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Amarillo Little Theatre
presents

Sweet Dreams, Peggy Sue A Musical Tribute

You were “crazy” for **Always...Patsy Cline** and you “Raved on” for **Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story**. Now, ALT is proud to announce that we have combined the talent from both of those great shows to create a spectacular, new musical event called **Sweet Dreams, Peggy Sue**. This great show will make its Amarillo premiere on the ALT stage for three shows only August 3-5, 2007.

Sweet Dreams, Peggy Sue features three of our area’s most popular performers in a spectacular evening of music and fun. Performing many of the great hits you have come to know and love are **Tammy Hysmith**, star of ALT’s most successful production ever, **Always...Patsy Cline** and **Mark Jones**, star of **Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story**. Also starring is **Cindi Bulla**, “Louise” from **Always...Patsy Cline**, who will be the “emcee” for the evening. If you think Louise was crazy, just wait until you see the new character Cindi has created for this show! This show is produced and directed by **Allen Shankles** and will feature a terrific five piece band. **Jeff Jarnagin** is in charge of wardrobe and hair (and makes a special cameo appearance on stage) with **Gary Graham** in charge of sound. Lighting design will be by **Gregg Dunlap**.

This spectacular show has already played to sold out audiences in Midland, Texas where it was an extraordinary hit. Filled with the great music you know and love, this show will have you dancing in the aisles! Over two dozen songs are featured in the production including *Crazy, Sweet Dreams, Walkin’ After Midnight, You Belong to Me, Oh Boy, Peggy Sue, True Love Ways, It’s So Easy, I Fall to Pieces, Rave On* and many, many more.

Loyal devotees of ALT’s **Always...Patsy Cline** and/or **Buddy** will love this hot, new show. It’s like getting the best of two shows for the price of one! Cindi, Tammy and Mark invite all of their fans and friends to come and see them and join the fun.

Tickets for this ALT special event are priced at \$25.00 per person. ALT season ticket holders will get a 10% discount on all tickets purchased and they will also get advance reservation privileges for the limited seats.

What are you waiting for? Make your reservations for **Sweet Dreams, Peggy Sue** today!

FACTS AT A GLANCE

Performance Dates	Times	Location – ALT Mainstage	2019 Civic Circle
August 3, 4	8:00 pm	Box Office Phone – 806-355-9991	
August 5	2:30 pm	Rated – PG	
Box Office opens to Members – Monday, July 16	10:00 am	Order Online by Email – jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org	
Box Office opens to Public – Monday, July 23	10:00 am		

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Director's Notes



**Allen
Shankles**

Change is good.....at least that's what I am told. Over the years I have come to believe it. I have, for the most part, come to believe that when one door closes another one opens. Although change often pushes us out of our comfort zone and forces us to look at new ways of doing things, it is an inescapable part of our lives and so I think we might as well embrace it.

ALT is currently going through some major changes, most notably in our staff. Before our new season begins, we will have bid farewell to David Walsh, Cub Kuker and Heidi Stricker. You will also note in our audition notice that Jim Gardner will take over the duties of Music Director with our production of **Into the Woods**. This means that we will be without the services of Rolando Salazar, who has been with ALT for the past four seasons. Each of these great people have been very important members of the ALT team and they will be missed. Their contributions to ALT's success over the past few years have been monumental and I will always treasure our time working together.

Now for the good news – other doors are opening. **Tana Roberson** has already begun her duties as Scenic Designer and Technical Associate for ALT. Tana is a recent MFA graduate of the University of Georgia's department of theatre. She brings a wealth of training and fresh ideas to our artistic team. She is young, full of energy and enthusiasm, and her captivating personality will undoubtedly make her one of our most popular staff members. As I mentioned above, **Jim Gardner** will be ALT's new Music Director for the 2007-08 season. Jim is one of the area's most respected musicians and we are extremely honored that he will bring his vast experience and talent to ALT productions. Finally, **Jason Crespin** will be the head of our slightly revamped Theatre Academy program. Jason will be functioning as Academy Director. His duties will include oversight of a collection of great teachers who will be teaching our Academy classes. Jason will also "produce" all Academy shows, market Academy productions and classes, raise funds for the Academy and much, much more. With his marketing degree and vast theatre experience, I think he is going to be spectacular in this new position! Finally, we have not yet found a replacement for Cub Kuker, but we are working on that and expect to have someone in place before the beginning of the season.

