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April, 2007

Amarillo Little Theatre
presents
Rodgers & Hammerstein's
OKLAHOMA!

Music by
Richard Rodgers

Book and Lyrics by
Oscar Hammerstein II

Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs

By special permission, Amarillo Little Theatre is thrilled to present the award winning classic musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II are famous for a string of immensely popular Broadway musicals during the golden age of the medium such as "Carousel," "The King and I," "South Pacific," and "The Sound of Music" as well as *Oklahoma!* Opening on Broadway in 1943, *Oklahoma!* has held audiences spellbound for decades. The title song is just the beginning of a list of beautiful and memorable numbers including "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," and "People Will Say We're in Love."

The love story of Curly and Laurey is told against the beautiful backdrop of the wind swept plains where the sky is bluer and the corn is "higher than an elephant's eye." *Oklahoma!* also captures the determination and hard working natures of farmers and ranchers alike.

ALT has brought together a brilliant cast for the close of the 2006-2007 season. Newcomers to ALT, **Kevin Friemel** (Curly) and **Lyndsee Rich** (Laurey) play the young and sometimes misguided lovers with **Michael Newman** (Jud) as the jealous hired hand. **Josh Bates** (Will Parker) and **Jonathan Mobley** (Ali Hakim) vie for the affections of **Leigh Anne Stewart** (Ado

Annie), while **Shannon Mashburn** (Aunt Eller) and **Chuck Alexander** (Andrew Carnes) try to keep peace between the cowmen and the farmers. The supporting cast includes **Jenny Bulla**, **Amber Burton**, **Jason Crespin**, **Megg Dunlap**, **Decker Dyess**, **Bryan Hackett**, **Lindsay Hand**, **Deanna Hurt**, **Paul Johnson**, **Stephanie Landry**, **Justin Loe**, **Anna McVey**, **Zach Oheim**, **Rachel Pierce**, **Jeni Roller**, **Scott Royster**, **Kim Shreffler**, **Amy Spears**, **Dustin Ward**, **Hugh Wilson** and **Julie Yock**. Honorary cast members **Genie & Sherm Harriman** will also take the stage for the first time in several years.

Artistic Director is **Allen Shankles**. **Rolando Salazar** is Music Director with **Anne Lankford** tackling the choreography. **Art DeMar** is Assistant to the Directors.

Oklahoma! is too much great fun to miss! Round up the entire family and reserve your tickets today.

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FACTS AT A GLANCE

Performance Dates May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 Sundays, May 13 and 20	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 – Monday, April 16	10:00 am		
Box Office Opens to Public – Monday, April 23	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

This issue of Curtain Call announces the opening of ALT's final production of the 2006-07 season, "*Oklahoma!*" It is mind-blowing to think the season is already coming to a close.

I predicted several months ago that this would be a record-breaking season for ALT and I am now confident that my prediction will be fact. If "*Oklahoma!*" draws anywhere close to the attendance we expect, we will complete the best season in the history of this organization! This success is measured in total attendance, season ticket sales, and total ticket revenue. Our success would not have been possible without the dedicated work of the ALT staff and board of directors and the hundreds of volunteers who give so much time and talent to this organization. It is also due to the tens of thousands of people who purchased a ticket during the season. Finally, ALT would not survive, much less be successful, without our many generous patrons. These include our "Production Partners," and other patrons who give generously of their financial resources. These people make it possible for all of us to enjoy this spectacular art form at a very reasonable ticket price. My sincere thanks go out to every single person who helped to

make this our best season ever!

"*Oklahoma!*" opens in just a couple of weeks. It is hard to believe, but I have never directed this show. I have, of course, known of "*Oklahoma!*" but I have never even seen a live production of this classic musical. I must say that I am having a great time experiencing this material for the first time. We have a brilliant cast featuring some wonderful new talent. I think the show is going to be a real treat for our audiences. I hope that you will plan to round up your "herd" and bring 'em all out to see it. It will be fun.

You will note that the announcement of our 2007-08 season is on the back page of this newsletter. We really struggle to find a good variety of exciting theatre literature for ALT audiences. This list of shows will give you many great choices for next year, from classics such as "*The Pajama Game*" to very new and contemporary works such as "*The Pillowman*." Our audience will note that several of their top choices from this year's survey have made it on the list.

The season has been exhausting. Today, I am ready to take a break (I don't get one for a few weeks yet), but soon enough I will be ready to get to work on what I hope will be another successful season. I hope all of you will plan to join me in the wonderful "magic" circle of ALT.

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

ALTA

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

Annual ALTA AWARDS scheduled for June 9th.

ALT's **ALTA Awards & Celebration** are scheduled for Saturday, June 9th. 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!**



Don't miss ALT's very special event
featuring
BRIAN STOKES MITCHELL
Saturday, June 16 @ 8:00 pm
Call the ALT Box Office
for tickets and information -
355-9991.

TEE IT UP!!!

