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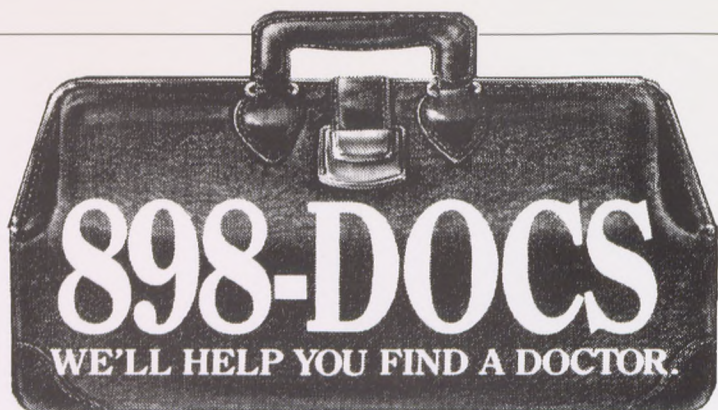
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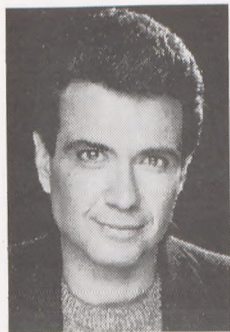
Artistic Director



Donald W. Seay joins Otterbein Summer Theatre for his second season as Artistic Director. Dr. Seay has extensive credits as an actor, director, designer, teacher, and administrator. In addition to the doctorate, Don holds the MFA, MS, and BS degrees. Prior to his work at Otterbein, Dr. Seay was Director of Theatre at St. Edward's University, a department noted for its effective use of professional guest artists in the training of undergraduate theatre students. Dr. Seay has also served on the faculties of the University of Arkansas, Texas Tech University, the University of Minnesota, the University of Wyoming, the University of Southern Colorado, and Gustavus

Adolphus College. While at the University of Minnesota, he was awarded McMillen and Tozer Grants for study and research in England, France, East and West Germany, Finland, Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. This spring, he visited Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union as a national delegate representing theatre in education for the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People International. A member of Actors' Equity Association, Don's professional credits include work with the MacCarter Theatre, the Alley Theatre, The Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, the Erie Playhouse, and the Mary Moody Northern Theatre. This past fall, he directed the Department's production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Besides teaching and a strong involvement in theatre production, Dr. Seay has also been active in various national and regional theatre organizations.

Associate Artistic Director



Dennis Romer, Artistic Director of the Department of Theatre and Dance for the upcoming 1991-92 season, is very pleased to be involved with the 25th Anniversary Season of Otterbein Summer Theatre, serving as Associate Artistic Director and Company Manager. Dennis is a current member of the Actors' Equity Association, the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. He has directed and performed in New York, Los Angeles, and regional theatres throughout the country, including the Kennedy Center, Cleveland Playhouse, Meadowbrook Theatre, Clarence Brown Theatre and Kenley Players. He originated running characters on the soap operas *As the World Turns*, *Search For Tomorrow*, and

All My Children. As a prime time television guest star, his credits include *Hotel*, *Dynasty*, *Starman*, *Matt Houston* and *Love, Sydney*. He has also appeared in many national commercials and numerous voice-overs. Dennis is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance. He is married to Doreen Dunn and they have an eight-year-old son, Eric.

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James M. Ashford (Stage Management Apprentice) is a BFA theatre /stage management major from Roseville, Ohio. This past season he was stage manager for the workshop productions of *Approaching Lavender* and *On Tidy Endings*, as well as assistant stage manager for *Man of La Mancha*. This is James' first summer with OST.



Zele Avradopoulos (Properties Buyer) recently graduated with a BFA degree in theatre and BA degree in English. This past winter she was a stage management intern at the Alley Theatre in Houston, Texas, where she'll return this fall for their 1991-92 season. At Otterbein, Zele has stage managed in both the winter and summer seasons and was seen onstage as Sarah in *Children of a Lesser God*.