New people bring new ideas and fresh perspective to an organization. That is good for every organization, but for a creative environment such as ALT, it is not just good but necessary. I am very excited to welcome these new artists to the ALT team and I look forward to creating great theatre with each of them. I hope as ALT's new season takes flight, you will get an opportunity to meet each of these new staff members. They will be working hard to continue providing our patrons the very best theatre entertainment and training possible. I can't wait to get started.

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

TEE IT UP!!!!

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SATURDAY, JULY 28TH.

ARE YOU IN?

AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!

Amarillo Little Theatre is pleased to announce open auditions for its first Mainstage production of the 2007-08 season.

INTO THE WOODS

by Stephen Sondheim & James Lapine

Production Dates: September 20-30, 2007 ALT Mainstage

Directed by - Allen Shankles
Music Direction by - James Gardner

AUDITION DATES

Sunday and Monday, July 29 & 30 @ 7:30 pm
ALT Mainstage

Roles are available for **7 men** (15 and up)
and **12 women** (15 and up)

Auditions will consist of a prepared vocal selection not to exceed 60 seconds. An accompanist and CD/tape player will be available. Some auditionees will also be asked to do "cold" readings from the script.

Perusal scripts and scores are available at the ALT Box office with a \$10.00 refundable deposit. If you have questions or need additional information regarding these auditions, please contact the ALT office at 355-9991 or e-mail info@amarillolittletheatre.org

Academy Spotlight

Greetings from the Academy! Wow! It is hard to believe how fast the summer is flyin' by. Our Academy classroom has been all a buzz this summer with hungry caterpillars, radio personalities, and tragic Greek playwrights...No, we weren't watching *America's Got Talent*, we were deeply involved with our summer theatre camps. Our Academy students successfully produced children's stories in "The Wonderful World of Eric Carle", learned the art of radio with "The Happy Prince", and experienced Greek tragedy in "Antigone." Thank you to our camp instructors **Heidi Stricker, Karen Walsh, Jayme McBride, and Shannon Mashburn** and our junior counselors **Amber Bellinghausen, Carlee Pendleton, and Caroline Robinson** for all their help!

This summer, we were also honored to acknowledge two Academy students and an Academy parent at the annual ALTA gala. **Carlee Pendleton** was named ALT Academy Student of the Year, **Ryce Garren** received the Elise Keely Carlton Spirit Award and **Leslie Hill** was named Academy Parent of the Year. Congratulations again!

This new semester brings some exciting changes for our Academy. Some new and creative minds will be joining some familiar faces on our teaching staff this year. With more options for our students, our classroom will definitely be a growing and rewarding environment. Along with an excited staff comes an exciting season! We will be producing the heart-warming play "**A Little Princess**" in the fall and the energetic "**Suessical, the Musical**" in the spring. Look for audition info soon!

Classes will be beginning soon and I am anxious to meet our new students and welcome them into our Academy family. If our past experience dictates our Academy's future, I know they will become inspirations and assets to our program. With more and more being offered this season to our talented Academy students, I truly feel we are training tomorrow's talent today!

Jason Crespin
ALT Academy Director

Junior and Senior Company Auditions!!! Thursday, August 2

Please prepare a one minute monologue, either dramatic or comedic, to be performed in front of a panel of judges. Auditions will be held in the Academy classroom. Please come in appropriate audition attire, i.e. no flip flops. Know that we will adhere strongly to the time limit. For more information, please call the Academy at 352-0731.

