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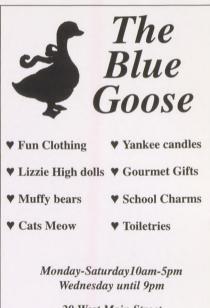
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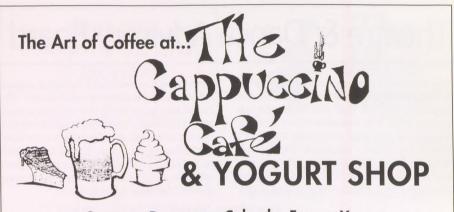
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resource for the College, the community and the central Ohio region.

In an attempt to provide our students with a competitive edge, we employ a faculty and staff of artist/teachers who work intensely with the students both in production and the classroom. In addition to our professional faculty and staff, guest artists are frequently brought to campus to work with us in production and in the classroom. Before graduation, BFA students are required to complete a professional internship thus providing them with a unique and invaluable introduction to the real world of theatre. In all that we do, we strive to create and maintain the professional environment necessary for the continued growth and development of our students, faculty and staff.



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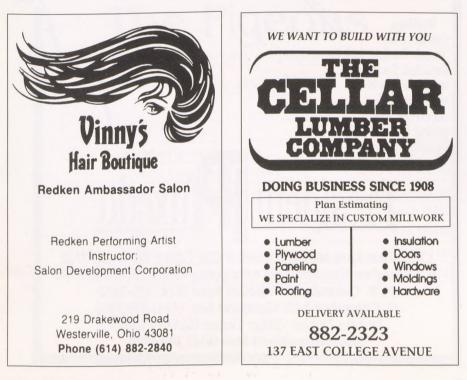
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### Otterbein College Theatre presents...



# Cat Among The Pigeons BY GEORGES FEYDEAU

Translated by John Mortimer

Guest Director	Charles W. Dodrill
Set Designer	Fred L. Smith
Guest Costume Designer	Gordon DeVinney
Lighting Designer	Rob Holland
Sound Designer	Dana White
Technical Director	Rob Shaffer
Costume Shop Supervisor	Marcia Hain
Production Assistant	Pat Foltz

*Cat Among the Pigeons* is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., 45 W. 25th Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

# **Biographies**

Dr. Charles W. Dodrill (Guest Director) is happy to return to Otterbein as a guest director for the program he served for 33 years. He was Chairman of the Department of Theatre and Dance from 1958 to 1987, the Director of the Actor Training Program and Director of Theatre Admissions until early retirement in 1991. Significant Otterbein accomplishments include: development of the professional guest artist program in 1962, Summer Theatre in 1967, the professional internship program in 1973 and the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1976. Among his many honors "Doc" is recipient of the John F. Kennedy Center MEDALLION OF HONOR for contributions to the American College Theatre Festival, and the Ohio Theatre Alliance award for "outstanding achievement in Theatre." National service includes the American Theatre Association Board of Directors. Governor the Great Lakes Theatre Region, President of the Ohio Theatre Alliance and national president of Theta Alpha Phi Theatre Honorary. He was honored by the Westerville Rotary Club as "Rotarian of the Year" in 1992-1993, and by Doctors Hospital with the "Golden Achievement Award" in 1993 for "outstanding contributions to the arts." In the real world, "Doc" can be found enjoying his family and grandchildren, playing golf or traveling.

Gordon DeVinney (Guest Costume Designer) Cat Among The Pigeons marks Mr. DeVinney's debut as costume designer for Otterbein College Theatre. He is currently the Costume Shop Supervisor for Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Previously he was the resident Costume Designer and Costume Shop Supervisor for Players' Theatre Columbus designing mainstage productions of Assassins, Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Lend Me A Tenor, and Lips Together, Teeth Apart among others. Gordon's costume designs for Players' Youth Theatre included Beauty and the Beast, Pinocchio, and The Secret Garden. Other Central Ohio design work includes Waiting for the Parade and Season's Greetings for CATCO. Gordon holds degrees in theatre from Michigan State University and Florida State University.

**Pat Foltz** (Production Assistant) has her BA in theatre from Arizona State University, an MA in Theatre from Kansas State University and her PhD in Theatre from Michigan State University. A teacher and actress for many years, Pat has just moved to Columbus this summer and is currently acting in a production with Phoenix Theatre Circle, as well as assisting Dennis Romer at Otterbein. Pat has acted, taught, and lived all over the United States. She has one son, Troy, who is a policeman in Kansas.

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# The Cast (in order of appearance)



Marceline	Kathryn Felsenthal
Firmin	Steven Lhamon
Lucette Gautier	Nicole A. Franklin-Kern*
Gontran de Chenneviette	Brian Fox**
Nini Galant	Tonya Watson*
Fernand Bois d' Enghien	Josh Gildrie
Ignace de Fontanet	Aaron Demetrius Carter
Baroness Duverger	Tirzah Wise**
Camille Bouzin	Adam Donmeyer
General Irrigua	Yosvany Reyes*
Antonio, the Interpreter	Oscar E. Vargas*
Viviane	Rachel L. Chaves
Fraulein Fitzenspiegel	Karlie K. Mossman**
Emile, servant to the Baron	ess Ryan Migge*
Lantery, a solicitor	Bob Lowe
Jean, a valet	Oscar Vargas*
Father	Bob Lowe
Mother	Anna Khoury
Bride	Julie Laureano
Son-in-Law	Ryan Migge*
Flower Girl	Melissa Maite Maguruza
Woman, wedding guest	Sara Laudonia
Man, wedding guest	Steven Lhamon
Le Concierge	Steve Skocki
Policeman	Robert Kramer

Act I: Lucette's Drawing Room Act II: Baroness Duverger's Bedroom Act III: Bois d'Enghien's Apartment