Keith Berkes (Actor), from North Royalton, Ohio, returns for his third season with OST. Previous summer credits include Wykowski in *Biloxi Blues*, Jed in *5th of July* and Lt. Walker in *Night Watch*. Upon graduation, Keith plans to move to Los Angeles to pursue a career in film.



Katy L. Bowers (Actor) is a senior public relations/musical theatre major from Oxford, Ohio. Her Otterbein credits include Jane in *Quilters*, Anne in *Good* and Antonia in *Man of La Mancha*. She has also appeared in the Opera Theatre production of *Carmen* as Mercedes and is a member of Concert Choir.



Bryan P. Brems (Actor) was seen this past winter as Templeton in *Charlotte's Web*, Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing*, and as Anselmo, a muleteer, in *Man of La Mancha*. Apart from Otterbein, he's worked with the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville, Tennessee, appearing in *Shenandoah*, *Smoky Mountain Suite* and *Music Man*. This is Bryan's first season with OST.



Kim Butterweck (Actor/Apprentice) is a junior BFA performance major from Louisville, Kentucky making her Otterbein Summer Theatre debut. She's appeared in the Workshop Theatre productions of *Approaching Lavendar*, *Lou Gehrig Did Not Die of Cancer* and *The Actor's Nightmare*.



Meg Chamberlain (Actor) was last seen as Leilah in *Uncommon Women and Others* and Doania Joan in *Much Ado About Nothing*. She is a senior BFA performance major from Vermillion, Ohio, and next winter she will intern in New York City. This is Meg's second season with OST.

The Company (continued)



Kim Ann Clay (Actor), a junior BFA musical theatre major from Galloway, Ohio, was last seen as Muffet in *Uncommon Women and Others*. She also appeared as Angelita in the Workshop Theatre production of *Penguin Blues* and was a dancer in *Much Ado About Nothing*.



David Coffin (Actor) is a junior BFA performance major from Gahanna, Ohio. At Otterbein, he's appeared in *Man of La Mancha* and *A Chorus Line*, and at Ohio Dominican College he was seen in *Catch Me If You Can* and *The Apple Tree*.



Peyton Dixon (Actor), a BFA musical theatre major, hails from Louisville, Kentucky, where he attended the Youth Performing Arts School. He is a member of the Concert Choir and has performed in the ensembles for *Evita* and *Man of La Mancha*, as well as playing Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web* and Dogberry in *Much Ado About Nothing*.

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Douglas M. Geib (Actor) is a junior BFA performance major from Elyria, Ohio. He recently appeared as Jose, a muleteer, and the donkey in *Man of La Mancha*, and also appeared as a dancer in *Much Ado About Nothing*. Workshop Theatre roles include Todd in *The Author's Voice* and Sven in *Ball Boys*.



Kimberly J. Glann (Actor), a junior BFA performance major from Gahanna, Ohio, appeared onstage last year as the Mexican Woman in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and served as wardrobe mistress for *Much Ado About Nothing*. This is her first appearance with OST.



Jess Hanks (Actor) is a senior BA musical theatre major from Hilliard, Ohio. He has been seen as Che in *Evita*, Maurice in *Good*, and most recently was Cervantes/Don Quixote in *Man of La Mancha*. Next fall, Jess will travel to New York City to intern with the Simon and Kumin Casting Agency.



Melanie K. Holliday (Box Office/Administrative Assistant) last appeared as Abigail in the Workshop Theatre production of *Approaching Lavender*. She is a sophomore BFA performance major from Louisville, Kentucky and this is her first season with OST.



Karen Justin (Actor), a sophomore BFA musical theatre major, is a member of Concert Choir and Opus One. This past year, she appeared as Marion in the Workshop Theatre production of *On Tidy Endings*, and in the ensembles for *Man of La Mancha*, *Charlotte's Web* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*.



Kimberly I. Kefgen (Assistant to the Managing Director), last seen as Rita in *Uncommon Women and Others*, is a junior BFA performance major from Chillicothe, Ohio. This is her second season with OST.



Nick Koesters (Scene Shop Assistant/Actor) is a sophomore BFA performance major and a dance minor from Weaverville, North Carolina. In addition to his extensive work backstage, Nick appeared onstage as a dancer in *Much Ado About Nothing* and as a prison guard in *Man of La Mancha*. He is also a member of the Otterbein College Dance Company.



