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THEATRE

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**GOD'S FAVORITE**

**by Neil Simon**

**July 19,20,21,22,23**

**1983**

**DIRECTOR - Geoffrey Nelson**

**SET DESIGNER - David A. Hammond**

**COSTUME DESIGNER - Mary Beth Robinson**

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**Michael Blankenship**, property master for the summer, is an actor as well as technician. Last year he appeared in several productions including *Beauty and The Beast*. He will be a junior next year.

**Mary Kate Doerres**, will serve as Box Office Manager. Mary Kate appeared in *The Man Who Came To Dinner* last year. She will be a senior in the fall.

**Susan Diol**, returning for her fourth OST season, will be a senior in the fall. Last year she appeared in *Abelard and Heloise*, *The Man Who Came To Dinner* and *Irene*.

**Brent Erdy**, a senior in the fall, returns for his third OST season. Brent was in four major productions last year including *Opus Zero* and *Private Lives*.

**Carol Giffen**, will graduate at the end of the fall term next year. Last year, Carol acted in *Abelard and Heloise* and *The Man Who Came To Dinner*.

**A Victor Jones**, will also do graduate work at Miami University (Fla.). Along with acting, A Victor will direct our summer children's production of *Golliwhoppers!*

**Giovanni Moscardino**, a senior in the fall, appeared last year in *Abelard and Heloise*, *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, and *Irene*.

**Steve Salyer**, joining OST for the first season, will be a junior in the fall. Last year Steve appeared in *Abelard and Heloise* and *OPUS ZERO*.

**Michael Slane** will design the costumes for *The Elephant Man* and *Ten Little Indians* as well as doing the sets and costumes for *Golliwhoppers!* Last year, Michael designed the sets for *Beauty and the Beast* and the costumes for *Private Lives*.

**Roger Tackette**, a senior in the fall, returns for his third OST season. His first season he functioned as an apprentice and last summer he served as assistant to the technical director.

**Carl Wolfe** will design the sets for *Ten Little Indians* and serve as assistant technical director for the summer. Carl will work at The Virginia Stage Company in the fall.

**Anne Barnes**, **Beth Deiley**, **Allison Dixon**, **Jim Fippin**, **Karen Frye**, and **Liana Peters** all join OST for the first time as apprentices. Anne, a junior, and Karen, a sophomore, are technical apprentices. Jim and Allison (juniors), and Beth and Liana (incoming freshman) are acting apprentices.



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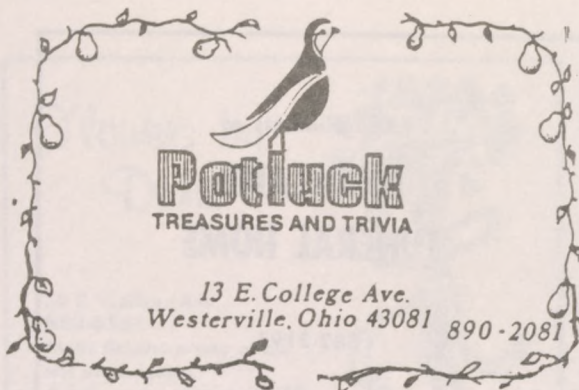
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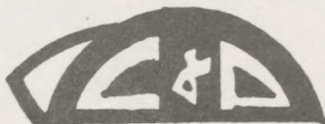
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**ED VAUGHAN**, Otterbein Theatre faculty member will direct *I Do! I Do!* and *The Elephant Man* and will play the title role in Neil Simon's *God's Favorite*, while serving as Managing Director.

**FRED J. THAYER**, Otterbein designer, will direct *Ten Little Indians* and design the sets for *I Do! I Do!* Last summer Mr. Thayer directed *You Can't Take It With You* and designed the set for *Godspell*.

**LUCY LEE REUTHER**, Otterbein costume designer, will design *A Thurber Carnival*, and *I Do! I Do!* Assisting her in the costume design area will be Michael Slane and Mary Beth Robinson. Mr. Slane will design *The Elephant Man* and *Ten Little Indians*. Ms. Robinson will design *God's Favorite*.

**DAVE HAMMOND**, a veteran of numerous Otterbein Summer Theatre seasons, will serve as technical director for the summer and will design sets for *A Thurber Carnival*, *The Elephant Man* and *God's Favorite*. Assisting him on the technical area will be Carl Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe will also design the sets for *Ten Little Indians*.

**JULIE SICKLES**, currently is a member of Miami University theatre faculty. Ms. Sickles will direct *A Thurber Carnival*. Ms. Sickles is a graduate of Otterbein and she holds a MFA degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**GEOFFERY NELSON**, is a native of Maine and is making his first directorial appearance at Otterbein Summer Theatre but Mr. Nelson is no stranger to Central Ohio audiences having directed at Weathervane Playhouse, Ohio State University and Players Theatre of Columbus. Mr. Nelson's most recent credits include: *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Tally's Folly*.

**JOANNE VANSANT**, Dean of Students of Otterbein will choreograph *I Do! I Do!* Dean VanSant has been a longtime contributor to the Summer Theatre Program.

**LYNN HURSTAD**, of the Department of Music will serve as musical director for *I Do! I Do!* Last summer she was musical director for the Otterbein Summer Theatre production of *Godspell*.

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