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Otterbein's 'Annie' On Target In Drill

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The Otterbein College Theatre sailed through a dazzling dress rehearsal Wednesday night for the great Irving Berlin musical, "Annie Get Your Gun."

An audience of mostly high school students was delighted as the theater group prepared for regular performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

COSTUMES AND STAGING were beautiful and professional. Strong performances were given in the lead roles, combining good acting and singing.

Marilou Holford plays Annie, a backwoods sharp shooter. Dave Trout is Frank Butler, suitor and fellow marksman.

EXCELLENT STAGING of the first scene, a summer hotel near Cincinnati, gives the show a fine start. Annie wears burlap on meeting

Butler. Her costumes for the rest of the play are mostly stunning.

The first act lags a little when Jim Lewis and Vicki Sigman, secondary love interests, sing "I'll Share It All With You." However, both performed well in the second act.

OUTSTANDING numbers included "I'm An Indian Too," in which Annie is adopted into a tribe.

A hotel ballroom scene bringing Annie and Butler together after a long separation caused by Butler's jealousy over her shooting prowess is tops.

SOME MINOR flaws were from lighting trouble and an ill-at-ease appearance of some singers and dancers in the cast.

Performing ably were Jim Million, as manager of the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, and Deedi Bebout as his sister. Bob Harmelink, as Buffalo Bill, also did well.



'Annie' Coming

Marilou Holford portrays Annie Oakley in the Otterbein College Theatre production of "Annie Get Your Gun" Oct. 21-23. The famous Irving Berlin musical comedy will be staged in Cowan Hall Auditorium with curtain times at 8:15 p.m. All seats are reserved. Tickets are available at the box office, 882-3601, between 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

'Annie' Opens Oct. 21 At Otterbein Theatre

The musical comedy hit, "Annie Get Your Gun," will open the Otterbein College Theater season on Oct. 21-22-23.

Based on the life of America's famous backwoods marksman, Annie Oakley, this Irving Berlin show began the sixth longest running musical in United States theatrical history.

FEATURING 12 memorable songs by the late tune-master, "Annie" should open the Otterbein Theater season with a "bang!"

Also included on the season's bill are three other major stage productions, six award winning foreign films, a night of one-act plays, the second annual religious drama touring season, and a children's theater presentation of the youthful classic, "Hansel and Gretel."

CARLO GOLDONI'S witty Italian farce comedy, "The Servant of Two Masters," will be presented Dec. 7 through 11 in "Commedia dell'Arte" style on the arena stage of Cowan Hall.

The production will utilize "Commedia" costumes, masks and traditional farce slapstick.

A TOWN AND GOWN cast of approximately 40 will present Jean Giraudoux's "The Madwoman of Chailot" March 3-4-5. "Madwoman" will feature a professional guest artist in the title role.

SCHEDULED TO close out the season on May 12-13-14 will be Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning drama, "Our Town."

Revolving around life in a small American town at the turn of the century, Wilder's classic is acclaimed as one of the finest plays of our time.

THE FOREIGN film series this year will open Oct. 8 with the British feature, "I'm All Right, Jack," with Peter Sellers.

It will be followed by "Last Year at Marienbad," "Rashomon," "Ballad of a Soldier," "Lazarillo," and "The Good Soldier Schweik."

FURTHER information concerning the evening of one act plays, the children's theater show, and this season's religious drama presentations will be announced at a later date.

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Show Biz

'Annie Get Your Gun' Next At Otterbein

"Annie Get Your Gun," the famous Irving Berlin musical comedy that ran for three years in New York, is going to be presented by the Otterbein College Theatre in Cowan Hall Auditorium for three performances beginning Oct. 21.

Tickets for "Annie" are on sale at the Cowan Box Office, 882-3601. Box Office hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays until the day of the show. All seats are reserved.

Otterbein Bills Story Of Oakley

Switzerland has its William Tell, who merely could hit an apple with an arrow, but America had its Annie Oakley, who could shoot "the fuzz off'n a peach" with her trusty rifle. And the musical comedy celebrating her bull's-eye prowess, "Annie Get Your Gun," will open the Otterbein College Theatre season in Cowan Hall Auditorium on Oct. 21-22-23.

"Annie" was written by the brother-sister team of Herbert and Dorothy Fields and enjoyed a record-setting run of 144 weeks on Broadway, later being made into a well-remembered movie starring Betty Hutton and Howard Keel.

Tickets for the show are now on sale at the Cowan box office and at Gifford's. Call 882-3601 between 1 and 4 p.m. for reserved seats.



Seen In Annie

PICTURED ARE Marilou Holford and David Trout daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams, 67 Summit St., who will be seen as Annie Oakley and Frank Butler in the opening Otterbein College Theatre show of the season, "Annie Get Your Gun," Oct. 21-22-23. Tickets are currently on sale at the Cowan Box Office and at Gifford's.



A MEMORABLE SCENE FROM "ANNIE"

"Annie" Opening At OC Theatre

When the curtain goes up on the opening scene of "Annie Get Your Gun" this evening at 8:15 p.m. in Cowan Hall Auditorium, Westerville audience members will be seeing the most expensive and spectacular musical comedy ever produced by the Otterbein College Theatre.

