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THE EFFECT OF GAMMA RAYS ON MAN-IN-THE-MOON MARIGOLDS

by
Paul Zindel

January 27, 28, 8:15 p.m., January 29, 2:30 p.m.
February 1, 2, 3, 4, 1984, 8:15 p.m.

Director - Geoffrey Nelson
Scenic and Lighting Designer: Fred J. Thayer
Costume Designer: Melanie Miles
GUEST DIRECTOR

Geoffrey Nelson, native of Maine, staged *God’s Favorite* for the Otterbein Summer Theatre last year, and has also done productions at the Ohio State University, Players Theatre, and Weathervane Playhouse. Although based in Columbus, he has acted and directed for professional companies in Maine, Montana, Michigan and Oklahoma. His future projects include *South Pacific* at the Josephinum and another Paul Zindel play, *Ladies at the Alamo* for Players Theatre.

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Theatre students combine intensive classroom study with practical production work to develop and practice their craft. Our curriculum places strong emphasis upon the development of well-rounded persons within the liberal arts spectrum, while at the same time providing specialized theatre training in all areas of theatre. The purpose of the Otterbein College Theatre are:

1. To train students in the arts of the theatre and prepare them for careers.
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CAST

(in order of appearance)

TILLIE ......................................................... Jodie Silk*
BEATRICE, her mother ........................................ Susan Diol*
RUTH, her younger sister .................................... Liana Peters
NANNY .......................................................... Tracy Jones**
JANICE VICKERY ............................................... Maria Magisano

The action takes place in the living room/dining room/kitchen of the Hunsdorfer home during the spring of 1964.

There will be one intermission

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Sometimes the point is to provide factual background: *Marigolds* was written in 1962, but didn’t receive a New York production until 1970, where upon it won a Pulitzer Prize. Or interesting trivia: Paul Zindel was a high school physics and chemistry teacher when he wrote the play, and the character of Beatrice is based, with only a little exaggeration, on his own mother. Or the intellectual-philosophical origins: atomic physics and the spirit of Buddhism. Or even to explain the “theme” of the play: “Hope” or “The triumph of the Human Spirit” or “Everyone is Important” or “Adolescence is a Terrible Period”, etc.

I won’t bother you with any of that. Let us just say that this is a play about one particular family during one particular period in time, and whatever similarities you see between them and your own family, or families you know, is purely coincidental — and inevitable.

Geoffrey Nelson
CREWS

Stage Manager ................................................................. Roger Tackette
Assistant to the Director ................................................... Jim Fippin
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Costumes ............................................................. Ruth Pettibone, Chm.; Jeff Kin, Melanie Miles, Mary Kuroff
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February 11 - March 15 - Cosmic Perspective exhibit by Phil Barnhart, Battelle Fine Arts Center
February 12 - Westerville Civic Symphony, 7:00 p.m. Cowan Hall
February 13 - Poetry Reading by Jory Graham
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March 8-11 - A Midsummer Night’s Dream, 8:15 p.m. Cowan Hall, 2:30 Sunday matinee
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WHO'S WHO - STUDENTS

ANNE E. BARNES (Lighting) is a junior theatre major with emphasis in performance. She appeared last spring in Private Lives, and worked all technical areas during Summer Theatre. Anne has worked extensively on lighting for the last three years.

VICKI BYERS (Box Office) - is a senior BA in Theatre management. She has also been stage manager for Man Who Came To Dinner, Assistant Director for Summer Theatre, and was properties master for Abelard and Heloise. Vicki will be graduating at the end of winter term.

DAVID H. CALDWELL (Properties) is a sophomore BFA in Performance. David has been involved in Workshop Theatre and was the Deputy in Man Who Came To Dinner and a chorus member of Irene. Outside of Otterbein, he took part in The Slice of Life Theatre in Jesus Christ Superstar.

LINDA J. COLE (Properties) is a sophomore BFA in Performance major. She recently appeared as Fraulein Rottenmeier in HEIDI and is currently involved in Workshop Theatre.

