



COMPANY TAKES BREAK — The Otterbein College Summer Theatre company takes a break in its busy schedule as it awaits the arrival of the professional cast of Otterbein Alums appearing this summer. The season runs June 24 to Aug. 3, beginning with Eugene O'Neill's "Ah! Wilderness."

OC Summer Theatre will open with comedy 'Ah! Wilderness'

Eugene O'Neill's nostalgic comedy, "Ah! Wilderness," opens the 20th anniversary season of Otterbein Summer Theatre on Tuesday, June 24, in the air-conditioned Campus Center Arena Theatre. The season opener will enjoy a six-day run, with evening performances through Saturday, June 28, at 8:30 p.m., and a Sunday, June 29, matinee set for 2:30 p.m.

The central character is Richard Miller, a dreamy, romantic 16-year-old boy in his parents' home. The restless high schooler keeps his mother (Catherine Randazzo) and newspaper publisher father (special guest actor Michael Hartman) on edge, as he copes with his pending manhood.

The appearance of professional equity actor Michael Hartman, a 1970 Otterbein theatre graduate, marks the second time he has returned to Otterbein in 16 years.

Active in regional professional theatre, Hartman most recently appeared at the Virginia Stage in a new play, "Husbandry." A veteran of Broadway's "Sherlock Holmes," Hartman has filmed a number of national commercials this year.

Parents and children alike will be very much at home

when they view O'Neill's three-act play, which is warmly compassionate, good-natured, and unpretentious.

In true nostalgic style, the rebellious Richard grapples with his pending manhood in a delightful work, that is mellow with the wisdom of acceptance and filled with sympathetic insight into human foibles.

Continually interjecting their opinions on Richard's coming of age are Mr. Miller's sister Lily, an "old maid" school teacher (Charlotte Dougherty) and Richard's Uncle Sid (David Caldwell).

Other outside influences, both good and otherwise, include a bevy of peers—attractive 15-year-old Mildred (Bethany Bangeman), a clumsy young Irish girl named Nora (Lisa Davidson), Went Selby (Tim St. John), the very collegiate Yale "man" Arthur (Tim Gregory), and finally Belle, a bleach blonde college "tart" (Heather Huprich).

Distracting Richard from down the block is a pretty 15-year-old named Muriel (Lori Schubeler), the dimpled daughter of the old

dry goods merchant (Todd Freeman). Rounding out the "counselors" in Richard's life are a local bartender (Tod Wilson) and salesman (Kevin Carty).

Dr. Charles W. Dodrill, chairman of the Otterbein College Department of Theatre and Dance and founder of the Otterbein Summer Theatre program, will direct the 20th anniversary's opening production.

Fred Thayer, Otterbein's scenic designer, has created the turn-of-the-century set of a small-town Connecticut home.

It is complemented by the everyday clothing worn by the cast of 1906 middle-class Americans, assembled by Petie Dodrill, frequent Otterbein guest designer (My Fair Lady) and director ("Peter Pan").

"Ah! Wilderness" will run for six days, with evening performances at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, June 24-28, and a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 29. For tickets call the Campus Center box office (890-3028) Monday through Saturday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; before June 16, call 898-1657.

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The Otterbein College Summer Theatre Company, including David Caldwell of Worthington (front row, left), takes a break in its busy schedule as it awaits the arrival of the professional cast of Otterbein Alums appearing this summer.

Otterbein opens theatre season

A romantic comedy will open Otterbein Summer Theatre's 20th anniversary season Tuesday in the air-conditioned Campus Center Arena Theatre—Eugene O'Neill's "Ah! Wilderness," a tender treatise on the sweetness of everyday life.

The season opener will enjoy a six-day run, with evening performances through June 28 at 8:30 p.m., and a June 29 matinee set for 2:30 p.m.

The play, claimed by many to be autobiographical, focuses on the central character of Richard Miller, a dreamy, romantic 16-year-old boy in his parents' home.

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'Ah, Wilderness' opens Otterbein's 20th summer

Eugene O'Neill's *Ah, Wilderness*, a romantic comedy, will open Otterbein Summer Theatre's 20th anniversary season Tuesday at Campus Center Arena Theatre.

A treatise on the sweetness of everyday life, the play will run six days, with 8:30

p.m. performances through June 28 and a 2:30 p.m. matinee on June 29.

The play, said to be largely autobiographical, focuses on the central character of Richard Miller, played by Steve Geyer, a dreamy, romantic 16-year-old boy. The

restless high school youth keeps his mother (Catherine Randazzo) and newspaper publisher father (Michael Hartman) on edge as he tries to cope with his impending manhood.

