great shows. Of course, **Driving Miss Daisy** opens at the Mainstage on January 17. We expect this show to be a huge success for us. **Urinetown** opens at the Adventure Space in early February. Many people have not heard of this show and the title probably doesn't inspire some of you. But I can tell you that this is one of the funniest, most creative new musicals I have seen. This show was nominated for an amazing ten Tony Awards in 2002. It won three Tony Awards including Best Book of a Musical and Best Musical Score. I am very excited to be producing this new show and I hope you will plan to give it a try.

As you will note in this issue of "Curtain Call," ALT has begun a campaign to replace our auditorium seats. This is a major project which I think is very important. Our current seating is really beginning to break down and replacement is going to be necessary at some point in the near future. While I am prepared to go to outside sources for a portion of this funding if necessary, I think it would be very gratifying if we could complete this project "in house." If only 453 of us would contribute \$250.00 each, the project would be done. Carrie and have already bought a seat. Of course, some of you generous folks will want to purchase more than one seat. In fact, Claudette and Bill Landess have already purchased ten seats! At the time of this correspondence, we have about 25 seats purchased. Please help if you can.

The current season has presented us with many challenges. It seems to be harder to make ends meet than it has ever been. However, I think our productions thus far have been of very high quality. We continue to strive to be the best we can be in every way. That drive is a result of the wonderful support and care of our many patrons and volunteers. We thank you for all you do for this organization.

Happy New Year!!!!

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

AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!

ALT is pleased to announce open auditions for its fourth Mainstage and Adventure Space productions of the season.

DADDY'S DYIN' (WHO'S GOT THE WILL?)

by **Del Shores**

Production Dates:

March 6-16, 2008

ALT Mainstage

Directed by **Jeff Jarnagin**

Audition Dates:

Monday and Tuesday,

January 21 and 22 @ 7:30 pm

ALT Mainstage

Roles are available for **5 women** age ranges 30-80 and **3 men** age ranges 30-60

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

THE PILLOWMAN

by **Martin McDonagh**

Production Dates:

April 3-13, 2008

ALT Adventure Space

Directed by **Allen Shankles**

Audition Dates:

Monday and Tuesday,

February 18 and 19, 2008 @ 7:30 pm

ALT Adventure Space

Roles are available for **4 men** age ranges 16-60
2 additional actors (**1 man, 1 woman**) will be cast for multiple smaller roles

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

Perusal scripts for both shows are available at the ALT offices for a \$10.00 refundable deposit. Please contact the ALT offices at 355-9991 or email info@amarillolittletheatre.org for more information.

Academy Spotlight

Happy New Year from the Academy! What a whirlwind of a fall we've had! Auditions here, productions there, running from a dance class to make a theatre class... No wonder we needed a little break!

Before we jump into the new year, I want to send a big thank you to all the Academy students who were a part of **A Christmas Carol**. The show was such a heart warming show and our Academy students helped make it the perfect holiday treat! From Tiny Tim to the smallest of the Angel Chorus, our Academy shined bright and I was very proud! Thank you also to all the Academy parents and families who helped. We could not have had such a great show without your support!

Looking towards the spring, the Academy is gearing up for auditions! The highly anticipated **Seussical the Musical** will give Academy students the opportunity to bring to life such loveable character as the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie La Bird and many more! We anticipate casting about 70 Academy students, so come one, come all and help make this the biggest Academy show to date! Too old to audition? Help show your support and be a show sponsor! There are plenty of different sponsorship levels that will make this show an even bigger success. Call 352-0731 and find out how you can help with the magic of bringing Dr. Seuss beloved stories to the stage!

Auditions will be held January 28th and 29th at the ALT Mainstage and performances are scheduled for March 28th, 29th, and 30th. Look for audition packets the first weeks of class for more information.

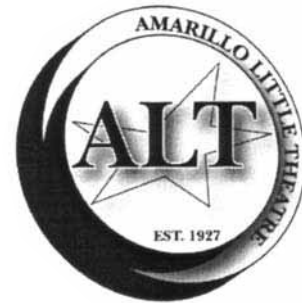
I know with the past year we've had, 2008 is going to be another great year for the Academy!

