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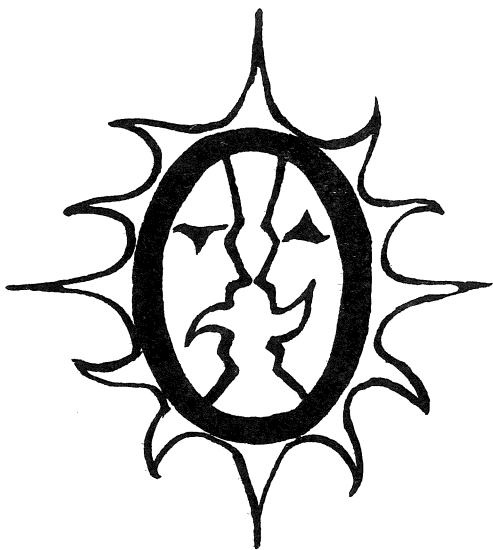


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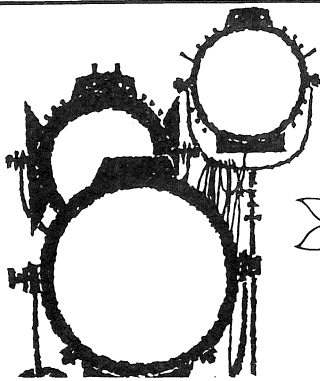
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Scene

The action of the play takes place in a street-corner restaurant in a small town about thirty miles west of Kansas City.

ACT I

A night in early March, 1:00 a.m.

Intermission

ACT II

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ACT III

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CHARLES W. DODRILL, Director of Theatre and Special Events at Otterbein College since 1958, holds an A.B. degree from Glenville State, an M.A. from Kansas University and a Ph.D. from Ohio State. He is responsible for many innovations in the Otterbein theatre program, including the "guest star" program, New York Theatre Tours, and the Summer Theatre program. Dr. Dodrill is also responsible for the Otterbein Artist Series. He is currently serving as President of the Ohio Speech Association.

FRED J. THAYER, Designer-Technical Director at Otterbein since 1960, is a graduate of Bowling Green University with an M.A. in Theatre. He has completed residency requirements for the Ph.D. at Ohio State. Mr. Thayer has designed for the University of Toledo, Toledo Children's Theatre, Bowling Green and the Huron Playhouse. Among the more than 55 productions which he has designed and technical directed (about 40 at Otterbein) *A Man For All Seasons* is his recent favorite.

HAROLD M. EISENSTEIN, Cultural Arts Director at the Columbus Jewish Center (where he has produced over 50 shows), joins the Otterbein Summer Theatre for a second season after having directed *Antigone* last summer. Educated at Wright Jr. College and Northwestern University, he has taught and served as drama director for the Institute Players of Chicago. Harold spent eight years in New York working professionally in TV, radio and theatre. He will direct *Major Barbara*.

JOHN CHASE SOLIDAY, currently working on his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, graduated from Otterbein in 1962 and received his M.A. from Bowling Green. For four years John was Assistant Director of Theatre at the College of Wooster. He has directed, acted and choreographed for the Huron Playhouse, the Trotwood Circle Theatre, the Lakeshore Playhouse, and the Minnesota Union Theatre. John will direct *A Thurber Carnival* and act in the other productions.

MRS. PETIE DODRILL, Costume Designer and Children's Theatre Director at Otterbein, continues in that capacity for the summer and will direct *The Absence of a Cello*. A graduate of Penn State with an M.A. in theatre from Ohio University, Petie has worked as actress, teacher, designer and director. She has created an active Creative Dramatics program for the Westerville Recreation Dept. This year she directed and designed costumes for *Peter Pan* and costumes for *The Music Man*.



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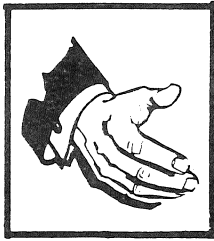
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Welcome to the 1969 Otterbein Summer Theatre season! Who would have suspected that when we opened our doors just two short summers ago that we would play to nearly 80% of capacity the first two seasons and that we would begin our third summer as the only true "summer stock company" left in central Ohio?

Just what is unique about a "stock" company? In this instance we utilize 17 young people to do everything. There is a basic company of nine actors who will be called upon to play all the roles in five very different types of plays. Each actor must be capable of playing a wide variety of character types in order to meet the requirements of the production schedule. This kind of summer theatre demands quality of performance while providing opportunity for growth and experience, the latter being the primary aim of educational summer theatre programs. The remaining company members are essentially responsible for all technical aspects; their daily activities range from building and painting scenery to working on a light, property or costume crew in the evening. In addition they may do some acting later in the season. All the actors, when not in rehearsal or performing, will be involved in behind the scenes technical activity.