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Otterbein Summer Theater program, will direct the production. Fred Thayer, Otterbein's scenic designer, has created the turn-of-the-century set of a Connecticut home, and Petie Dodrill, frequent Otterbein guest designer and director, assembled the 1906-style clothing.

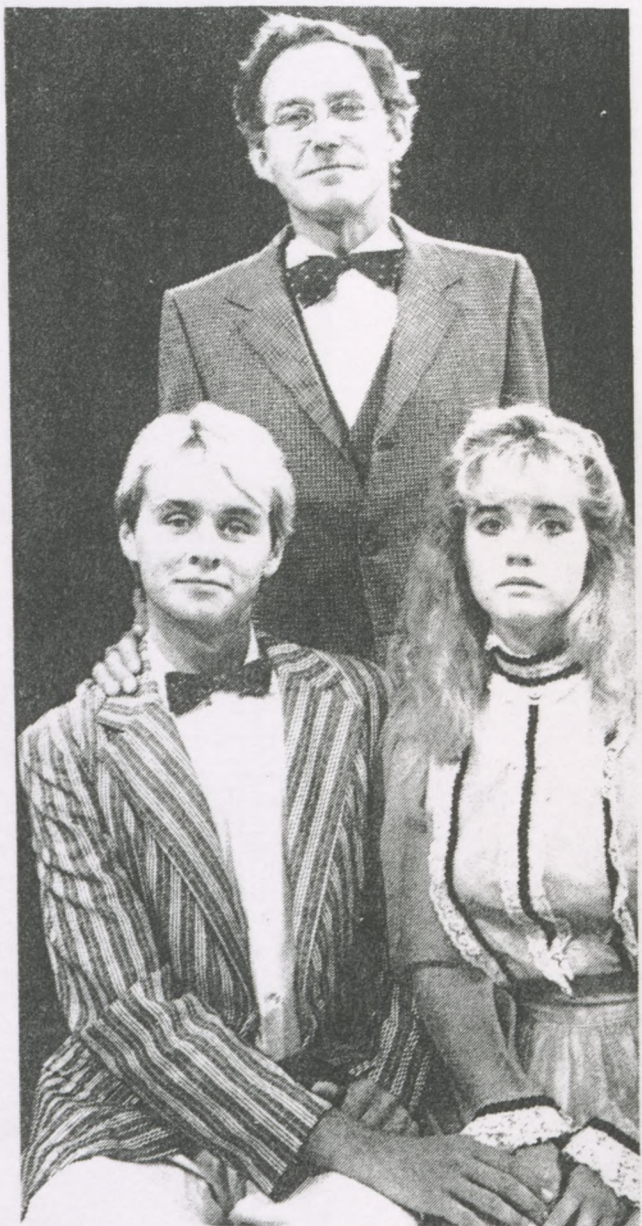


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Equity guest professional actor Michael Hartman [at right] shares a private moment with son Richard [Steve Geyer, left], a restless teenager poised precariously on the brink of manhood in Eugene O'Neill's nostalgic "Ah! Wilderness," which opens Otterbein Summer Theatre's 20th anniversary season June 24. The romantic comedy will enjoy a six-day run in the air-conditioned Campus Center Arena Theatre, with evening performances at 8:30 p.m. Tues. through Sat., June 24-28, and a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sun., June 29. For tickets, call the Campus Center box office [890-3028] Monday through Saturday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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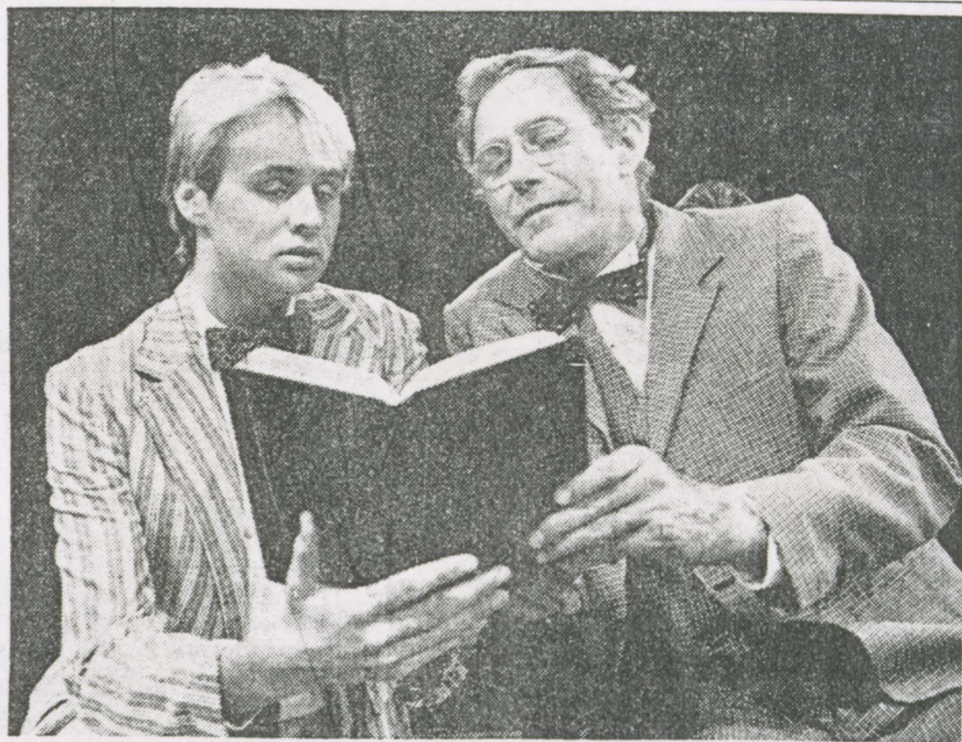


