

AIR-CONDITIONED ARENA THEATRE



Westerville

summer

theatre

WESTERVILLE, OHIO

JUNE 21 - JULY 30, 1978

"THE GAZEBO"

Wed.-Sat., June 21-22-23-24, 8:30 p.m.; Sun., June 25, 2 p.m.

Broadway hit comedy-melodrama — the story revolves around a writer of TV "whodunits and whyzits" who is always looking for a "new twist," especially from his district attorney friend. Comedy is the inevitable result when he is forced to protect his beautiful wife from a blackmailer. A gazebo suddenly gets a "new use" during installation and the "new twist" becomes very real. Guaranteed entertainment for the family.

"OH, COWARD!" Wed.-Sat., June 29-30, July 1-5-6-7-8, 8:30 p.m.; Sun., July 2, 2 p.m.

A compilation of the words and music by the master of wit, Noel Coward. An international theatrical personality for over 50 years who wrote and starred in over a score of plays and eleven musicals. Nostalgia interspersed with insight into the humorous side of life leaves an audience humming the memorable melodies and hilarious lyrics. Songs like "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," "Mrs. Worthington," "Someday I'll Find You" and "The Stately Homes of England."

"WHAT THE BUTLER SAW" Wed.-Sat., July 12-13-14-15, 8:30 p.m.; Sun., July 16, 2 p.m.

An adult farce that revolves around a psychiatrist with his own hospital who believes the best way to interview a girl for a job is to seduce her (but then nothing works in this zany place), his wife and her current bell-hop paramour and the complications resulting from the arrival of a state inspector. "Hilarious, outrageous...Joe Orton's most riotously funny play" — *N.Y. Times*.

"LET'S GET A DIVORCE" Wed.-Sat., July 19-20-21-22, 8:30 p.m.; Sun., July 23, 2 p.m.

Titillating French bedroom farce at its naughty best! This 19th century comic masterpiece revolves around the outrageously amusing implications of France's first divorce law. Combine a suspicious older husband, an adventuresome young wife and a swash-buckling young lover with the marital riddle — "Can husbands and wives also be friends and lovers?" — and prepare for a riotous chain of events.

"THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES"

Wed.-Sat., July 26-27-28-29, 8:30 p.m.;
Sun., July 30, 2 p.m.

Winner of the 1971 Critics Award and Obie Award as best American play, this brilliantly wacky comedy examines the zany but desperately sad attempt of a middle aged zoo attendant to break into the "big time" as a serious song writer. John Guare mixes hilarity and tragedy to achieve a touching and poignant story not to be forgotten. Adult entertainment.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION — "The Gingerbread Boy and Other Fables" — June 29-30, July 1, 5-6-7-8 at 1:30 p.m. Performance time one hour.) A collection of fairy tales and fables performed by our "Strolling Players." Admission is \$1.25 for children, \$1.50 for adults.

ADMISSION PLANS

(only 25¢ increase in tickets)

Box Office located in Campus Center, phone 890-3028 or 890-3000; hours — 12:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays. The AIR CONDITIONED ARENA THEATRE will seat 286 for each performance. The Campus Center Box Office will open June 12. Prior mail orders will be filled in order of receipt.

PRICES — Individual reserved seats — \$2.75; Musical — \$3.50; Matinees — 75¢ off

SEASON TICKETS — \$12.50, a savings of 15%

Group rates available Wednesday and Sunday

PATRONS

Summer Theatre Patron Memberships (tax deductible) are available for \$10 or more per couple or individual. Patron receipts are utilized to pay small monetary stipends to qualified company members and to meet any deficit at the end of the season.

During the past 11 seasons over 140 families, groups, business and individuals have contributed \$10 or more to help establish the summer theatre program. A minimum of \$1,500 is needed in order to support the activities and personnel currently planned for the 1978 Summer Theatre.

Current Theatre Patrons will be listed on each program and, in addition, those who are season ticket holders will have the option of purchasing four extra tickets for each production at the reduced season ticket rates.



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