



# Little Women

By Kate Hamill

Adapted from the novel by Louisa May Alcott

Directed by Dawne Swearingen-Meeks

Feb. 16, 17\* and 18\*\* at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. • Fulks Theatre

\*Feb. 17 talkback • \*\* Feb. 18 pre-show dinner



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## Director's Note

Be comforted, dear soul! There is always light behind the clouds.”

-Louisa May Alcott

Good evening and welcome to ACU Theatre 2023!

We are delighted to welcome you to step into Louisa May Alcott's coming-of-age story filled with faith, family and love chapter vignettes. Kate Hamill's 2021 adaptation is a contemporary approach that honors the classic tale we all grew up with. I have delighted to journey into this story with such an exceptional cast and team dedicated to the unpacking of vulnerability and beauty associated with this heroic tale. These beautiful characters walk brave pathways connected to aspirations and dreams in a Victorian time period when women did not have opportunity.

What a poetic statement of faith leaning into God's hope; in Alcott's words:

“I want to do something splendid...something heroic or wonderful that won't be forgotten after I'm dead. I don't know what, but I'm on the watch for it and mean to astonish you all someday.”

Blessings,

Dawne Swearingen-Meeks ('95)  
ACU Professor of Theatre, Chair & Director

## Statement of Mission

The Abilene Christian University Department of Theatre is committed to providing quality training and opportunity for the disciplined theatre artist in a nurturing environment that models Christian values.

## Cast

Marmee March.....	Rose Lee-Alliston
Aunt March.....	Karis Cox
Meg March.....	Patti Maisano
Jo March.....	Layla Rorem
Beth March.....	Hannah Galambos
Amy March.....	Anna Grygier
Theodore "Laurie" Laurence.....	Caleb Shields
John Brooks.....	Jack Bledsoe
Hannah.....	Ella Root
Mrs. Mingott.....	Zola Feasel
Messenger.....	Gabi Collins
Mr. Laurence.....	Ryan Shupe
Robert March.....	Gary Varner
Mr. Dashwood.....	Zeke Merchant
Doctor.....	Ty Naicker

## Understudies

***For Marmee: Zola Feasel; For Aunt March: Gabi Lopez; For Meg: Megan Sloane;  
For Jo: Taylor Herndon; For Beth: Bee Peyton; For Amy: Lily Holmes;  
For Laurie: Ben Polk; For John Brooks: James Bradshaw; For Hannah: Haven Foster,  
Courtney String; For Mrs. Mingott: Denim Atkins, Skyler Kinney;  
For Messenger: Ainsley Houghton; For Mr. Laurence: Collin Mitten;  
For Mr. March: Neil Tucker; For Mr. Dashwood: Ty Naicker; For Doctor: Atticus Wiginton***

## Production Team

Producer.....	Dawne Swearingen Meeks
Director.....	Dawne Swearingen Meeks
Scenic Designer.....	Eric Pitney
Lighting Designer.....	Téa Wallace
Costume Designer.....	Catherine Baumgardner
Hair & Makeup Designer.....	Catherine Baumgardner
Sound Engineer.....	Caitlin Martin
Prop Masters.....	Zola Feasel
Technical Director.....	Andrew Wheeler
Scenic Paint Charge.....	Gary Varner
Stage Manager.....	Sarah Ann Miller
Assistant Stage Managers.....	Ainsley Houghton, Laci Jackson
Asst. to Asst. Stage Managers/Middle Hummel boy.....	Henry Meeks
Shop Foreman.....	Josh Hervey, Vee Council, Layla Rorem, Collin Mitten, Karis Absher-Cox, Téa Wallace, Zola Feasel
Sets Crew.....	Josh Hervey, Evan Owens, Nouwen Craft, Ty Naicker, CJ Rosado, Brandon Maloy, James Bradshaw, Morgan Whitley, Skyler Kinney, Lily Holmes, Malachi Havens, Ella Perry, Spencer Kasselmann, Kira Tirado, Caitlin Martin, Riley Wilson, Zola Feasel, Jamee Mendez, Neil Tucker, Ella Root, Kayla Brookshire, Kinsey Herbel, Macayla Brown, Collin Mitten, Denim Atkins, Megan Sloane, Taylor Herndon, Courtney String, Ryan Chu
Key Costume Shop Assistant.....	Rachel McNiece
Costume Shop Assistants.....	Anna Grygier, Gabi Lopez, Bee Peyton, Will Thompson, Catie Wilkerson
Costume Crew.....	Jack Bledsoe, Samantha Brant, Gabi Collins, Karis Cox, Elizabeth Dzina, Haven Foster, Hannah Galambos, Patti Maisano, Jilly Nickens, Mary Caroline Price, Ben Polk Layla Rorem, Kinley Schollenbarger, Kloey Spahni, Gabi Lopez

## Production Team Cont.

Wig Stylists.....	Jack Bledsoe, Karis Cox
Light Board Operator.....	Evan Owens
Dramaturg.....	Zola Feasel
Dramaturg Faculty Mentor.....	Adam Hester
Patron Services/House Manager.....	Devin Braswell
Program Designer.....	Chloe Munson
Program Cover Design .....	Holly Harrell
Production Photographer.....	Paul White
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PR / Fundraising.....	Kaycee Humphrey, Lauren MacLeod, Chloe Munson, Emilie Reed, Madi Sipe
Box Office.....	Caleb Shields, Ryleigh Moore

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