ALT'S 2nd Annual
"**SWINGIN' FOR THE STARS**"
GOLF TOURNAMENT
**IS SATURDAY,
APRIL 28TH.**

**ARE YOU IN?
Call the ALT
Box Office to
enter today.
355-9991**

Academy Spotlight

Jason and I would like to take this opportunity to again acknowledge all the generous support we received for our Academy musical *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. This show was an amazing success for our cast, crew, and staff, and it was a treat for our audiences. Our cast was fortunate to be joined on stage by local celebrities: Crockett Middle School Teacher of the Year Cara Kee, KAMR NBC 4's Today in Amarillo Reporter Meaghan Collier, and Mayor Debra McCartt. We would like to extend our thanks again to Leslie Hill for providing lunch for our cast and crew during our school performances. Thank you to Kay Huddleston with the Junior League of Amarillo who provided the food for our strike party and to Erin Martindale who organized our opening night party. Chriselda Reyes generously donated her time and talent as a professional photographer and captured some amazing images from our production. We would also like to thank the families of our Academy students who sacrificed their time to make our show a great experience for everyone involved.

For this production (and in Snoopy's honor), we chose to raise funds and supplies for the Amarillo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Through the selling of "break-a-leg notes," our audiences raised \$300.00 for the SPCA. We also received supplies from teachers and students attending our school performances.

Now we look forward to our Junior and Senior Company showcases. Don't miss our Senior Company talent in their production of *Ambrosia, Peanut Butter, Kool-Aid, and Enchiladas...* written by Carrie Huckabay's playwriting class. The performance will be Tuesday, May 22 at 8:00 PM. Our Junior Company showcase will be staged Wednesday, May 23 at 8:00 PM. Both showcases will be at the ALT Adventure Space and are open to the public, so be sure to show your support for our Academy students.

Thank you – *Heidi Stricker and Jason Crespin*

Amarillo Little Theatre
announces

Summer Arts Day Camps

Registration Begins May 14, 2007

Call the Office at 355-9991

Grade Kindergarten – 4

“The World of Eric Carle”

June 19 – 23, 2007

(Tuesday – Saturday)

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bring a sack lunch –
drink provided

Tuition: \$150

Grade 5 – 7

“Radio Show”

July 9 – 13, 2007

(Monday – Friday)

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bring a sack lunch –
drink provided

Tuition: \$150

Grade 5-7

“Radio Show”

June 25 – 29, 2007

(Monday – Friday)

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bring a sack lunch –
drink provided

Tuition: \$150

Grade 8-12

“The Greeks”

July 16 – 27, 2007

(Mon. – Fri. 2 weeks)

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Bring a sack lunch –
drink provided

Tuition: \$250

Guild News...

Greetings to all of you out there in theatreland. I wanted to let you all know how wonderful this year has been. We have had record sales in concessions, outstanding volunteers, and a great set of officers.

Speaking of officers, it's that time of year again to elect new officers. The election meeting of the Guild will be at the May meeting on Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30 pm, in the Terk Lobby. The positions to be filled are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. The position of Parliamentarian will be filled by the current president, so no nominations are necessary for that position. However, nominations are needed for all the other positions. Those nominations can be sent to the guild email address: amarillolittletheatreguild@yahoo.com or they can be called in to the Box Office, 355-9991. Now is the time to stir things up, so get those nominations in by May 7.

There will be refreshments at the election meeting, including, but not limited to, adult beverages and bacon wrapped quail appetizers – Yum! Yum!

I have truly enjoyed my time serving the Guild and want to thank you all for all your hard work and commitment to the theatre. I know I leave the guild in good hands and look forward to all the new exciting things in store for next season.

And so for the final time...

I look forward to seeing you at the theatre,

Leslie Hill

President, ALTG

Announcing ALT's 2007-08 Season – Celebrating 80 years of great theatre!

ALT MAINSTAGE SEASON – 2007-2008

INTO THE WOODS
(musical comedy)
September 2007

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
(the tradition continues)
December 2007

DRIVING MISS DAISY
(comedy/drama)
January 2008

DADDY'S DYIN' (WHO'S GOT THE WILL?)
(hilarious comedy)
March 2008

THE PAJAMA GAME
(classic musical comedy)
May 2008

ADVENTURE SPACE SEASON – 2007-2008

ROUNDING THIRD
(comedy)
August 2007

TBA
(to be announced)
October 2007

URINETOWN
(musical comedy)
February 2008

THE PILLOWMAN
(drama)
April 2008

2007 – 2008 SEASON TICKET PACKAGES!

SAME GREAT SAVINGS! - ADVANCE RESERVATIONS PRIVILEGES - EASY EXCHANGES - OTHER DISCOUNTS

**PURCHASE SEASON TICKETS IN "PACKS" OF 5 OR 4. STACK 'EM UP TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR OWN SEASON TICKET PACKAGE!
It will take 1-5 Pack and 1-4 Pack to see the entire season!
(Combinations of Packs must be same type)**

Five packs (5 Admissions) Perfect for the Mainstage

Flex A - \$75.00
Good Anytime

Basic A - \$70.00
Only 1 ticket per Musical

Flex B - \$65.00
Thursday/Sunday Only

Basic B - \$60.00
Thursday/Sunday Only
Only 1 ticket per Musical

Four Packs (4 Admissions) Perfect for the Adventure Space

Flex A - \$61.00
Good Anytime

Basic A - \$57.00
Only 1 ticket per Musical

Flex B - \$53.00
Thursday/Sunday Only

Basic B - \$49.00
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 2007 – 2008 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) \$ _____

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

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

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**RENEW EARLY
GET FREE TICKETS!!!!**
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.

Join ALT's Family of donors!
Ticket sales only cover a portion of producing live theatre at ALT.
Please consider making a tax deductible contribution!
Donors of \$50 or more will be recognized in ALT's Playbill.

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