Audition Times

Grades 7-9
5 pm

Grades 10-12
6 pm

ALTA GALA 2007

ALT held its annual ALT Awards Gala on Saturday, June 9 with approximately 140 people attending. The party was great fun with fabulous catering by Marty's and a wonderful retrospective of the 2006-07 season.

The following awards were presented:

Outstanding Newcomer – Lyndsee Rich (Oklahoma)

Supporting Actor in a Play – Jeff Jarnagin (The Lonesome West)

Supporting Actress in a Play – tie – Anne Lankford (Steel Magnolias) Malina Panovich (The Lonesome West)

Supporting Actor in a Musical – Josh Bates (Oklahoma)

Supporting Actress in a Musical – Leigh Anne Stewart (Oklahoma)

Outstanding Featured Performance in a Musical – Chana Smith (Beehive)

Leading Actor in a Play – Bobby Schaffer (The Odd Couple)

Leading Actress in a Play – Cindi Bulla (Steel Magnolias)

Leading Actor in a Musical – Don Shipman (A Christmas Carol)

Leading Actress in a Musical – Lyndsee Rich (Oklahoma)

Special awards are given annually for outstanding voluntarism.

The Jill Cowan Memorial Award for outstanding Technical Volunteer was presented to

Doug Thompson and Hayden McGaugh

The Daniel J. Schwartz Award for outstanding volunteer of the year was presented to

Amy Gililand

ALT DANCE ACADEMY-FALL 2007

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007 • CALL 355-9991 TO ENROLL
 CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPT. 4 THROUGH SAT., DEC. 15, 2007 (EXCEPT WHERE NOTED)
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PRE-KINDER BALLET AGE 3-5	MONDAY 4:00-4:30 PM	WENDY BAHN TUITION: \$39	BALLET/TAP/JAZZ LEVEL III AGE 9-11	SATURDAY 10:00-11:20 AM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$102
*PRE-KINDER BALLET AGE 3-4	SATURDAY 1:00-1:50 PM	CHELSEA SISSOM TUITION: \$70	BALLET/ TAP/JAZZ/ LYRICAL LEVEL IV AGE 11-13	SATURDAY 11:30-12:50 PM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$102
PRE-KINDER TAP AGE 3-5	TUESDAY 4:00-4:30 PM	WENDY BAHN TUITION: \$39	BALLET/TAP/JAZZ/ LYRICAL/PREP FOR POINTE AGE 13-15	SATURDAY 2:30-3:50 PM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$102
BALLET/TAP AGE 3-5	FRIDAY 4:00-4:50 PM	JASON CRESPIN TUITION: \$70	BALLET /LYRICAL/ POINTE/JAZZ AGE 15 & UP	SATURDAY 4:00-5:20 PM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$102
*BALLET LEVEL I AGE 5-6	SATURDAY 2:00-2:50 PM	CHELSEA SISSOM TUITION: \$70	*HIP HOP TEEN/ADULT	MONDAY 5:30-6:30 PM	JASON CRESPIN TUITION:\$70
BALLET/TAP LEVEL I AGE 4-5	TUESDAY 9:30-10:30 AM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$70	*HIP HOP TEEN/ADULT	TUESDAY 5:00-6:00 PM	JASON CRESPIN TUITION:\$70
BALLET LEVEL I (INTRO TO DANCE) AGE 4-6	SATURDAY 9:00-9:50 AM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$70	JAZZ/TAP LEVEL I & II AGE 7 & UP	TUESDAY 4:40-5:30 PM	WENDY BAHN TUITION:\$70
*BALLET TAP LEVEL I & II AGE 4-6	SATURDAY 9:00- 9:50 AM	WENDY BAHN TUITION: \$70	JAZZ/TAP LEVEL III AGE 8 & UP	TUESDAY 5:40-6:30 PM	WENDY BAHN TUITION:\$70
BALLET/TAP LEVEL II AGE 4-5	MONDAY 4:40-5:30 PM	WENDY BAHN TUITION: \$70	JAZZ/TAP LEVEL III & IV AGE PRETEEN	TUESDAY 6:40-7:30 PM	WENDY BAHN TUITION: \$70
BALLET/TAP LEVEL II AGE 4-6	TUESDAY 10:30-11:30 AM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$70	*MUSICAL THEATRE AGE 8-12	MONDAY 4:30-5:30	JASON CRESPIN TUITION: \$70
BALLET/TAP LEVEL II AGE 4-6	TUESDAY 10:30-11:30 AM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$70	*TAP BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE TEEN/ADULT	TUESDAY 6:00-7:00 PM	SHAWN WALSH TUITION: \$70
BALLET/TAP LEVEL II AGE 6-8	SATURDAY 1:00-1:50 PM	LUGENE COLE TUITION: \$70	SWING TEEN/ADULT	MONDAY - 9/10-10/1 6:30-7:30 PM	WALSH/LANKFORD TUITION: \$35
BALLET /TAP INT AGE 6-8	MONDAY 5:40-6:30 PM	WENDY BAHN TUITION: \$70	LATIN (RHUMBA, CHACHA, ETC) TEEN/ADULT	MONDAY- 10/15-11/5 6:30-7:30 PM	WALSH/LANKFORD TUITION: \$35
*BALLET LEVEL II & III AGE 8 & UP	SATURDAY 10:00-11:00 AM	WENDY BAHN TUITION: \$70	SMOOTH (FOX TROT, WALTZ, TANGO) TEEN/ADULT	MONDAY - 11/12-12/3 6:30-7:30 PM	WALSH/LANKFORD TUITION: \$35