Jason Crespin

ALT Academy Director

Notes from the Guild

I hope everyone is having a blessed holiday season. We closed the year well with "A Christmas Carol." The ALTG benefitted greatly from this show. Our volunteer Christmas party was a success as well. Thanks to all of you who helped with goodies, attended and participated. Fun was had by all. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26, 2008 as the ALTG will be hosting "Daisy" Discussion, Drinks and Desserts after the performance. Admission is by donation at the door. Stay tuned for more information. Lastly, if you have not renewed your membership, now is a good time to do so. Dues start at \$25. We encourage everyone to join us. Also, if you have renewed but have not updated your member information, we need it so we may compile a current directory. We do a lot of correspondence by email, but I know some you can't. We want to include everyone. May your 2008 be filled with happiness, health, and cheer!!!



Justin Loe
President ALTG

MAKE A GIFT THAT WILL LAST FOR 30 YEARS!!!

ALT begins campaign to replace Mainstage auditorium seats.

You heard right! ALT is making plans to replace all 453 seats in the Mainstage auditorium this summer. The current seats have served us well for over thirty years, but they are beginning to show their age.....aren't we all?

After months of research and perusal of fabric samples and color swatches, ALT's staff and board have selected the fabric and colors for the new seating. A prototype of the new chair is on display in the Terk Lobby. We hope that you will take a moment to check it out. We even want you to sit in it so that you can experience the amazing comfort of these beautiful new seats.

Each seat is going to cost \$250.00 including installation. ALT has over 900 season ticket holders and many more patrons who enjoy our work regularly. We are hoping that each of you will want to help us with this project. All contributions to this fund will be listed in the ALT newsletter and those of \$250.00 or more will be recognized on a beautiful plaque to be prominently displayed in the ALT Lobby. If only half of our membership would purchase a single seat each, we would easily reach our goal.

Of course, a gift to this project is tax deductible. You can also take pride in knowing that your gift will benefit ALT for at least thirty years. What an opportunity!

Please contact the ALT box office to make a contribution or for more information.

Contributions to the Daniel J. Schwartz Memorial Endowment Fund

November 6-December 17, 2007

In Honor of Allen Shankles 50th Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. John Dodson

In Memory of Ray Strickland
Mr. & Mrs. Werner Mundt

In Memory of Bob Sloger
**Amy Gililand
Kim Shreffler**

In Memory of Emma Lou Cannon
Sheryl & Jim Pat Lankford

In Honor of:
Mr. & Mrs. Bill McCarty
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Evetts
Don Shipman
By **Gwen & John Patterson**

In Honor of the Cast of Charlie Brown
by **the Association of Fundraising Professionals**

End of Year Donations
**Peter & Helene Botsonis
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Mildred Everett
Tony & Diane Freeman
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Gene Ann Grant
Jay Kirk
Richard & Mary Ann Kohnle**

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Donations to purchase Theatre Seats as of December 17, 2007
William G. & Claudette Landess

In honor of
Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Cone
Dr. Robert Crabtree
Ms. Terry Gibbs
Jim Kemp & Whitney Kelly
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Kibbey
Phillip Kielpinski
Barbara McDonald
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Paige
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Vaclav
Pat Vick
by **Dr. & Mrs. John Kaczmarek**

**Cara Kee
Virginia McNeely
Arnold & Verneice Miller
Paula Short
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Valentine Dinner

You're invited to join us for a lovely Valentine Dinner in the intimate Terk Lobby on **Thursday, February 14** beginning at 6:00 pm. This special four course dinner will feature **Edes' Beef Tenderloin** and a selection of fine wines provided by Pat Richmond and Glazers Wholesale Distributing.

Seating is limited to 100 guests. Dinner participants wishing to enjoy ALT's performance of "Urinetown" after dinner will be finished and in your seats by "curtain time." Show tickets are an additional charge.

Cost for the ALT Valentine Dinner is \$65.00 per person. Call the ALT Box Office today to make your reservation.

