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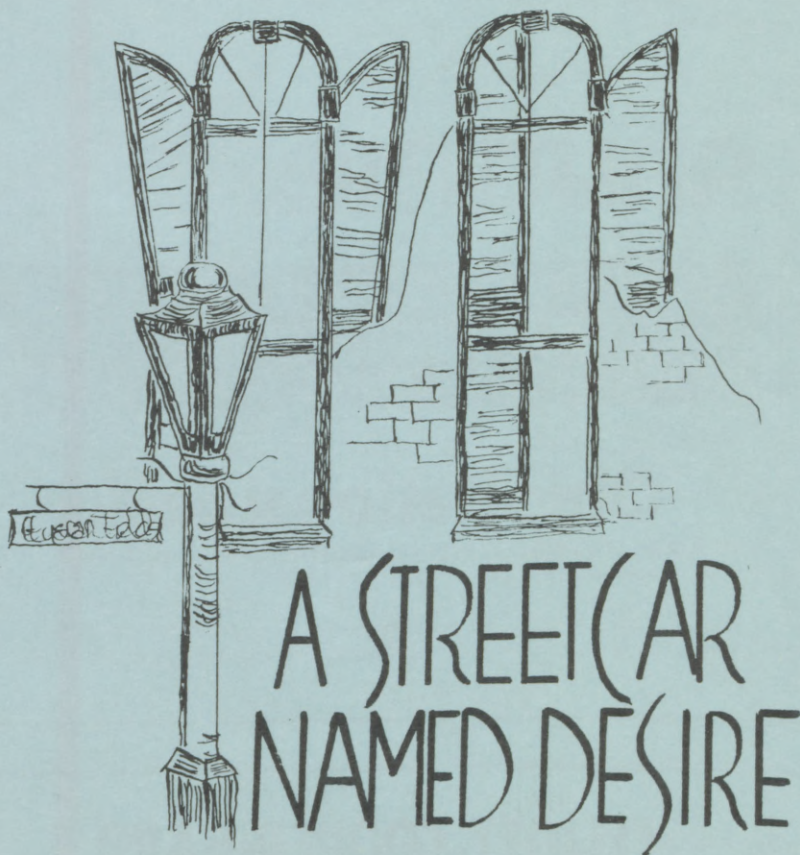
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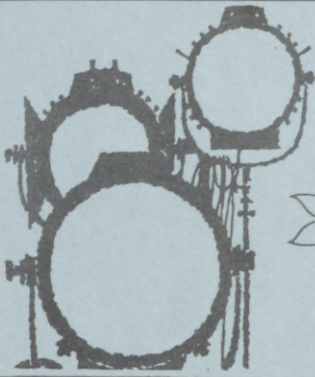
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GUEST ARTIST



ROBERT FORSTER is probably best remembered as the television detective "Banyon." He has, however, had greater success both onstage and in the movies. He was attending the University of Rochester as a psychology major when he decided to try theatre, just to see if he could do it. After a stint with the East Rochester Summer Theatre and other jobs in Rochester, he went to New York City. Within a year he was cast in the two-character play *Mrs. Dally Has a Lover* starring Arlene Francis. He has returned to the theatre several times since, both directing in Rochester and performing in *Twelve Angry Men* Off-Broadway.

His career in films began with an interview with noted director John Huston, who made an instant offer. "Things happen like that," Forster recalls, snapping his fingers. "That's how they have to happen." The offer was for a major role in *Reflections in a Golden Eye* with Elizabeth Taylor and Marlon Brando. He followed this first cinematic appearance with *Stalking Moon* with Gregory Peck and Eva Marie Saint, *Medium Cool* with Peter Boyle, *Pieces of Dreams* with Lauren Hutton, *Journey Through Rosebud* with Christopher Tabori and *The Don is Dead* with Anthony Quinn. Two of these pictures, *Medium*

Cool and *Journey Through Rosebud*, are now considered modern film classics and Forster is often invited to discuss them in college film classes.

His television appearances since "Banyon" include a second series, "Nakia," a TV movie "The Death Squad" with Melvin Douglas and a recently televised guest shot on "Police Story." He values television as the most important medium, the medium of the future, although he enjoys more working in film and live theatre.

The Otterbein production of *A Streetcar Named Desire* marks the third time Forster has played Stanley. He starred with Julie Harris in a road production in 1967 and replaced James Farentino in the Lincoln Center production in the spring of 1973.

His philosophy of life is a simple one — "Whatever you do, give it your best shot." The Otterbein College Theatre is proud to be sharing this presentation of our "best shot" with Robert Forster!
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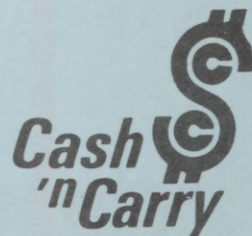
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This production of *A Streetcar Named Desire* marks the 14th consecutive year that professional guest artists have shared their professional expertise with students at Otterbein. A partial listing of guests includes Hans Conreid, Ed Begley, Kim Hunter, Viveca Lindfors, Walter Abel, Pat Hingle, George Grizzard, Brock Peters and Robert Morse. While it is sometimes difficult to evaluate completely the impact of such performers upon the Theatre and upon the lives of students and their professional growth, on other occasions such evaluation is extremely easy. The latter is the instance with Robert Forster — Bob has been a fantastic help with this entire production, sharing easily and readily with staff and students his experience with past productions. He has welcomed every opportunity to visit classes and to share informally with students. Additionally, his professionalism has been immediately apparent from the moment he arrived on campus February 14 — his work and presence on stage has encouraged students to growth patterns often not possible in other productions. For sharing his time and talent with all of us at every opportunity, the staff and students of the Otterbein College Theatre would like to say publicly — thanks Bob!

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| Euince Hubbell | Beth Machlan** |
| Stanley Kowalski | ROBERT FORSTER |
| Stella Kowalski | Pamela Hill** |
| Steve Hubbell | Randy Adams** |
| Harold Mitchell (Mitch) | Jerry Confer** |
| Blanche DuBois | Dorothy Deitz |
| Pablo Gonzales | James St. Clair* |
| Mexican Woman | Leslie Young* |
| A Young Collector | Dan Hawk* |
| Doctor | Jim West** |
| Nurse | Jenny Herron* |
| Habitue's of the French Quarter | Jeff Burnett, Randy Cole*, Teresa Hamilton, Cabot Rea, David Robinson, Cindy Snodgrass, JB Summers, Jurgen Tossman, Mary Beth Watkins*, Leslie Young*, |

The scene is the Kowalski apartment in the French Quarter of New Orleans.
The action of the play takes place in spring, summer and early fall.

Sound courtesy of Bob Mooney, PSM, Meadow Brook Professional Theatre.

There will be one intermission.

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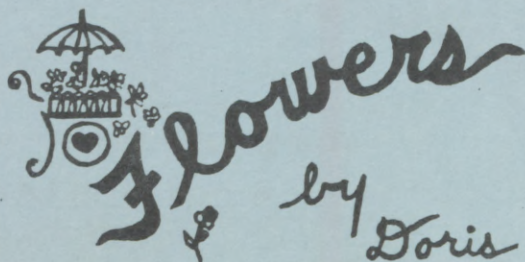
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April 18 — Artist Series: Jack Aranson in "*Moby Dick*", 8:15 p.m.
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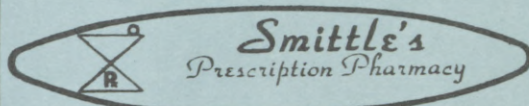
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