There will be two twelve minute intermissions

\* indicates membership in Cap & Dagger

\*\* indicates membership in Theta Alpha Phi Theatre Honorary

# Production Staff & Crews

Stage Manager	Jollina Walker**
Assistant Stage Manager	Sara Laudonia
Assistant Technical Director	Kathy D. Brandt**
Master Carpenter	
Master Painter	
Master Electrician	
Props Master	Sheree Lyn Greco*
Properties Assistant	Heidi Letzman
Sound Operator	
Wardrobe Master	
House Manager	

#### Scene Shop Assistants

Kathy D. Brandt<sup>\*</sup>, William Lee Cecil<sup>\*\*</sup>, Virginia DeChant, Robert Holland, Matt Sharpless, Audra Sturgill, Patrick Wallace, Angela Walters

#### Set Crew

Amanda Banning, Robin Klingshirn, Jennifer Reibert, Ben Sprunger, Liberty Tipton

#### **Costume Shop Assistants**

Krisdee Baun, Heather Miller, Jennifer Reibert, Tammy Warnock

#### **Costume Crew**

Julia Berknofer, Melody McDowell, Gwyneth Nichols, Angela Walters, Dan Williams

> Lighting Crew Corey Brill, Chris DePaola, Matt Herman

#### **Box Office Staff**

Crystal Austen, Rachel Chaves, Jessica DeMonte, Tess Hartman, Steve Lhamon, Kristi Matson, Jenni McGowan, Jen Morgan, Karlie Mossman<sup>\*\*</sup>, Celina Polanco, Jollina Walker<sup>\*\*</sup>

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# About the Playwright

Georges Feydeau was born in Paris in 1862 and lived there until his death in 1921. During his life he wrote 39 plays, all outrageously funny farces, most of them so popular in Paris that it could be said that the phrase "French farce" derives from his work and that of his imitators.

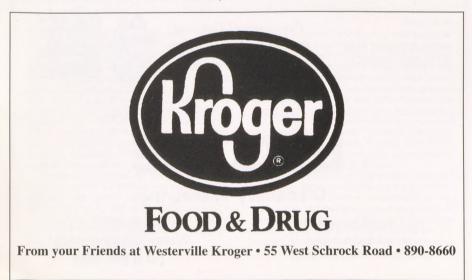
He was a direct descendant of Marquis de Feydeau de Marville, and he began writing plays as a child—"to avoid arithmetic." His first professionally produced play, *Amour et Piano*, met a decisive success when it was presented in Paris in 1883, when Feydeau was 21 years old.

His Monsieur Chasse; Champignol Malgre Lui (Mr. Hunter, Champignole In Spite of Himself), produced in 1894, was Feydeau's greatest success, running 500 nights in Paris. Some of his other successes were *The Free Exchange Hotel* (1894); *The Lady from Maxim's* (1899), which was an especially big hit in London; *The Duchess of the Folies-Bergeres* (1902); *A Flea in Her Ear* (1907); *Look After Amelie* (1908); *A Cathartic for Baby* (1909); *But Don't Go About Without Your Clothes* (1911); *I Don't Deceive My Husband* (1915).

In America his hits have been: The Gay

Parisians in 1895, A Night Session in 1897, His Little Dodge in 1897, Breakfast in Bed in 1920, Look After Amelie in 1952. Feydeau was more or less dropping into obscurity after his death in 1921, and after World War I had put an end to the kind of world which farces reflected distortedly and in which his kind of farce originally prospered.

But in 1957, someone had the bright idea of putting the late Bert Lahr into a new version of The Free Exchange Hotel. The title was changed to Hotel Paradiso, the play was enthusiastically received and interest in Feydeau reawakened. In that year, the notable French acting company headed by Madelaine Renaud and Jean-Louis Barrault, during a visit to New York, included Feydeau's one-act piece The Late Mother-in-Law along with another one-act piece to make a double bill in French. In 1959 another version of Look After Amelie was produced in New York under the title of Look After Lulu. Since then, Feydeau's plays have been widely produced in the United States. A 1992 production on Broadway of A Little Hotel on the Side was another version of Hotel Paradiso with a translation by John Mortimer.





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### Faculty and Staff

John Stefano Chair Dennis Romer Artistic Director Rob Johnson *Design faculty* Christina Kirk *Performance faculty* Katie Robbins *Design faculty* Rob Shaffer *Design faculty and Technical Director* Sharyllynn Shaw *Performance faculty and Director of Dance* Ed Vaughan *Performance faculty* Dana White *Design faculty* 

#### Adjunct faculty:

#### Staff:

George Boft *Dance* Jon Devlin *Dance* Troy Jansen *Dance* Stella Kane *Dance* Pam Scheurer *Children's Theatre* Tim Veach *Dance/Theatre* 

Tod Wilson *Managing Director* Jeanne Augustus *Administrative Assistant* Marcia Hain *Costume Shop Supervisor* Fred L. Smith *Assistant Technical Director* Pat Foltz *Production Assistant* 

Otterbein College Theatre is affiliated with the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, the Ohio Theatre Alliance, the Central Ohio Theatre Roundtable and the United States Institute of Theatre Technology

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Center Education Department, which also includes youth and family programs, professional development opportunities for teachers, and performances for school groups, the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education, the Performing Arts Centers and Schools Program, performance enhancement events, national and community outreach initiatives, the Kennedy Center Internship Program, and the National Symphony Orchestra education program. The Kennedy Center also works closely with Very Special Arts, an education affiliate of the Kennedy Center.

Last year more than 800 productions and 17,000 students participated in the American College Theater Festival nationwide. By entering this production, our department is sharing in the KC/ACTF goals to help college theater grow and to focus attention on the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.

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