From an educational point of view the summer stock company is one of the most valuable experiences possible. Here the student discovers what a total commitment to the theatre really means for he spends 12-15 hours daily in theatrical activity — here the student is called upon to know all sides of the theatre and to contribute in whatever manner possible — here the actor must be capable of rehearsing two shows, performing a third and probably working on a crew for one of the three productions — here responsibility is the keynote for the Summer Theatre success depends upon the contribution of all concerned.

We are very proud of the fine young people who comprise the Otterbein Summer Theatre. May we invite you to get to know them — please stop back after the performance and introduce yourself or greet them whenever and wherever you meet them. They hope to bring you a fine summer of entertainment and will appreciate the opportunity of meeting you and knowing you.

Charles W. Dodrill

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ROBERT ALTMAN, JR., a Kenyon College junior theatre student, is from Pittsburgh, Pa. Bob has appeared in over 10 productions at Kenyon, including *Hamlet*, *Charley's Aunt*, *The Beggar's Opera* and *Romeo & Juliet*. He recently starred as Prince Hal in their production of *Henry IV*.

LARRY EVANS, an Otterbein graduate from Columbus, is serving as Property Assistant and will do some acting. Larry is the only person who has been a member of all three Summer Theatre companies. He will enter Bowling Green in the fall as a graduate student in theatre.

SHIRLEY CROSSLAND, an Otterbein College junior from Ontario, is serving as Costume Assistant for the summer. Shirley has worked backstage in almost every capacity, but she has spent most of her time on costumes since she hopes to pursue this as a career.

MARY FURNISS, an Otterbein graduate from Westerville who was in the original company returns for a second summer of acting. Outstanding roles include Cora in *The Dark at the Top of the Stairs*, Emily in *Our Town*, Portia in *Merchant of Venice*, the wife in *Subject Was Roses* and Mrs. Antrobus in *Skin of Our Teeth*. Mary plans a career in professional theatre.

MIKE HARTMAN, an Otterbein senior from Dayton, is a member of the acting company. His most recent appearances were as Starky in *Peter Pan* and the Common Man in *A Man For All Seasons*. Mike has been very active in oratory — he hopes to enter the ministry.

TERI HIATT, an Otterbein senior from Whitehall, returns as an actress for a second summer having been in the original company. Outstanding roles include Rosalind in *As You Like It*, Jeannie in *Brigadoon*, Elizabeth in *The Crucible*, *Peter Pan*, Sabina in *Skin of Our Teeth* and Alice in *A Man For All Seasons*.

ANN HOUSER, an Otterbein junior from Detroit, serves as Box Office Assistant for the summer. She has worked extensively in all offstage areas, but she is particularly interested in costumes, properties and front-of-house activities.

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DAVID MACK, an Otterbein sophomore from Lakewood High in Cleveland, is a member of the acting company. Dave is at Otterbein on a joint athletic-theatre scholarship. Recent acting roles include Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady* at Lakewood and Thomas Cromwell in the Otterbein production of *A Man For All Seasons*.

PATRICIA MACHADO, an Ohio State University graduate in theatre, is from Cleveland Heights. She plans to enter graduate school in theatre this fall. Recent acting experiences include Lydia Languish in *The Rivals*, Cathy in *Suddenly Last Summer* and Kathryn in *Royal Gambit*.

GLENN PLUM, a senior theatre student at Otterbein, is serving as Scenery-Lighting Assistant. Glenn has worked in almost every possible theatre capacity, from actor to designer. He appeared as the Soldier in *The Wizard of Oz*, and he designed *Peter Pan*. He recently was named the Outstanding Junior Theatre student at Otterbein.

JOHN SOLIDAY — see previous page under directors.

JOHN WADDINGHAM, an Otterbein senior from Troy, Ohio, has done numerous roles including Silvius in *As You Like It*, Lorenzo in *The Merchant of Venice*, lead dancing roles in *Brigadoon* and *Carousel*, Tommy in *The Music Man* and Richard Rich in *A Man For All Seasons*. John hopes to pursue a professional career.

PENNIE WILFONG, senior theatre student from Defiance College, is from Delaware. Recent roles Pennie has portrayed include lead roles in *J.B.*, *A Taste of Honey*, *Streetcar Named Desire*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Lark*. Pennie recently won the state oral interpretation contest.

SUE LARE and **KATHY TITLEY** are college apprentices to the company. Sue is an Otterbein junior and Kathy has graduated and will teach high school theatre in the fall...both have extensive experience.

JOHN ABER and **THOMAS TILTON** are high school apprentices for the 1969 season. John is an incoming freshman from Newark who plans to major in theatre, while Tom is a senior at Marion Harding High School in Marion.

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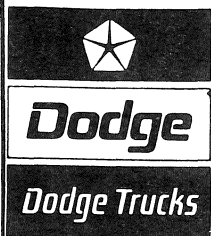
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