

'Jesus' comes to Otterbein

*Otterbein theatre
rocks out its last show
with a 'Superstar'*

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Otterbein College Theatre's hair-raising production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" premieres on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Cowan Hall.

The actors have been instructed to let their hair and facial hair grow out until the final performance, which has created some difficulties.

Lauren Baker, assistant director and junior theater and art major, said that several of the students have struggled.

"Everyone hates it. David Camano was asked if he was shaving [which he isn't], and Sean Milliff straightened his hair and looked like an animal. Everyone is looking for any excuse to get rid of it," Baker said.

Drew Aber, sophomore musical theater major, enjoys having long hair but still had some difficulty.

"I had to 'Just for Men' my peach-fuzz mustache to make it visible to the naked eye," he said.

Johnny Hawkins, an equity actor based out of Los Angeles,

will play the role of Jesus. Hiring an equity actor is not a dismissal of the talent of Otterbein's theater students; instead, it helps paint the over-

"Johnny is awesome. He has so much insight and dedication to the show that being able to work with him is like working with a direct connection to the

part of the show has been the large group scenes.

"There are a lot of people, and it's tough to block that many people and have the story line work and have it look believable," Aber said.

"Jesus Christ Superstar," a rock opera by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, debuted on Broadway in 1971, a year after its album was released.

The action occurs during the last week of Jesus' life, starting with his entry to Jerusalem and ending with his crucifixion. The story tells Judas' point of view and highlights his struggles with Jesus.

In the past, some religious groups have protested the opera for representing Jesus as a mere human with doubts and faults, but recently, church groups have performed the show, recognizing its excellent music and secular message concerning Jesus.

Aber said that it is blasphemous only if people view it that way.

"It's art, not a telling of the Bible's story," Aber said.

Student matinees show at 10 a.m. on May 18 and 19. The production also shows on May 20-21 and May 26-28 at 8 p.m. and May 22 at 2 p.m.

For ticket orders or further information, call 823-1209 or the box office at 823-1109. The box office is open from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and one hour prior to performances.

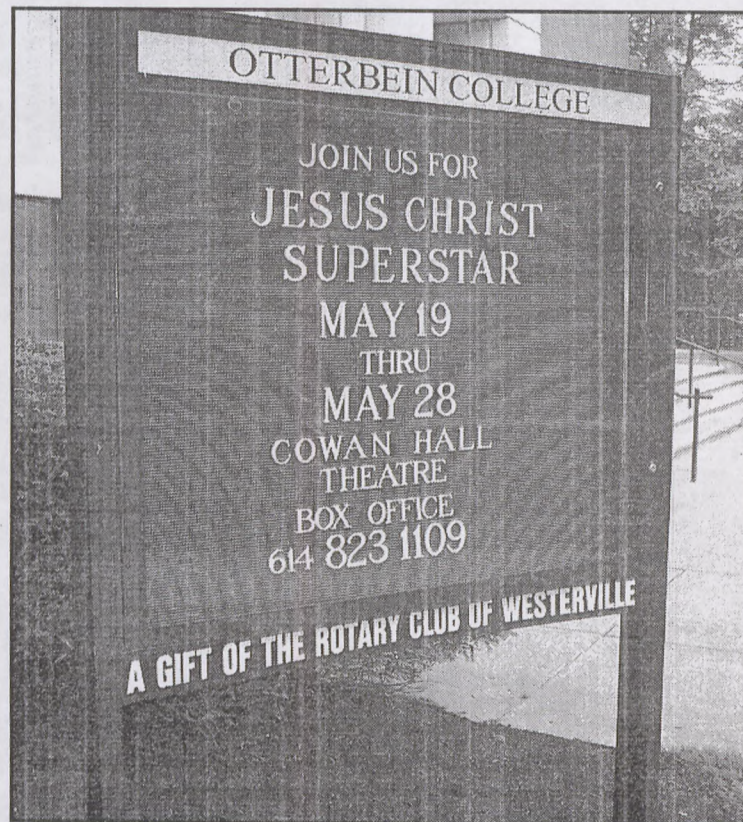


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all picture the director is trying to display.

"Working with equity actors gives students a look into how a professional works and gives them a chance to learn about the business from someone actually living it," Baker said.

show."

"I have really enjoyed getting a chance to know Johnny and also getting a chance to watch him work. I've learned a lot from him on stage working with him," Aber said.

