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Amarillo Little Theatre  
presents

# THE ODD COUPLE

by Neil Simon

*"Wildly, irresistibly, incredibly and continuously funny." N.Y. Daily News*

Amarillo Little Theatre proudly presents Neil Simon's comedy classic **The Odd Couple** as its third Mainstage production of the 2006-07 season!

This renown comedy begins with a group of "the boys" assembled for cards in the apartment of a divorced fellow named Oscar, and if the mess is any indication, it's no wonder his wife left him. Late to arrive is another fellow, Felix, who they learn has just been separated from his wife. Since Felix is very meticulous and tense, they fear he might commit suicide. When he arrives, he is scarcely allowed to go to the bathroom alone. As life would have it, the solo bachelor and the meticulous fellow decide to bunk together with hilarious results. The patterns of their own disastrous marriages begin to reappear in this arrangement, and so this too must end before it destroys their friendship.

ALT has assembled a brilliant cast of performers for this production. In the leading roles are **Sherman Bass** as Oscar Madison and **Bobby Schaffer** as Felix Ungar. The supporting cast includes **Troy Couch** as Murray, **Raymond Girard** as Vinnie, **Scott Royster** as Speed, and **Michael Westmoreland** as Roy. Also featured are **Carrie Huckabay** and **Heidi Stricker** as the hilarious Pigeon sisters.

**Jeff Jarnagin** is Artistic Director for this production with **Amy Gililand** as Assistant to the Director. **Gregg Dunlap** is Technical Director and **David Walsh** is Assistant Technical Director and Scenic Artist.

This wonderful comedy is just as fresh and funny as ever. Don't miss ALT's **The Odd Couple**. Make reservations today!

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## FACTS AT A GLANCE

<b>Performance Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Location</b> – ALT Mainstage	2019 Civic Circle
January 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 & 27	8:00 pm	<b>Box Office Phone</b> – 806-355-9991	
January 21, 28	2:30 pm	<b>Rated</b> – PG	
<b>Box Office Opens to Members-Tuesday, January 2</b>	10:00 am	<b>Order Online by e-mail</b> – jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org	
<b>Box Office Opens to Public-Monday, January 8</b>	10:00 am		

CHECK OUT ALT'S WEB SITE AT [WWW.AMARILLOLITTLETHEATRE.ORG](http://WWW.AMARILLOLITTLETHEATRE.ORG)

## Director's Notes



**Allen  
Shankles**

A new year begins, but ALT's season is only at the halfway mark. The first four shows of the ALT season have come and gone so quickly it seems like only yesterday that we were holding auditions for "Bright Ideas," our first show of the season.

Several months ago in this column I predicted that this would be a record-breaking season for ALT. The first four productions certainly have us on track for that outcome. Our attendance for "Bright Ideas," "Steel Magnolias," "Assassins," and "A Christmas Carol" has averaged over 95%! Our Academy's production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" posted attendance over 100%, as we added chairs in the aisles for each of the three productions. Obviously, we are off to an extraordinary start. I don't see any reason for this pace to slow as we have five more spectacular season shows "waiting in the wings." This does not even include the Academy's spring production which is going to be "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

ALT's next Mainstage production, "The Odd Couple," promises to be a huge hit. This brilliant comedy by Neil Simon is still just as fresh and funny as it was when it first hit the Broadway stage over 40 years ago. I guess it now qualifies as a "classic." Next up at the Adventure Space is one of the most breathtaking and unique shows I have ever seen. "Metamorphoses" is a contemporary retelling of the classic tales of Ovid. (Don't be worried that it sounds like "Greek", the language is modern and the stories relate to our own lives in an unbelievable way.) Also, the entire show will take place in and around a large pool of water that is being constructed in the Adventure Space! I promise it will be one of the most mind-blowing theatre experiences you have ever enjoyed.

If the final five shows of the season come anywhere close to the same success of the first four shows, there is no doubt that my prediction of a record-breaking year will be realized.

Of course, none of this would be possible at all without the continued extraordinary dedication of ALT's talented staff, volunteers and performers. This is a truly remarkable group of people. I continue to be amazed at my good fortune to be able to work with such extraordinary talent every day.

Thank you to our many patrons and volunteers for a great 2006. Here's hoping 2007 is even better. 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.

### BEEHIVE

the 60's musical by Larry Gallagher

Production Dates:

March 1-11, 2007

ALT Mainstage

Directed by

Allen Shankles & Shawn Walsh

Music Direction by Rolando Salazar

Audition Dates:

Monday and Tuesday, January 15 & 16, 2007 - 7:30pm

ALT Adventure Space

Roles are available for 6-7 women  
(age 17 and up)

Auditions will consist of a prepared vocal selection not to exceed 60 seconds. (The directors ask that vocal selections be similar to the "style" of the show.) Those women auditioning will also do cold readings from the script and will do a dance combination taught by the choreographer.