THEATRE CLASSES-FALL 2007

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007 – 10:00 AM • CALL 355-9991 TO ENROLL • CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007
 CLASSES WILL BE TAUGHT BY JASON CRESPIN, CARRIE HUCKABAY, JAYME MCBRIDE, SHANNON MASHBURN, REBECCA SMITHEE & JULIE YOCK

CREATIVE DRAMATICS I AGES 4-5	SATURDAY 10:00-11:00 AM	JAYME MCBRIDE TUITION: \$90	THEATRE II GRADE 5-6	TUESDAY 5:30-6:30 PM	SHANNON MASHBURN TUITION: \$90
CREATIVE DRAMATICS II GRADE 1 & 2	SATURDAY 11:00-NOON	JAYME MCBRIDE TUITION: \$90	THEATRE III GRADE 7-9	THURSDAY 4:30-5:30 PM	CARRIE HUCKABAY TUITION: \$90
CREATIVE DRAMATICS I AGES 4-5	MONDAY 2:00-2:50 PM	JAYME MCBRIDE TUITION: \$90	THEATRE IV GRADE 10-12	THURSDAY 5:30-6:30 PM	CARRIE HUCKABAY TUITION: \$90
CREATIVE DRAMATICS II GRADE 1 & 2	FRIDAY 4:30-5:20 PM	JULIE YOCK TUITION: \$90	JUNIOR COMPANY GRADE 7-9	WEDNESDAY 4:30-6:00 PM	JASON CRESPIN TUITION: \$120
THEATRE I GRADE 3-4	MONDAY 4:30-5:30 PM	JAYME MCBRIDE TUITION: \$90	SENIOR COMPANY GRADE 10-12	WEDNESDAY 6:00-7:30 PM	JASON CRESPIN TUITION: \$120
THEATRE II GRADE 5-6	MONDAY 5:30-6:30 PM	REBECCA SMITHEE TUITION: \$90	PLAYWRITING AGES 14-20	TUESDAY 5:00-6:00 PM	CARRIE HUCKABAY TUITION: \$90
THEATRE I GRADE 3-4	TUESDAY 4:30-5:30 PM	SHANNON MASHBURN- TUITION: \$90			