Aber said that the hardest

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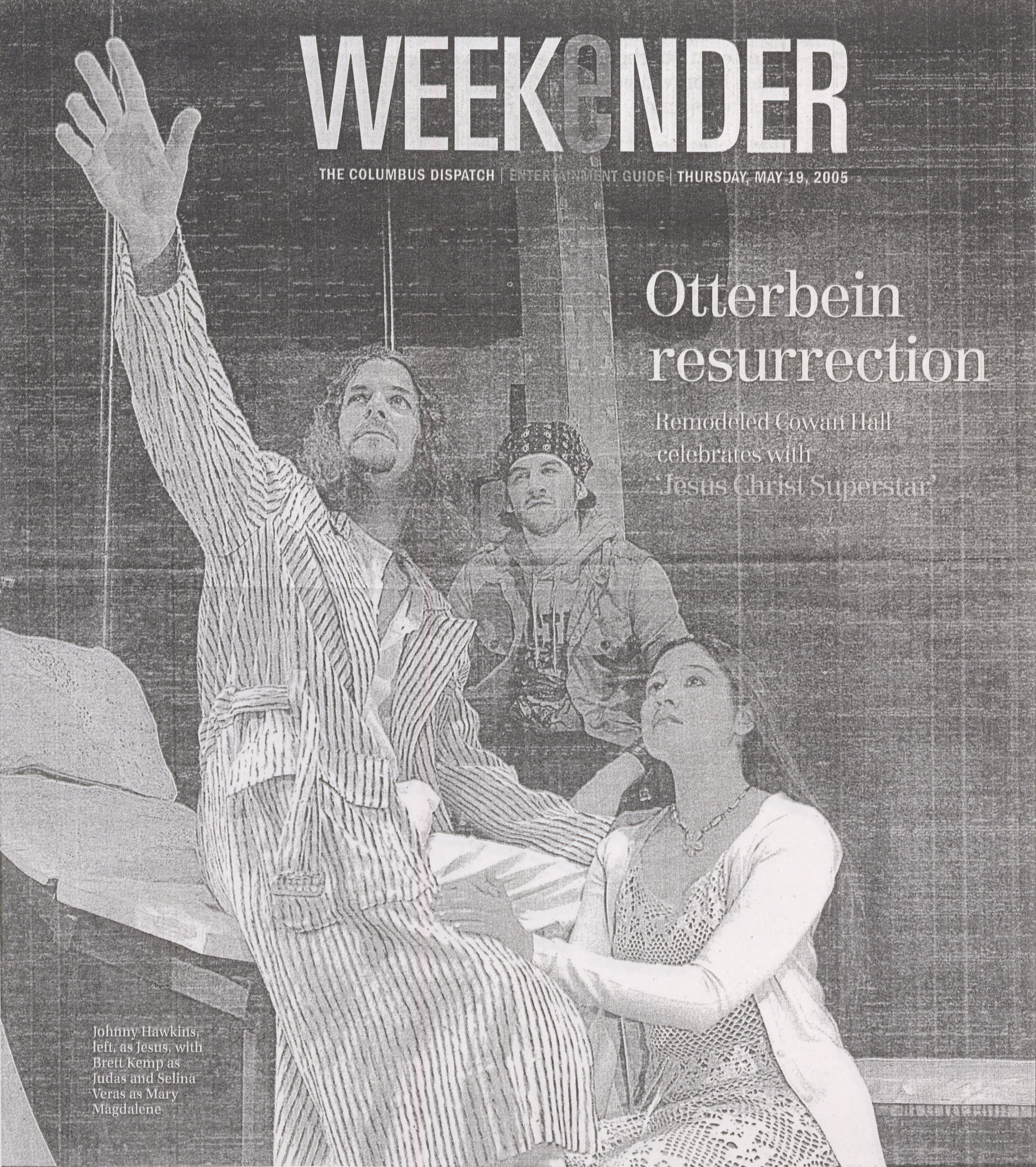
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Otterbein news

Otterbein Theatre to present 'Superstar'

Otterbein College's Department of Theatre and Dance will conclude its 2004-2005 season with the rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

Performances are scheduled for May 19-22 and 26-28 in Cowan Hall.

Directed by Dennis Romer, the production features Equity actor Johnny Hawkins, from the national tour of the production, as Jesus.

The opening night show will start at 7:30 p.m. The May 22 Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. All other shows start at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and are available through the box office at (614) 8223-1109. Box office hours are 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Fri-

day, as well as one hour prior to each performance.

Otterbein to stage Japanese music

The Otterbein College Enrichment Series and Department of Music will present a performance of Japanese music at 8 p.m. on

Wednesday, May 25, in Battelle Fine Arts Center's Riley Auditorium, 170 W. Park St.

This concert is free and open to the public.

The concert will feature Michael Gould on shakuhachi, an end-blown Japanese bamboo flute, and Chieko Iwazaki on koto, a 13-stringed Japanese instrument of the zither type.

For more information, call (614) 823-1358.

Area students to appear in 'Superstar'

Equity guest artist Johnny Hawkins will play the title role in Otterbein College's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock musical will be presented Thursday through Sunday and May 26-28 at Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on opening night, 2 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. other days.

Student cast members include Lilian Matsuda of Westerville. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling 614-823-1109.

DIVINE 'SUPERSTAR'

Otterbein College Theatre will present guest Equity actor Johnny Hawkins as Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical about Christ's last days on Earth, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. next Sunday — and 8 p.m. May 26-28 — at Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville. Tickets cost \$20. Call 614-823-1109.