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GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### AGATHA CHRISTIE'S LONGEST-RUNNING PLAY OPENS OTTERBEIN SUMMER THEATRE SEASON

Otterbein Summer Theatre will open its season with the thrilling whodunit *The Mousetrap* June 25 through July 12. This Agatha Christie mystery celebrated its 40th anniversary last year and is the longest running play or musical in theatrical history.

It premiered in London in 1952 and has been performed in 41 countries. It is estimated that in London alone, four million people have seen it. Qualifying as a local landmark and a visitor "must see" in its own right, *The Mousetrap* has become a mecca for tourists and ranks as one of the sights of London on par with the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey.

The setting for *The Mousetrap* is a country guest house, Monkswell Manor, snowed in by a blizzard just after its oddly-assorted guests have arrived.

All the guests, who turn out to have an unusual amount of secrets and strange manners, seem to have a possible connection with a gruesome London murder, news of which has been coming in over the radio. Even the young couple who are launching their newly-inherited house as an inn do not escape suspicion.

When a police detective arrives over the snow on skis, it appears that someone in the house is the escaped murderer and that he (or she!) has come to seek further revenge for a long ago injustice by killing two others in the group. But who is the murderer and who are the intended victims?

As the snow piles up around the isolated guest house in *The Mousetrap* the false clues drift across the stage leading audience members to their own conclusions. Replete with sudden black-outs, shrieks in the dark, brandished weapons and puzzling clues that point suspicion at everyone gathered at the inn.



Doreen Dunn will be the guest director for this production. In past summer seasons, Dunn has directed *Nunsense* and *Nunsense II*. In 1997, she also directed *Noises Off* at Otterbein.

*The Mousetrap* will be performed June 25-28 and July 1-2, 5, and 8-12. Due to the holiday, there were be no performances on July 3 or 4.

The opening night performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and all other evening performances are at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. but on the final day of the run, Sunday, July 12, there will be performances at both 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All performances will be in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St. Tickets are \$14 for Sunday and Wednesday performances, \$15 for Thursday and Friday nights and \$16 for Saturday and opening nights.

To reserve tickets, call the box office at 823-1109. Box office hours are 12 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 to 2 p.m. on Sunday. These hours begin June 15. The box office will be closed July 4.





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Dates, times and location of performances are as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, June 25	7:30 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Friday, June 26	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Saturday, June 27	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Sunday, June 28	2:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Wednesday, July 1	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Thursday, July 2	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Sunday, July 5	2:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Wednesday, July 8	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Thursday, July 9	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Friday, July 10	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Saturday, July 11	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Sunday, July 12	2:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.
Sunday, July 12	7:30 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.





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*The Mousetrap*

Directed by Doreen Dunn

## Cast List

Mollie Ralston .....	Amber Mellott
Giles Ralston .....	Jared Jensen
Christopher Wren .....	Jesse Wilson
Mrs. Boyle .....	Meg Morman
Major Metcalf .....	Brent Tomer
Miss Casewell .....	Kelly Reeves
Mr. Paravicni .....	Josh Gilliam
Detective Trotter .....	Randy Goetz