Daryl M. Lozupone (Actor) last appeared as Hitler/Bok in *Good* and in the Workshop Theatre production of *Penguin Blues*. A junior BFA performance major, this is Daryl's first season with OST.



Susan Nicholson (Costume Shop Assistant) is a sophomore BFA design/tech major from Gambier, Ohio. She last served as light board operator for *Man of La Mancha* and assistant master painter for *Much Ado About Nothing*.

The Company (continued)



Amy Jo Patten (Actor) is a junior BFA musical theatre major from Harlan, Iowa. At Otterbein she has appeared in *Cinderella* as the Fairy Godmother, *Stepping Out*, *Evita*, *Man of La Mancha*, Opera Theatre's *Suor Angelica*, and *Charlotte's Web* as Edith Zuckerman. She is also a member of Opus Zero and Concert Choir. This is Amy's first summer with OST.



Colby Anne Paul (Actor) graduated this spring with a BFA in musical theatre and was seen this past season as Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha* and as Helen in *Good*. Other favorite roles include Maxine in *Stepping Out*, Gwen in *5th of July* and Sheila in *A Chorus Line*. This is Colby's third season with OST.



William L. Robinson (Technical Assistant) is a junior BFA design/tech major from Tiffin, Ohio. His previous technical credits include assistant to the technical director for *Uncommon Women and Others*, and master carpenter for *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.



Lisa J. Snodgrass (Stage Manager), from Barnesville, Ohio, recently graduated with a BFA degree in theatre design/tech. This past season she served as production manager for *Much Ado About Nothing* and stage manager for *Man of La Mancha*. In August, she will move to Los Angeles to further her career as a stage manager.



David Steinmetz (Scene Shop Assistant) is working his first season with OST. A junior BFA design/tech major from Pickerington, he has served through the years as an assistant stage manager, assistant technical director and sound designer.



Michael S. Warren (Stage Manager/Actor) is a BFA stage management/performance major from Beverly, Ohio. Previous stage management credits include *Good*, *Charlotte's Web* and *Night Watch*. In the fall, he will intern at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago.



Bradley K. Wees (Costume Shop Assistant) is a senior BA design/tech and English major from Barnesville, Ohio. This past season Brad served as assistant costume designer for *Man of La Mancha*, wardrobe master for *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Good* and scenic artist for *Much Ado About Nothing*. This is Brad's second season with OST.

J. Christopher Wojcieszyn (Master Electrician/Lighting Designer) has designed lights for several pieces for both the 1990 and 1991 dance concerts. His light design for *Forum* will be his first theatrical design at Otterbein. This past year he served as assistant light designer for *Charlotte's Web* and *Man of La Mancha* and this fall he will intern as a lighting assistant at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago.

Otterbein Summer Theatre presents...



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Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

Donald W. Seay, Artistic Director
Dennis Romer, Associate Artistic Director

Guest Director/Choreographer	Doreen Dunn
Musical Director	Stephen Monroe
With Equity Guest Artist	Ed Vaughan
Set Designer	Rob Johnson
Costume Designer	Lauren Lambie
Lighting Designer	J. Christopher Wojcieszyn
Sound Designer	John R. Gutknecht
Technical Director	Rob Shaffer
Production Manager	John R. Gutknecht
Stage Manager	Lisa J. Snodgrass
Assistant Musical Director	Christopher Sanford



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Biographies



Ed Vaughan (Pseudolus) has been a member of Actors' Equity since 1975 and holds the honor of being the first professional actor to work under a guest artist contract at both Players Theatre Columbus and Otterbein Summer Theatre. Mr. Vaughan has worked as an actor, director, stage manager, theatre manager, artistic director, or producer on over two hundred theatrical productions, working with such notable personalities as Don Ameche, Myrna Loy, Joseph Cotten, Anne Miller, Pat O'Brien, Cesar Romero, and Martha Raye.

