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389 Otterbein opens its 30th summer theatre season

Otterbein Summer Theatre opens its 30th season with the British comedy "Educating Rita."

This two-person play opens with Rita, a woman of enormous vitality, going to college to find what is missing from her life of work as a hairdresser and marriage to a demanding, uncompromising husband. Her quest for an education lands her at the office of Frank, a world weary English professor and failed poet who is on a ruinous course of heavy drinking.

"Educating Rita" will be presented June 19-23 and 26-30 in the Campus Center Theatre, located at 100 W. Home St.

The opening night performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. All other performance are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for Sunday matinees and opening night; \$12 for Thursday and \$14 for Friday and Saturday.

Therest of the summer season includes:

•"The World Goes 'Round," a musical revue, will be performed in the newly air conditioned Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., July 5-13. In "The World Goes 'Round," American songwriters John Kander and Fred Ebb present music from their Broadway and television careers, spotlighting songs from "Cabaret," "Funny Lady," "Chicago," "The Happy Time," "Woman of the Year," "The Red Menace" and their latest musical, "Kiss of the Spider Woman."

•The classic farce "Charley's Aunt" returns to the Otterbein stage July 17-28 in the Campus Center Theatre. This marks Otterbein Summer Theatre's third staging of this world-famous farce which features an Oxford undergrad impersonating a wealthy old frump from Brazil in order to provide a necessary chaperone for some visiting young ladies.

One complication follows on another, each more laughable than the one before.

•The Agatha Christie mystery "Black Coffee" will be presented July 31-Aug. 11 in the Campus Center Theatre. "Black Coffee" is a little-known mystery written in 1934 that concerns a physicist named Sir Claude Amory, who has created a formula for an atom bomb. In the first act, Sir Claude is poisoned and Christie's famed detective Hercule Poirot is

In addition, Dee Hoty, along with her accompanist and partner Sieve Ludvak, will give a special benefit performance on July 8. They will reprise their cabaret act which they recently performed at New York's prestigious Rainbow Room nightclub. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Otterbein Summer Theatre.

For ticket prices and reservation information, call the Otterbein Summer Theatre box office at 823-1109. The box office will be open 14:30 p.m. weekdays beginning Tuesday.

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THIS WEEK IN THE ARTS



Otterbein Summer Theatre will present Willy Russell's *Educating Rita* — a two-character romantic comedy starring Marianne Timmons and guest Equity actor Ed Vaughan — at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. next Sunday — and through June 30 — in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. Tickets cost \$10-\$14; call 823-1109.

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THURSDAY 20

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

Educating Rita—Willy Russell's play about a young college student's romance with a professor, presented by Otterbein Summer Theatre, 8 pm, Otterbein College, Campus Center Theatre, 100 W Home St. Tickets \$12. Thru 6/30. 823-1109.

Gatherings at the Continent—After-work party with music by **X-Ray Specs** (rock covers), 6-9:30 pm, The Continent, Grande Plaza. Free (food and drink proceeds benefit Central Ohio Breathing Association). 846-0418.

Gods at the 'Box—Cabaret-style theater featuring David Paterson's *The Gate*, about a yuppie trying to get into heaven, and Jacqueline Reingold's *Creative Development*, about a goddess masquerading as a struggling playwright, plus food and music, and comedy skits, 8 pm, Shadowbox Cabaret, 232 E Spring St. Tickets \$12, students/seniors \$6. Thru 6/29. 224-3374.

The Gondoliers—Gilbert & Sullivan's musical, presented by Columbus Light Opera, 8 pm, Jewish Community Center, Roth/Resler Theatre, 1125 College Ave. Tickets \$18-\$22. Thru 6/23. 461-0022 or 431-3600.

Music in the Air Concert—Prairie Orchid with **Sarah Goslee Reed** and **Lisa Hill** (folk) performing family concert, 11:30 am, Whetstone Park. Free. 645-7995.

Music in the Park Concert—Arnett Howard's Creole Funk Band, 7:30 pm, Upper Arlington Municipal Center Plaza, 3600 Tremont Rd. Free. 457-6620.

Organ Recital—Clint Kraus performing works by Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn and others, 7:30 pm, St Joseph Cathedral, 212 E Broad St. Freewill offering. 241-2526.

