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JULY 10-11-12-13-14, 1979

Director – CARTER W. LEWIS  
Designer/Technical Director – FRED THAYER  
Costume Designer – KATHLEEN LEWICKI  
Producer – CHARLES W. DODRILL

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## DIRECTORS

**CARTER W. LEWIS** graduated from Otterbein in 1973 and went on to earn his Masters in Directing and Playwriting at the University of Oklahoma. His Otterbein directing credits include *What the Butler Saw*, *Vanities* and *How the Other Half Loves* and at Players Theatre of Columbus he has directed several shows including the American premiere of *Da*. A playwright, as well as a director, Carter has had numerous original scripts produced at various theatres.

**FRED THAYER**, designer-technical director at Otterbein since 1960, was graduated from Bowling Green State University with an M.A. in Theatre. He has designed for the University of Toledo, Bowling Green and the Huron Playhouse. Designer for more than 110 productions, he has studied in New York with Jo Mielziner and Lester Polakov and frequently serves as a technical consultant.

**KATHLEEN LEWICKI** has just completed her first year at Otterbein as an instructor in technical theatre and designer for various productions. This past year Kate designed costumes for *Hedda Gabler* and *Brigadoon*, and scenery for *The Merchant of Venice* and *How the Other Half Loves*. She comes to Otterbein from her training at Carnegie-Mellon where she received an M.F.A. in Theatrical Production.

**ED VAUGHAN** graduated from Otterbein in 1971 and is currently living in Columbus with his wife Linda Sheppard Vaughan (Otterbein '72) and their two children William Michael (3½ yrs.) and Emily Marie (3½ wks.). In 1973 Ed earned his Master's degree in Directing from the University of Conn., where he played numerous roles including John Hancock in *1776*, Harry Brock in *Born Yesterday* and Kent in *King Lear* (starring Arnold Moss). He spent two years as General Manager for Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre, where he had previously filled various positions as Stage Manager, Actor and Advance Director for over 40 productions, working with such professionals as Joseph Cotton, Joan Fontaine, and Robert Morse. Independently Ed established the Little Peoples Fantasy Theatre, serving in the dual capacity of Founder and Producer.



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Toby Felker .....	KENT BLOCHER
Sister Rita .....	KAREN RADCLIFFE
Mrs. Shandig .....	CINDY KACZMAREK
Prosecutor .....	KEN MARKS
Monsignor Nicholson .....	JOHN TENER
Louise .....	KELLY MAURER
Maurice Prindle .....	RICH TATGENHORST

## SYNOPSIS

*THE RUNNER STUMBLES* was suggested by an actual turn of the century trial for the murder of a nun in Michigan.

Time: April 1911.

Place: A cell, courthouse and grave in Solon, Michigan.

Flashback scenes take place in the mind of Father Rivard as he recalls events that occurred in and around his rectory in Solon, Michigan.

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Assistant to the Director ..... KELLY MAURER  
Costumes ..... CHRIS MARKLEY  
Scenery ..... DAVID HAMMOND, SCOTT DILLON, DENISE DANKHOFF  
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**KENT BLOCHER**, a third season Otterbein graduate from Trotwood, highlighted his senior year with an internship with Actor's Theatre of Louisville, and roles in *The Merchant of Venice* and *How the Other Half Loves*. Kent will pursue his acting career at Trotwood Circle Theatre in the fall.

**D. SCOTT DILLON** will spend his second season with OST juggling the responsibilities of Designer, Master Carpenter and Actor. Last year Scott won the Student Designer Award for his *Vanities* set, and now looks forward to his internship with Arena Stage in the fall.

**JOHN EBNER**, an Otterbein senior, joins our company for his first time. You might remember John for his comic portrayals of Frank in *How the Other Half Loves* and the foppish suitor in *Merchant of Venice*. John will intern at the Cleveland Playhouse in the fall.

**CINDY KACZMAREK** spent last summer working with The Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival in Cleveland, and has chosen to spend this summer with OST. Cindy's final year at Otterbein was highlighted by her performances in *The Merchant of Venice* and *Brigadoon*.

**CHRIS MARKLEY** is an Otterbein graduate and a native of Columbus. Chris worked as Costume designer last summer for The Lancaster Summer Theatre. She designed costumes for our winter production of *Vanities* and will design costumes for *The Boyfriend*, *Hay Fever*, and *Harvey* this summer.

**KEN MARKS**, a junior from Northwestern University, makes his first appearance on our summer stage. His most recent acting credits include *Antipholous of Syracuse* in *Comedy of Errors* and Kit Carson in *The Time of Your Life*.

**KELLY MAURER**, a native of Springfield and a junior from Otterbein, may be remembered for her performance as Mary in *Vanities*. Kelly served as Dance Mistress for *Brigadoon*, and brings extensive training as a dancer and actress to her second season with OST.

**KAREN RADCLIFFE**, easily remembered for her portrayals of Hedda Gabler, Portia in *The Merchant of Venice* and Fiona in *How the Other Half Loves*, returns for her third season at OST. Karen is a senior at Otterbein and looks forward to an internship with The Actor's Theatre of Louisville in the fall.



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**CARLTON RITENOUR** designed costumes this year for Otterbein's productions of *How the Other Half Loves* and *Dido and Aeneas*. Carl is a senior at Otterbein and will spend his second season at OST as Property Master, and looks forward to his internship at Arena Stage this winter. **JAMES SCHILLING**, you may remember from his delightful characterizations of Lancelot Gobbo in *Merchant of Venice* and William Featherstone in *How the Other Half Loves*. Jim graduated this past spring after spending the winter as an intern at Actor's Theatre.

**CLAUDIA STEFANY** comes to OST for the first time from Baldwin-Wallace College. Her most recent acting credentials include *The Thurber Carnival* and *The Madwoman of Chailot*. Claudia looks forward to her senior year at BW, as she has been selected by the college to direct the mainstage production of *Years Ago in the Fall*.

**RICHARD TATGENHORST**, an Otterbein junior from Cincinnati, appears for his first time on the OST stage. Rich is easily remembered for his golden toned portrayal of Tommy in Otterbein's production of *Brigadoon*.

**LINDA BRACILANO** appeared in Otterbein workshop productions of *Shadowbox* and *Chamber Music*. Linda joins OST for her first summer and is an Otterbein sophomore from Columbus.

**DENISE DANKHOFF** will attend Otterbein in the fall as an incoming freshman Theatre Major. Denise is a recent graduate of Medina Senior High School.

**SANDY MARTIN** may be remembered from her performance as Kathy in *Vanities* and performed as a singer in *Brigadoon*. Sandy is an Otterbein junior from Massillon.

**TAMMY PERAKIS** is a native of Westerville, who joins the OST company for her first season as Box Office Supervisor. Tammy appeared in *Brigadoon* and hopes to spend her junior year at Otterbein furthering her training in Opera Theatre.

**JOHN TENER** is an Otterbein sophomore from Pickerington. John appeared last year in *The Merchant of Venice* and the workshop production of *Veronica's Room*.

**GINA ZELAZNY** highlighted her sophomore year with performances in *Brigadoon* and *Opus Zero* (professional singing group). Gena is an Otterbein junior from Independence, Ohio, and is a newcomer to the OST company.

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