SUSAN DIOL (Beatrice) is a senior BFA in Performance major. Susan recently returned from a New York internship with McCorkle Sturtevant Casting Directors. Her roles while at Otterbein include Mrs. Kendall, The Elephant Man, Heloise in Abelard and Heloise, Olivia, Twelfth Night, Eva, Absurd Person Singular, Fleur, And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little, Maggie, Man Who Came To Dinner, Sally, Tribute and Phoebe in Romantic Comedy.

DONALD S. ERVIN (Scenery) is a senior BFA in Performance. Don has appeared in several Otterbein productions, such as Victor in Private Lives, Jeffrey in Godspell, Charles in As You Like It, Guibert, Abelard and Heloise, Mr. Stanley in Man Who Came To Dinner and participated in Hello Dolly and Twelfth Night. Outside of Otterbein Don was a member of the 1983 Weathervane Playhouse cast in Newark, Ohio.

JAMES ELLIOTT FIPPIN (Assistant Director) is a junior BFA in Performance major. Jim has had several roles at Otterbein including Fulbert in Abelard and Heloise, Will in Elephant Man, Rogers in Ten Little Indians and also participated in Workshop Theatre.

CRAIG ICSMAN (Publicity) is a senior majoring in Musical Theatre. Craig's most recent role was Clifford Anderson in the fall thriller, DEATHTRAP. Other roles include Gilles De Vannes in Abelard and Heloise, Beverly Caulton in Man Who Came To Dinner, Madame Lucy in Irene and the Bank Solicitor in The Masque of Beauty and the Beast.

TRACY JONES (Nanny) is a senior Musical Theatre major. Tracy also recently returned from a fall internship in New York with the Auburn Civic Theatre. While there she was Felicity in their production The Real Inspector Hound. While at Otterbein she appeared as Irene in Irene, June in Man Who Came To Dinner and Elsa in Sound of Music.

MARIA MAGISANO (Janice Vickery) is a freshman Musical Theatre major. Previous to this role, Maria participated in the fall Workshop Theatre. Recently Maria was notified of her speaking role in the upcoming Columbus filmed movie TEACHERS with TAXI star Nick Nolte.

LIANA PETERS (Ruth) is a freshman BFA in Performance major. Liana appeared in the box office smash HEIDI as Tintette the maid, was a participant in the fall Workshop Theatre and a company member of Summer Theatre, 1083. Outside of Otterbein she has participated in a project film for the Ohio State University and a training film for Wendy's Hamburger Corporation.
WHO’S WHO - Continued

RUTH PETTIBONE (Costumes) is a junior BFA in Performance. Ruth served as publicity chairperson for DEATHTRAP and has participated in Work Shop Theatre.

JO BETH PHALEN (Make-Up) is a sophomore BFA in Performance major. Jo Beth is currently involved in the winter Work Shop Theatre.

STEVE SALYER (Publicity) is majoring as a BFA in Performance. Steve was a cast member of Summer Theatre 1983 and was in such roles as Ben Benjamin, God’s Favorite, Detective Blore in Ten Little Indians, Lord John in Elephant Man and Stephen in Chinamen. Steve is a member of Opus Zero, Otterbein’s Swing Ensemble.

JODIE SILK (Tillie) is a sophomore BFA in Performance major. Her most recent role was the psychic Helga Ten Dorp of DEATHTRAP and also was Mrs. Dally in Mrs. Dally Has A Lover. Outside of her Otterbein roles, Jodie has participated in the Dallas Shakespeare Festival, Dallas, Texas and spent two season with the summer theatre stock company Park Boulevard Players.

ROGER TACKETTE (Stage Manager) is a senior BFA Performance major. Roger's roles while attending Otterbein are Anthony Manston, Ten Little Indians, Dr. Carr Gomm of The Elephant Man, Janes Thurber, A Thurber Carnival and Geoffrey Jackson, Absurd Person Singular. Roger directed a Work Shop Theatre and directed a training film for the Wendy's Hamburger Corporation.

LIZ TEGZES (House Manager) is a senior BFA in Performance major. Liz was Beauty in The Masque of Beauty and the Beast. and was among the stock for the Huron Playhouse for the 1983 season.

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