Passion Fish—John Sayles's 1992 drama about a woman paralyzed in an accident, starring Mary McDonnell and Alfre Woodard, presented by OSU Department of Photography/Cinema Alumni Society, 7 pm, Columbus Museum of Art, 480 E Broad St. Free. 221-6801.

Poetry in the Park—Literary reading featuring **MJ Abell**, **Elizabeth Ann James** and **Terri Borchers**, 7:30 pm, Whetstone Park of Roses Gazebo (rain site: Shelterhouse). Free. 645-7995. Also, Writers' Bloc writers' group holding informal pre-reading picnic and discussion, 6-7:30 pm (free).

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A Premiere Playhouse, NewMarket mall, I-270 and Sawmill Road — Family Theatre Series: *Snow White*, tonight-Saturday, June 27-29, 10, 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday; 1:30, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, \$4.50; 798-8537.

Actors' Theatre, 1000 City Park Ave. — *Romeo and Juliet*, 8 p.m. tonight-Saturday, June 26-29, \$5; 444-6888.

Little Theatre, Off Broadway, 3981 Broadway, Grove City — *Private Lives*, Friday-Sunday, June 28, 29, 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays, \$7, \$5 students and senior citizens; 875-3919.

Mystery Cafe Dinner Theatre, Jai Lai Prime Rib, 1421 Olentangy River Rd. — *Let's Kill the Boss*, show and dinner, 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays through September; \$29.95; 523-9347.

Otterbein College, Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville — *Educating Rita*, 8 tonight-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. June 26-29, 2 p.m. June 30, \$10-\$14; 823-1109.

Red Herring Productions — *Queen of Satin*, 8 tonight-Saturday, June 27, 28; Riffe Center, Studio II Theatre, 77 S. High St., \$15,

\$10 senior citizens, students; 291-8252.

Rosebriar Shakespeare Company — *The Crucible*, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, \$8.50, \$7 senior citizens and students; Davis Discovery Center, 549 Franklin Ave., 268-7986.

Saunders Productions — *Joey & Maria's Comedy Wedding*, 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, doors open at 6:45 p.m., \$33.95-\$35.95; Armando's, Comfort Inn, Rt. 161 and I-71; 523-8992.

Shadowbox Cabaret, 232 E. Spring St. — *Gods at the Box*, 8 tonight-Saturday, June 27, 28, 7 and 11 p.m. June 29, \$12, \$6 students and senior citizens; 341-7448.

Silver Phoenix Theatre Company — *The Solid Gold Cadillac*, 8 tonight-Saturday, June 27-29, \$6, \$4 senior citizens and students; 369-5554.

Weathervane Playhouse, 100 Price Rd., Newark — *Annie*, 8 p.m. tonight-Saturday, \$10/\$15; reservations, 366-4616.

Westerville Curtain Players, 5691 Harlem Rd. — *Old King Cole*, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$7, \$5 senior citizens, students, \$3 children younger than 12; 885-7000.

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A Premiere Playhouse, NewMarket Mall, I-270 and Sawmill Road — Family Theatre Series: *Rapunzel/Red Riding Hood*, Friday, Saturday, July 11-13; 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays; 1:30, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; \$4.50; 798-8537.

Imaginating Dramatics Company — *Celebrate Kids!*, 2 today, Incredible Universe, 3599 Park Mill Dr., Hilliard, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Upper Arlington Municipal Services, 3600 Tremont Rd.; *Robin Hood*, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Grandview Public Library, 1st Avenue; 486-8301 or 486-0594.

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Weathervane Playhouse, 100 Price Rd., Newark — *Love, Sex and the IRS*, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, \$9-\$14; 366-4616.

TODAY ON THE TOWN

Educating Rita, Otterbein Summer Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. Tickets: \$10-\$14. Call 823-1109.

Follow the Fleet, Summer Movie Series, 1 and 7:30 p.m., Ohio Theatre, 39 E. State St. Tickets: \$3, or \$2.50 for senior citizens, at CAPA box offices (469-0939).

The Gondoliers, Columbus Light Opera, 8 p.m., Leo Yassenoff Jewish Community Center's Roth-Resler Theatre, 1125 College Ave. Tickets: \$16-\$22. Call 461-0022.

Romeo and Juliet, Actors' Theatre, 8 p.m., Schiller Park amphitheater, German Village. Free. Call 444-6888.

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