

1971-1972 SEASON



ADMISSION PLANS

SEASON TICKET: \$8.50 (A savings of sixteen percent).

Individual Tickets: Life With Father — \$2.00; School For Scandal and Romeo and Juliet — \$2.25; Fiddler On The Roof — \$3.00.

Children's Theatre Tickets: Children — 75¢; Adults — \$1.00 (Not included in price of Season Ticket; no group rates available).

Club Plan: For theatre parties, charity groups and benefits, groups may purchase blocks of tickets at reduced prices. For information, phone 882-3601, Ext. 346.

High School Groups: Special reduced prices for student performances are available on request.

RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION

Performance Times: All regular performances — 8:15 p.m. Children's Theatre — 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Box Office: Open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for ten days prior to all performance dates. Telephone: For reservations and information call 882-3601, ask for Cowan Box Office. Mail: For ticket orders simply address Otterbein College Theatre, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

A THEATRE WITH A PURPOSE

Since the Department of Speech and Theatre was first organized at Otterbein College in the fall of 1906, 236 full-length productions have been staged. A great portion of this activity has occurred recently for 80 of these productions have been presented since 1960.

This season, through a varied program, the Otterbein College Theatre will add to their already impressive record of theatrical activity, and strive to maintain its three-fold objective: Entertainment, Artistic and Cultural Appreciation, and Education — both for its spectators and for its participants.

The Theatre program includes four major productions during the regular academic year: a Children's Theatre production; a Summer Theatre with five major productions; a Touring Chancel Drama Group, now in its eighth season, which performs locally and in surrounding states; and regularly scheduled Workshop Theatre productions directed by advanced students. In addition, there is extensive academic work in drama, theatre history, interpretation, acting, directing and technical theatre.

All winter productions are given in Cowan Hall, a 1300 seat auditorium which is well supplied with the latest in modern equipment. The Department of Speech and Theatre has approximately 100 majors in a student body of 1,400. Theatre tours to New York and to London are arranged for students during vacation periods (on an alternate year basis).

The theatrical staff consists of the following personnel: Dr. Charles Dodrill, Director of Theatre; Professor Fred J. Thayer, Designer-Technical Director; Dr. Roy H. Bowen, Visiting Director, Ohio State University Theatre; Mrs. Petie Dodrill, Children's Theatre Director and Costume Designer; Mrs. Nancy Norris, Publicity; Dr. James Grissinger, Chairman of the Department of Speech and Theatre. Additional directorial and design personnel are employed from among leading directors and designers from Ohio State University and the Central Ohio area.

THE OTTERBEIN COLLEGE THEATRE



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LIFE WITH FATHER October 21-22-23

Written by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, *Life With Father* has become a favorite comedy of Americans all over the country, holding the record for the longest continuous run in theatre history with 3,213 consecutive performances in New York. Based on Clarence Day's sketches of the warmly endearing and satisfying humorous adventures of the Day family, the show is truly an American comedy classic filled with unforgettable entertainment for the entire family.



CINDERELLA January 13-15

One of the most universal and beloved fairy tales of all time, *Cinderella* will be the annual Children's Theatre production. Its story of a beautiful young girl, forced to keep house and sleep in the cinders by her stepmother and jealous stepsisters, but who finally marries a handsome prince and lives happily ever after with the help of some friendly mice, a fairy godmother and a glass slipper, is a favorite of all generations.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF May 24-25-26-27

In association with the Department of Music, the Otterbein College Theatre will present Joseph Stein and Jerry Bock's phenomenally successful musical, *Fiddler On The Roof*. Winner of the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award and the Tony Award as the best musical on Broadway in its first season, "Fiddler" is a colorful story of the lives and customs of Russian village Jews at the turn of the century. With magnetic appeal for people of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds, it is the biggest musical hit of our time.

and two new Professional-Educational Repertory Theatre productions . . .

SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL March 2-4-8-10

ROMEO AND JULIET March 1-3-9-11

The Otterbein College Theatre will present two pre-modern productions in repertory featuring four young professional actors of quality. The guest artists will remain on campus for a six-week period working with Otterbein Theatre students to produce Richard Sheridan's witty comedy of manners, School For Scandal, and William Shakespeare's account of the greatest love story of all time, Romeo and Juliet.

(Playbill subject to change)