Other guest artist appearances at Otterbein include: Philip Markham in last season's *Move Over, Mrs. Markham*; Nat Moyer in *I'm Not Rappaport*; Captain Scott in *Terra Nova*; Sir Wilfred in *Witness for the Prosecution*; and Father Rivard in *A Runner Stumbles*. Later this summer he will appear as Bobby Gould in CATCO's production of *Speed the Plow*. Mr. Vaughan is an Assistant Professor for the Dept. of Theatre and Dance and lives in Westerville with his wife Linda and their two children, Michael and Emily. Mr. Vaughan appears courtesy of Actors' Equity Association.



Doreen Dunn (Guest Director/Choreographer), currently Education Director at Players Theatre Columbus, has staged *Fiddler On The Roof* in Las Vegas, the highly popular French production of *Les Fantasticks* in Paris, the Giancarlo Menotti opera *Amahl And The Night Visitors*, and *Hello, Dolly!* starring Jean Stapleton. For Otterbein College Theatre, she has choreographed *Sweeney Todd* and *Evita*, as well as directing *Oh, Coward!*, *Something's Afoot* and the 1980 production of *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum* for Otterbein Summer Theatre. A graduate of Northwestern University, her recent Columbus adventures include *Rootabaga Stories*

and *Mama Said Never* at Players Youth Theatre and *The Women Of My Father's House* at CATCO. Former director of OhioDance, Dunn is a co-author of *Frontiers* and the recipient of a 1991 Ohio Arts Council playwriting fellowship.

Lauren K. Lambie (Costume Designer) is currently the Resident Costume Designer with Players Theatre Columbus where recent designs include *Fences*, *Precious Memories*, *Woman in Mind*, *Driving Miss Daisy* and *The Mousetrap*. She returns to Otterbein College having designed the 1990 production of *Evita* and the 1991 production of *Good*. Prior to her arrival in Columbus, Ms. Lambie was a member of the resident costume design staff at the Alley Theatre in Houston, Texas for three seasons. Other design credits include *The Waltz of the Toreadors*, *Stieglitz Loves O'Keefe*, *The Voice of the Prairie*, *Hunting Cockroaches*, *Richard II*, *Caesar and Cleopatra*, and a national tour of *A View From The Bridge*. She has also designed costumes for Interlochen Center for the Arts, Oklahoma Shakespeare Festival, United States International University, and Hope Summer Repertory Theatre. Ms. Lambie is a graduate of the University of Michigan and received her M.F.A. from the University of Illinois.

Rob Johnson is our principle faculty designer in his fourth year at Otterbein College. Some of Rob's favorite designs over the years include *Sweeney Todd* (set and lights),

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The Cast

Prologus, <i>an actor</i>	Ed Vaughan
Senex, <i>an old man</i>	Peyton Dixon
Domina, <i>his wife</i>	Amy Jo Patten
Hero, <i>his son, in love with Philia</i>	Bryan P. Brems
Hysterium, <i>slave to Senex and Domina</i>	Daryl M. Lozupone
Pseudolus, <i>slave to Hero</i>	Ed Vaughan
Erronius, <i>an old man</i>	Michael S. Warren
Miles Gloriosus, <i>a warrior</i>	Jess Hanks
Lycus, <i>a buyer and seller of courtesans</i>	Keith Berkes
Tintinabula, <i>a courtesan</i>	Meg Chamberlain
Panacea, <i>a courtesan</i>	Kim Butterweck
The Geminae, <i>courtesans</i>	Karen Justin, Kimberly J. Glann
Vibrata, <i>a courtesan</i>	Colby Anne Paul
Gymnasia, <i>a courtesan</i>	Kim Ann Clay
Philia, <i>a virgin</i>	Katy L. Bowers
The Proteans	David Coffin, Douglas M. Geib, Nick Koesters

The time is two hundred years before the Christian era, a day in spring. The place is a street in Rome in front of the houses of Erronius, Senex and Lycus. The action is continuous, with a single intermission.

