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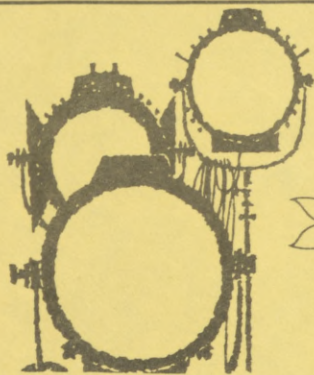
JUNE 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1975

Director – CHARLES W. DODRILL

Designer/Technical Director – MARTY BOOKWALTER

Costume Designer – PETIE DODRILL

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CHARLES W. DODRILL, Director of Theatre at Otterbein since 1958, holds an M.A. from Kansas University and a Ph.D. from Ohio State. Dr. Dodrill is past president of national Theta Alpha Phi Theatre Honorary, and Ohio Speech Association and the current president of the Ohio Theatre Alliance. He is responsible for many innovations in Otterbein Theatre, including the "guest star" and summer theatre programs, and most recently the "professional intern" program for Otterbein seniors.

JAMES AVIDON, Instructor of Theatre at Otterbein College, who has an M.F.A. from Brooklyn College, CUNY, will be joining us this summer as Assistant General Manager, Director of *The Liar*, and designer of *Move Over, Mrs. Markham*. Prior to joining the Otterbein staff, Jim served as Young People's Theatre Director at the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Civic Theatre.

MARTY BOOKWALTER, an Otterbein graduate, joins the Summer Theatre staff as Designer/Technical Director. Marty, whose designs at Otterbein included *A Streetcar Named Desire* and last summer's *Come Blow Your Horn* and *Pinocchio*, recently returned from Washington's Arena Stage where he served as a Technical Intern.

DENNIS M. ROMER, a 1971 theatre graduate of Otterbein, joins the Summer Theatre as Guest Actor and Director. He will direct *Move Over, Mrs. Markham* and appear in the remaining four productions. Dennis, who holds an M.F.A. in Directing from Wayne State University, has worked professionally at Cleveland Play House, Meadow Brook Theatre, Parker Playhouse, Sea Ranch Dinner Theatre, and The West Virginia Historical Drama Association.

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.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE

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Lane	STEVEN BLACK
Algernon Moncrieff	JIM WEST
Lady Bracknell	PAMELA HILL
Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax	SUE ANN KOCKS
Miss Prism	DOROTHY DEITZ
Cecily Cardew	BETH TITUS
Merriman	JOSEPH TRIBBIE
Rev. Canon Chausuble	JOHN CAIN

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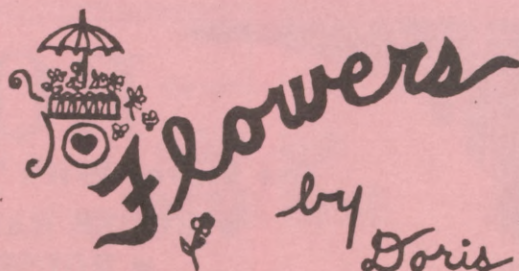
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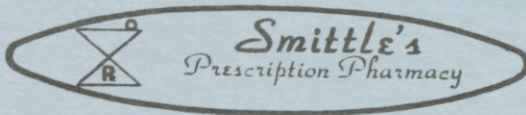
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JIM WEST, joining the Summer Company for his second year, is an Otterbein senior from Greensburg. This past season Jim played the title roles in *Count Dracula* and *Scapin* as well as performing as the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*.

JOHN CAIN, an Otterbein senior from Lansing, Illinois, is serving his first season with the Acting Company. This past year he has played Dr. Seward in *Count Dracula*, the Tin Woodsman in *The Wizard of Oz*, Geronte in *Scapin* and Herr Schultz in *Cabaret*.

DOROTHY JANE DEITZ, who joins the Acting Company for the first time, is an Otterbein senior from Columbus. This past year Dorothy appeared as Blanche opposite guest actor Robert Forster in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

JOSEPH TRIBBIE, a first year member of the Acting Company, will be leaving Ohio University for the Goodman School of Drama in Chicago this autumn. Joe has been featured in a number of productions with the Coshocton Footlight Players and the American Repertory Theatre in Europe.

SUE ANN KOCKS, a senior from Whitehall, also joins the Company for her first summer (she also served as an apprentice in 1971). This past year she played the roles of Mina in *Count Dracula* and Hyacintha in *Scapin* and stage managed *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

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JAMES ST. CLAIR, an Otterbein junior from Springfield, Ohio, is serving his first summer with the Acting Company (apprentice, 1973). This past season he appeared as Leandre in *Scapin* and Pablo in *Streetcar*.

BETH TITUS, (Columbus) a junior with Otterbein is also a first year member of the Company. During the past year Beth played a Kit Kat girl in *Cabaret*, as well as being an active participant in our Workshop Theatre Program.

PAM SIMMONS, an Otterbein graduate from Akron, returns from an Internship with the Barter Theatre, to run the costume shop and design costumes for several of the shows. Last season Pam designed costumes for *Count Dracula* and worked in the costume shop for *The Wizard of Oz*, *Scapin* and *Streetcar*.

JOHN WOODLAND, an Otterbein senior from Reynoldsburg, will serve as Property Master. This past season John worked crews on all five shows, functioning strongly in the area of props. **JON TURNER**, who functions this summer as Master Carpenter, is an Otterbein junior from Zanesville. Jon ran lights for three of the five Cowan productions. **DEBORAH BANWART**, a junior at Otterbein, is in charge of the Box Office. Debbie was a member this past year of the Otterbein Chancel Drama and Concert Choir.

MARY BETH WATKINS, an Otterbein junior; **BARBARA VOGLER**, a sophomore; and **DALE LUND**, who is transferring to Otterbein this fall will serve as Apprentices. **ROBERT KOKAI**, from Brooklyn, Ohio, will be a High School Apprentice.

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