### THE LONESOME WEST

by Martin McDonagh

Production Dates:

April 5-15, 2007

ALT Adventure Space

Directed by TBA

Audition Dates:

Monday and Tuesday,

February 19 & 20, 2007 - 7:30pm

ALT Mainstage

Roles are available for 2 men (age range 35-50) 1 man  
(age range 20-35) 1 young woman (age range 17-25)

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

Perusal scripts are available for both shows at the ALT offices for a \$10.00 refundable deposit. Please contact ALT at 355-9991 or e-mail [info@amarillolittletheatre.org](mailto:info@amarillolittletheatre.org) for more information.

# Academy Spotlight

Congratulations to all of our academy students who participated in our production of *A Christmas Carol*. Whether they were Angel Chorus members, Cratchit children, dancers, or elves, our students' talents were a highlight and an integral part of this show's success.

I am very pleased to announce the ALT Academy's spring production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Although this is an ambitious project for our students, it is also a phenomenal opportunity. Jason Crespin and I are excited and full of ideas for this new twist on the classic Peanuts comic strip. Check out the audition information below for the upcoming auditions February 2007.

We also look forward to a new and productive semester in our academy. Classes begin January 8th, so be sure to register early. Jason and I wish you the best of holidays and a happy new year!

– Heidi Stricker

## ALT Academy Classes Begin January 8, 2007 Have You Enrolled Yet? Don't Miss Your Opportunity

### HIP HOP CLASSES ARE BACK!

Jason Crespin, ALT Education Associate Will Be Teaching Two Special Hip Hop Classes in Studio B beginning January 8. Don't Miss Out!

Monday-4:30-5:30 pm	Ages 8-12	Tuition \$85
Monday-5:30-6:30 pm	Ages Teen/Adult	Tuition \$85

### COME & DANCE WITH US! BALLROOM CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 8.

SWING Teen/Adult	MONDAY 6:30-7:30 1/8-1/29	Tuition \$35
LATIN (Rumba, Cha Cha)	MONDAY 6:30-7:30 2/12-3/5	Tuition \$35
SMOOTH (Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango)	MONDAY 6:30-7:30 3/19-4/9	Tuition \$35

## YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN (Revised)

Based on The Comic Strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz

Book, Music and Lyrics by Clark M. Gesner

**Production Dates:** March 30-31, 2007 and April 1, 2007  
ALT Mainstage

Directed by **Heidi Stricker**  
Choreography by **Jason Crespin**  
Musical Direction by **Jonathan Mobley**

**Audition Dates:**  
Saturday and Sunday, February 3 & 4, 2007 @ 1:00 pm  
ALT Academy Classroom

Roles are available for **4 boys 7th -12th grade** and **2 girls 7th - 12th grade**. An ensemble will be cast consisting of **4 to 5 boys or girls 5th grade and up** and a dance chorus of **10 to 20 boys or girls ages 5 years old and up**.

## Notes from the Guild

Greetings to all of you out there in theatreland!

What exciting news I have to report. First, our window stickers sales are doing well with almost \$300 in sales so far. We will continue to sell these stickers before shows, during intermissions, at Guild meetings and during lunch on Saturday work calls. You can also get these stickers by calling me (354-0055) or Jessica Burton (336-0009). They are \$5 each and all proceeds go back to the theatre in our annual contribution. Additionally, the Academy window sticker sales went extremely well – we sold almost 90 stickers! This will bring in a profit of over \$300 to the Academy. We will sell those stickers again next semester during classes for those who missed out this time.

We had our Christmas party on December 12. What a good time! We had fantastic refreshments and a very amusing Chinese gift exchange. The door prize was a Santa figurine (congrats to Jimmie Smith on winning it) and we had a raffle for a turkey donated by Edes Meats. We brought in \$92 on that raffle and congratulations go out to Shelley Sloger for the winning turkey ticket. Another big thanks to Edes Meats for their generosity.

We have had much success with our crew lunch program so far this season. We have had such a wonderful response from our community restaurants, which so far have included Golden Apple Catering, Desperado's Steaks and Barbeque, Bourbon Street Cafe, and Basil Doc's. We are always open to suggestions for restaurants to participate in this program. So if you know of any locally owned restaurants that might be interested in joining our sponsorship program, please do not hesitate to call me (354-0055).

Finally, *A Christmas Carol* just closed and was a success all around. We had sold out performances and rocket concession sales. Our grand total in sales was \$3011. YAY! And as always, thank you to each and every volunteer in that concession booth for your time and efforts in that success.

Speaking of thanks, I just want to say once again how blessed we are with our volunteers. You are all part of the magic.

See you at the theatre,

Leslie Hill

President, ALTG

**Reminder: Next month's meeting, January 9, 6:30 pm, Terk Lobby  
I look forward to seeing all of you at the theatre!**

### **MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND ALT'S SPECTACULAR VALENTINE DINNER!!**

ALT will once again host a Valentine Dinner special event.

This year's event, scheduled for Saturday, February 10th, will feature a spectacular menu prepared by Dr. Mary Townsend paired with terrific wine selections provided by Glazer's Wholesale Distributors.

Contact the ALT Offices at 355-9991 for more information.