Musical Numbers

Act I

Comedy Tonight	Company
Love, I Hear	Hero
Free	Pseudolus and Hero
The House of Marcus Lycus	Lycus and Girls
Lovely	Hero and Philia
Pretty Little Picture	Pseudolus, Hero and Philia
Everybody Ought To Have A Maid	Senex, Pseudolus, Hysterium and Lycus
I'm Calm	Hysterium
Impossible	Senex and Hero
Bring Me My Bride	Miles and Proteans

Act II

That Dirty Old Man	Domina
That'll Show Him	Philia
Lovely-Reprise	Pseudolus and Hysterium
Funeral Sequence	Miles, Pseudolus, Proteans and Girls
Finale Ultimo	Company

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Keyboards	Christopher Sanford
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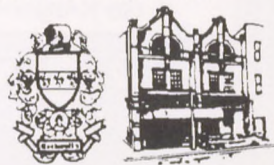
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Romeo and Juliet (set and lights) and *Evita* (lights). Most recently he designed the set for the spring musical *Man of La Mancha*. Rob holds a MFA from Ohio State University. This summer, Rob will design the set for *Forum* as well as set and lights for *Blue Window*.

Marcia Hain, Otterbein Costumer/Shop Supervisor, earned her BS degree in Home Economics from The Ohio State University. Prior to joining the Otterbein staff in 1989, Marci was a costume shop manager and designer for Action Costumes, Inc. and Costume Specialists. She has experienced the construction of commercial characters such as Peter Panda (Children's Palace), Babar, Lyle the Crocodile and Lizzie Bear. Local theatrical work has been onstage at Players Theatre, Gallery Players, Opera Columbus and numerous high schools. She has also built costumes for two seasons at Maine State Music Theatre. Marci's first costume designs for Otterbein were onstage in last season's production of *Night Watch*.

Rob Shaffer joins Otterbein Summer Theatre for his first season as technical director after completing his first year at Otterbein as technical director and faculty member with the Department of Theatre and Dance. Rob received his MFA degree from the University of Illinois-Champaign. Prior to graduate school, he spent several years working semi-professionally designing and building sets for community and high school theatre. Rob also worked for a year with Reynolds Productions at the Shady Lane Theatre in Northern Illinois where he also appeared as an actor.

Mickey Baus joins the Otterbein Summer Theatre staff for his first season as assistant technical director and lighting designer for *Not Now, Darling*. Mickey is founder of Mickey's Creations, a theatrical services company based in Worthington, Ohio. Credits include Otterbein College, BalletMet, Ohio Wesleyan University, Westerville North and South High Schools, Delaware Theatre Association, and Goldston Mime Foundation. Mickey studied technical theatre at Bowling Green State University. Currently, he is assistant technical director for Otterbein's Department of Theatre and Dance.

Stephen Monroe joins Otterbein Summer Theatre as musical director of *Forum*. Mr. Monroe has musical directed and performed leading roles with several professional regional and touring theatre companies including The Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre and Playhouse on the Square in Memphis, Tennessee. He holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Illinois and has just completed his first year as a member of the Otterbein Music Department faculty, teaching voice, piano and musical theatre history and performance. He is also director of Opus Zero, Otterbein's musical theatre ensemble, and a frequent recital accompanist.

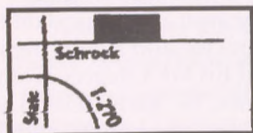
John R. Gutknecht joins Otterbein Summer Theatre for his fifth consecutive season, this year serving as production manager and sound designer. Next fall he will be heading to the Windy City where he will be assistant production manager for the Tony Award-winning Steppenwolf Theatre. Originally from the Chicago area, John worked professionally in theatre for three years before coming to Otterbein. Some of his credits here include: costume design for *Man of La Mancha*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Sweeney Todd*; and set design for *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Present Laughter*, *I'm Not Rappaport* and *Quilters*, for which he also designed lights. Other design credits include *Aladdin* for the Pleasure Guild of Children's Hospital and the world premiere of *Dawn of Infinite Dreams*, both directed by Otterbein grad Pam Hill.

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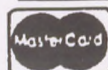
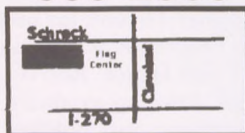
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