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Alden, NY 14004

Alden Community Theatre Society

Newsletter



Fall/Winter 2025



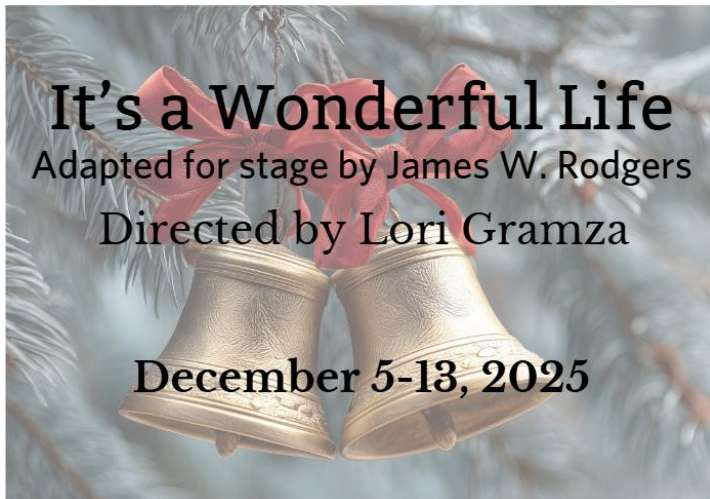
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Acts Alden
Acts Rising Stars

Our Mission

ACTS Theater aspires to engage, inspire, and entertain audiences with theatrical productions that range from the classics to new works. We are committed to training and supporting the next generation of rising artists.

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ACTS presents, "It's A Wonderful Life", December 5th through 7th, and 10th through 13th! Journey with George Bailey, the everyman from Bedford Falls, on one fateful Christmas Eve as he discovers the impact of an ordinary life. This heartwarming tale is a celebration of community, purpose, and the timeless truth that no one is truly alone.

[Get your tickets today!](#)

Upcoming Auditions

Auditions for Spider's Web by Agatha Christie

Tue & Wed, January 6 & 7, 2026
6-7:30PM

Actors will read from the script.

Important Dates

- Read through is Saturday, January 10 at 9AM.
- Rehearsals are Tues/Wed/Thur from Jan 1 through March 11 and on Sat 1/31, 2/14, & 2/28.
- Show dates: March 12,13,14,15,20,21,22

Cast Needed

2 women
4 Men
4 Men/Women

Ages 20s-60s

Get Involved

Fundraising

[Make a Direct Donation](#)

OR

**Turn your Cans in to Cash
for ACTS!**

CAN-CAN Redemption
13241 Broadway

Acts Rising Stars production of Matilda

In June 2025, Roald Dahl's work "Matilda" came to life by a spirited cast of Rising Stars – Directed by Lori Gramza and Mark Leonard, Matilda: The Musical centers on Matilda Wormwood (Ella Fabozzi and Madeline Pennel, alternating nights), a precocious five-year-old girl with the gift of telekinesis who loves reading, overcomes obstacles caused by her parents (Naomi Lambert and Keaton Zaleski) and school, and helps her teacher, Miss Honey (Elise Stahl) to reclaim her life.

Telekinesis, the ability to move objects with the mind, was no easy feat to portray on stage. Our wonderful set designers – Mark and Karen Jablonski, made it look easy...unless it really was Matilda all along! Costumers Shelly Stoffel and Michelle Kuhl, ensured the students and staff of Crunchem Hall Primary School looked their best.

Thank you to all the people who made this show possible, including the very talented group of young people who brought the story to life night after night! We can't wait to watch you on stage in the future!

Space Rental

Need a place for your
event?

Rent the ACTS theatre
space!

Call 716-937-7770 to
discuss rates and dates.





January 16, 2026

7pm



Tix at acts-theatre.com
Get your team together!

Become a Member of ACTS!

Exciting news! Yearly memberships are now available for Alden Community Theater Society and we'd love for you to join us! Your membership helps keep the arts alive in our local community. By becoming a member, you're directly supporting our ability to produce high-quality productions in our historic building – a true centerpiece in Alden!

Individual Membership - \$10

- Early access to tickets.
- Discounted tickets for specific shows, events.
- Recognition of your support on our website, newsletter, and in a show playbill.
- Member perks at our community events.

Couple Membership - \$15

- All the membership benefits as an Individual Membership, for 2 individuals living in the same household.

Family Membership - \$25

- All the membership benefits as an Individual Membership, for a family unit of up to two guardians, and up to three children.

Business Membership - \$50

- All the membership benefits as an Individual Membership, PLUS – Your business listed on our website, newsletter and playbill.

To become a member, visit the main page of our website, and scroll to the bottom. Click on the, "Become a Member" button!





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2025 Dinner Theater Productions

The 2025 ACTS Dinner Theater productions proved to be a rousing success – both entertaining and delicious! We hope everyone attending enjoyed both the productions and the meals. These dinner theaters are a labor of love, involving volunteers working behind the scenes. These volunteers work on everything from designing the menu, setting up, decorating, cooking, serving and generally working hard to make your experience wonderful. Your patronage is appreciated, and because this is a volunteer effort – from the meal to the production, we can continue to fund our theater, so we appreciate and thank you very much.

Arsenic and Old Lace

By Joseph Kesslering

Our spring production, revisiting the classic “**Arsenic and Old Lace**”, was a fun and hilarious experience. Martha and Abby, two old sisters just trying to bring people peace, are confused when their nephew, Mortimer, isn't as excited about their extra-curricular activities...activities that could put them all in jail. Dinner was a delicious choice between braised short ribs, chicken parm with pasta, or vegetarian lasagna.



Two Witches, No Waiting

by Pat Cook

Our fall production “**Two Witches, No Waiting**”, was another hilarious story about two sisters who find themselves in the heart of a comical mystery. Audiences were delighted with its witty script and laugh-out-loud moments. Dinner before the show included a choice of either Beef Wellington, chicken pot pie, or stuffed shells.

Every dinner theater intermission includes coffee and a large selection of desserts. Raffle items are picked on the night of the last show – congratulations to all our winners!

Coming Soon.....



Spider's Web

by Agatha Christie

Please join us for our next dinner show production of **Agatha Christie's "Spider's Web" in March 2026**, directed by Kim Stahl. **Audition** dates are set for 7:00 pm on January 6 and 7 at the theater. A rehearsal schedule will be available at that time.



ACTS Rising Stars School of Rock

Directed by Lori Gramza

Last, but never least, don't forget **Our Rising Stars production for 2026 – "School of Rock"**, directed by Lori Gramza and Mark Leonard. Performance and audition dates are TBD.



Cast of Two Witches, No Waiting | Photo Credit: Kim Stahl