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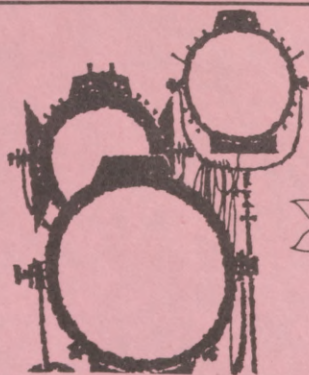
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Costume Designer-Coordinator – PETIE DODRILL

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DIRECTORS

CHARLES W. DODRILL, Director of Theatre at Otterbein College since 1958, holds an M.A. from Kansas University and a Ph.D. from Ohio State. Dr. Dodrill is past president of the Columbus Arts Council and the Ohio Speech Association, and the current national president of Theta Alpha Phi Dramatics Honorary. He is responsible for many innovations in the Otterbein Theatre Program, including the "guest star" and Repertory Theatre Programs, and the Summer Theatre Program.

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's Children's Theatre, Bowling Green, and Huron Playhouse. He has designed and technical directed over 95 productions (about 75 at Otterbein).

DENNIS M. ROMER, a 1971 theatre graduate of Otterbein, joins the Summer Theatre as Assistant-Managing Director. He will direct *Come Blow Your Horn* and act in *Present Laughter*, *The Fantasticks*, and *The Impossible Years*. Dennis recently received his Master of Fine Arts degree in Directing from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He has worked professionally at Meadow Brook Theater in Rochester, Michigan; Parker Playhouse and Sea Ranch Dinner Theatre in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and two summers at the West Virginia Historical Drama Association in Beckley, West Virginia.

MARTY BOOKWALTER, a senior from Westerville, will function as Master Carpenter and Designer for *Come Blow Your Horn* and *Pinocchio*. He has designed previous Otterbein productions including the Opera Theatre production of *The Marriage of Figaro* and the recent Children's Theatre production of *Story Theatre*. He was Resident Designer and Technical Director of the Dayton Repertory Theatre in the summer of 1973 where his designs included *The Merchant of Venice* and *A Cry of Players*.

PETIE DODRILL is a native Pennsylvanian with a B.A. degree from Penn State and an M.F.A. in Theatre from Ohio University. She has worked as an actress, director, designer and costume designer for several theatres, and she functions as Costume Designer and Children's Theatre Director at Otterbein. She is a part-time drama teacher at Gahanna Lincoln High School.



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CAST

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Daphne Stillington	SHARON BICKNELL
Miss Erikson	JUDITH EASTON
Fred	GIAN MORELLI
Monica Reed	PAMELA HILL
Garry Essendine	DENNIS ROMER
Liz Essendine	BETH MACHLAN
Roland Maule	JIM WEST
Morris Dixon	JERRY CONFER
Hugo Lyppiatt	RICHARD MILLER
Joanna Lyppiatt	JULIE SICKLES
Lady Saltburn	ROBYN PRUETT

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Stage Manager TONY DEL VALLE
Props ALICE TUCKER
Costumes LINDA THAYER, JO RUNNELS
Scenery MARTY BOOKWALTER, PAMELA BURNS, TOM DOWNARD
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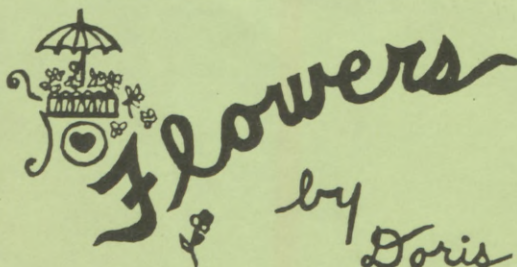
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RICHARD MILLER, JR., an Otterbein graduate from Sylvania, joins the summer acting company for his third season. This season Dick appeared as Patsy in *Three Men on a Horse*, with Guest Artist Robert Morse, and as Oberon and Theseus in *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Richard has appeared in about 20 Otterbein productions.

JERRY CONFER, an Otterbein senior from Westerville, is a member of the summer acting company for the second time. This past season Jerry appeared in *Three Men on a Horse* as Clarence. He also was seen as Demetrius in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and as Fred Graham (Pertruchio) in *Kiss Me Kate*.

BETH MACHLAN, an Otterbein senior from Newark, returns for a second season as a member of the summer acting company. Beth was seen recently as Titania in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Mother in *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, and as Lois Lane (Bianca) in *Kiss Me Kate*.

TONY DEL VALLE, an Otterbein graduate from Whitehall, joins the summer acting company for the first time. Tony has appeared in many major roles, including Bottom in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Father in *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, and Mr. Carver in *Three Men on a Horse*. Tony has appeared in about 20 productions while at Otterbein.

SHARON BICKNELL, a senior from Miami University, joins the summer acting company for the first time. Sharon has appeared in numerous productions at Miami, including Maggi in *After the Fall*, Rosemary in *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* and Evie in *Stop the World, I Want to Get Off*.

JULIE SICKLES, an Otterbein senior from North Canton, joins the summer company for the first time as a member of the basic acting company (she served as an apprentice in 1971). Julie appeared in *Kiss Me Kate* and as the Stepmother in *Cinderella*.

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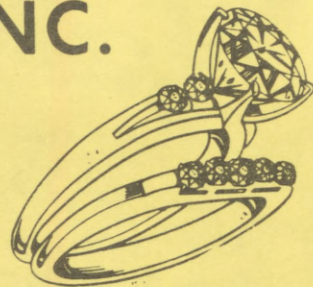
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PAM HILL, an Otterbein senior from Columbus, will be appearing with the summer acting company for the first time (she served as an apprentice in 1971). During the past season, she was seen as the Stepdaughter in *Six Characters in Search of an Author* and as Gloria in *Three Men on a Horse*.

GIAN MORELLI, an Otterbein junior from North Canton, will be a member of the basic acting company for the first time (he served as an apprentice in 1971). This past season, Gian appeared as Bill in *Kiss Me Kate*, Harry in *Three Men on a Horse*, and Puck in *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

JIM WEST, an Otterbein junior from Greensburg, will be a member of the summer acting company for the first time. During the past season, Jim was in *Kiss Me Kate*, *Six Characters in Search of an Author* and played Flute in *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

LINDA THAYER, from Westerville will function as Costume Assistant and will be designing some shows as well. **ALICE TUCKER**, a sophomore at the University of Southern California, and a resident of Westerville, will be the properties supervisor.

JAMES E. DOOLEY, a sophomore from Columbus will be Co-Chairman of the Box Office and serve as an apprentice in the acting company. **LESLIE YOUNG**, a sophomore from Columbus will be Co-Chairman of the Box Office and serve as an apprentice in the acting company.

JUDITH ANN EASTON, a junior attending the University of Michigan, and **ROBYN PRUETT**, a junior at Otterbein will serve as apprentices in the acting company. **PAM BURNS** from Columbus, Georgia, and **TOM DOWNARD** from Wellston will be high school apprentices.

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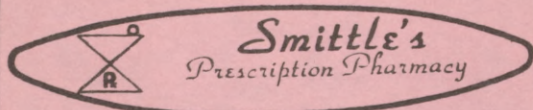
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