20th summer opener

Equity guest professional actor Michael Hartman (standing) is the exasperated father of restless 16-year-old Richard, Steve Geyer, front left, who is somewhat distracted by Muriel, Lori Schubeler, in Eugene O'Neill's romantic comedy, "Ah! Wilderness." The first play of Otterbein's 20th consecutive season of summer theatre opens in the Otterbein Campus Center Arena Theatre, with performances at 8:30 p.m. June 24-28, and a 2:30 p.m. matinee June 29. Tickets are available at the Campus Center box office, Monday through Saturday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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Ah, *Wilderness*, a romantic comedy by Eugene O'Neill, opens Otterbein Summer Theater's 20th summer season. Steve Geyer, left, and Michael Hartman play father and son. See the theater listing for details.

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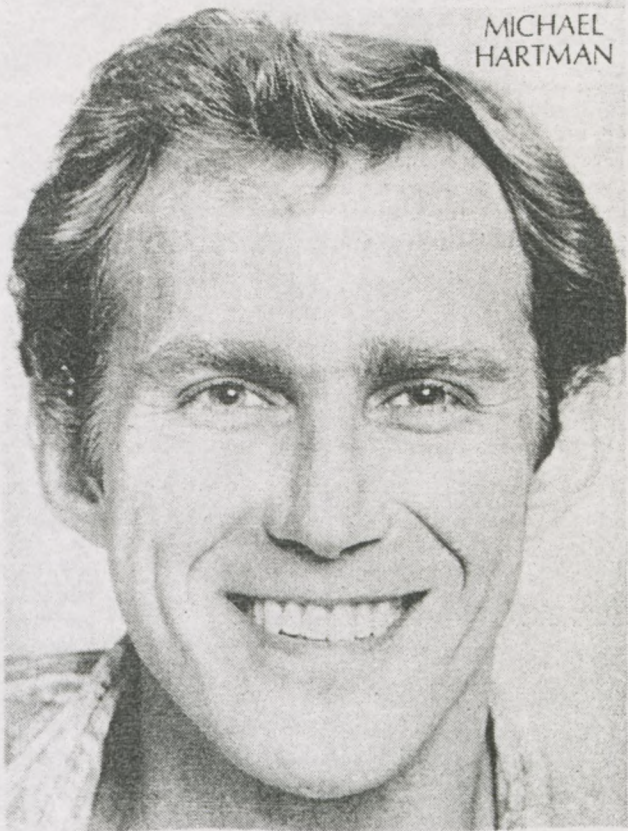


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Actor Michael Hartman is the guest artist in the Otterbein Summer Theatre production of *Ah! Wilderness*. See theater listings.

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In 'Ah! Wilderness'

Actors Equity professional Michael Hartman, a 1970 Otterbein College graduate, is the first theatre alumnus returning as a guest artist in the 20th anniversary season of the Otterbein Summer Theatre, June 24-Aug. 3. Hartman plays a newspaper publisher, coping with a restless 16-year-old son on the brink of manhood in Eugene O'Neill's romantic comedy, "Ah! Wilderness," Tuesday, June 28, at 8:30 p.m. and June 29 at 2:30 p.m., in the Campus Center Arena. Tickets are available in The Campus Center box office, 12:30-4:30 p.m.