THE 35 MEMBER cast of "Annie" will be clothed during the evening in over \$1,000 worth of authentic costumes from the days of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. And the seven major sets feature over \$500 of rented, hand-painted backdrops to make the scenes as realistic as they are enter-

"Annie Get Your Gun" closely parallels the story of the real Annie Oakley in telling how, when still a teen-aged girl from the backwoods, she was matched in a shooting exhibition one day in 1881 against the leading marksman of his day, a man named Frank Butler, and beat him.

Many Westerville people may be surprised to realize that Annie Oakley is not only a true personage in American history, but that she is a native Ohioan, having been born on an impoverished farm near Cincinnati, in Darke County, O., in 1866.

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Ohio Native

Annie Oakley, America's famous backwoods sharp shooter, and the heroine of the Otterbein College Theater's next production, "Annie Get Your Gun," was a native Ohioan.

Her story will be told in song October 21-22-23 on the Cowan Hall Stage in Westerville.

Annie Oakley At Otterbein

Annie Oakley, the Ohio sharpshooter who could shoot "the fuzz off'n a peach," will be recreated in the musical hit, "Annie Get Your Gun," to be presented this Thursday, Friday and Saturday by the Otterbein College Theater.

Tickets are now available at the Cowan Hall Box Office, 882-3601. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. in Cowan Hall Auditorium.

Cost No Object For This One

"Annie Get Your Gun" will be the most expensive and spectacular musical comedy hit ever produced by the Otterbein College Theater.

Scheduled to open the 1965-66 season this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, "Annie" will feature over one thousand dollars worth of authentic costumes from the days of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, and seven sets involving over five hundred dollars of hand-painted backdrops.

Tickets are still available for this comedy success at the Cowan box office, 882-3601. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. in Cowan Auditorium.



MUSIC SHOW AT OTTERBEIN

"Annie Get Your Gun," will be presented by the Otterbein College Theater for three performances beginning October 21. Featured as Annie Oakley and Frank Butler will be Marilou Holford, and David Trout, above.

Hits Plentiful In Show Score

Twelve song successes will top the hit parade of tunes in the ever-popular tale of America's backwoods riflewomen, Annie Oakley, when Otterbein College presents the musical comedy "Annie Get Your Gun," as their opening production of the season Oct. 21-22-23.

With Irving Berlin's most successful music in a single show including "The Girl That I Marry," "I Got Lost in His Arms," "They Say It's Wonderful," and "Sun in the Morning," "Annie" ran for 144 weeks on Broadway, becoming the sixth longest-running musical on record.

Tickets are now on sale at the Cowan Hall Box Office and at Gifford's in Westerville. All seats are reserved. Phone 882-3601 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. in Cowan Auditorium.



ANNIE AND FRANK ... Marilou Holford (Annie) and Dave Trout (Frank Butler) rehearse a scene from "Annie Get Your Gun," to be presented Homecoming Weekend.

Curtain Time Nears For Annie And Cast

"Annie Get Your Gun," Irving Berlin's greatest musical comedy success, opens next Thursday for a three-night Homecoming stand.

This jaunty song-and-dance attraction has for a background the sawdust and spangles of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show during its travels around the United States in the 1880's and 1890's.

Marilou Holford and Dave Trout have the leading roles of the rival sure-shots, Annie Oakley and Frank Butler.

Senior Jim Million plays Charlie Davenport, the show's promoter. Buffalo Bill is portrayed by junior Bob Harmelink.

Sophomore Greg Sabatino, juniors Bob Abdalla and Jim

Lewis, and seniors Vicki Sigman and Deedi Bebout hold other major roles.

The production is supported by a large cast of singers and dancers. Among them are Jim Anderson, Springfield; Jeannie Augustine, Ostrander; Kay Brinkman, Bucyrus; Dick Crable, Circleville.

Others are Dotty DeTurck, Reading, Pennsylvania; Reggie Farrell, Hamilton; Sandra Fisher, Findlay; Mary Turness, Westerville; and Sue Garrett, Gnadenhutten.

Also included are Sharon Garvin, Rising Sun, Maryland; Blanche Geho, Pataskala; Jim Granger, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Mary Harlan, Arlington, Virginia;

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Bill Hunter, Cincinnati; Tom James, Dayton; and Sue Klenk, Cincinnati.

Other members of the cast are Jeanne Lord, Akron; Linda McNeil, Columbus; Ed Maurer, Bowling Green; Mike Metzel, Columbus; Jim Miskimen, Worthington; Bonnie O'Leary, Cleveland; Barry Reich, Urbana; Betty Ro-

berts, Hamilton; Paul Robinson, Middletown; Nick Walker, Urbana; Rebecca Willett, Troy; and Bob Woods, Chillicothe.

Directing the play is Professor Charles Dodrill. Professor Glen Daugherty is in charge of the choirs and Lloyd Lewis and Dean Joanne VanSant are handling the choreography. Professor Alan Bradley is directing the orchestra.

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ANNIE GETS GUN...Shown in a scene from "Annie Get Your Gun," which opened in Cowan Hall last night, are (from left) Bob Abdalla, Dave Trout, Marilou Holford and Bob Harmelink.

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Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 21-23
8:15 P.M.

Tickets \$1.50

Phone 882-3601 1 to 4 P.M.