

# Otterbein Theatre, music students to present 'Fiddler'

"Fiddler on the Roof" will be presented by the Otterbein College Theatre and Department of Music May 3-6 in Cowan Hall.

Performances are set for 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There will be a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Based on a series of short stories by Sholom Aleichem, "Fiddler on the Roof" tells of an impoverished milkman named Tevye, his sharp-tongued but devoted wife, Golde, and their five daughters, all of whom lack dowries.

"It's a colorful story with

magnetic appeal for people of all faiths and backgrounds," said Dr. Charles Dodrill, chairman of Otterbein's Department of Theatre and Dance, who will direct the production. "Fiddler on the Roof" was last performed at Otterbein in 1972 with Dr. Dodrill as director.

The story takes place in the village of Anatevka during the days of Czarist repression. Tevye carries on a dialogue with God, bemoaning the harshness of daily life and the disappearance of the old traditions. His daughters spurn the efforts of the local matchmaker, and instead choose their own mates, ones deemed unsuitable by Tevye. Czarist forces are menacing the village, forcing an exo-

mus to the unknown land of America. None of this dampens the hopefulness of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick collaborated on the musical score for Joseph Stein's libretto. Among the 16 songs are "Tradition," "If I Were A Rich Man," "Sunrise, Sunset," and "Wedding Dance."

"Fiddler on the Roof" has enjoyed huge success throughout the world and has been performed in 60 countries. During its 1964 premiere season, it won the New York Drama Critics Award as best musical and received nine Tony Awards.

Musical director of "Fiddler" will be Dr. Lyle Barkhymer, associate professor of music; Craig Johnson, director of choral activities, will serve as vocal director. Joanne VanSant, Otterbein's vice-president for student affairs and dean of stu-

dents, will handle the choreography.

Guest professional Terry Espenschild, a 1976 graduate of Otterbein, will serve as production designer. A resident of Arlington, Va., he has worked as a technician with the Washington Ballet Company, the Arena Stage in Washington, Wolftrap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, Sabina Barn Theatre in Sabina, O., and the Country Dinner Playhouse in Reynoldsburg.

A large cast of Otterbein students and four area children will perform in the Otterbein production. Key roles will include Craig Icsman as Tevye, Tracy Jones as Golde, and David DeCooman as the Fiddler.

Tevye's marriageable daughters Tzeitel, Hodel, and Chava, will be played by Gina Grogg, Sherri Pudrbaugh, and Maria Magisano. Among their suitors are Motel, played by Jeff Kin,

Perchik, played by Tim Gregory, and Lazar Wolf, played by Todd Rupp.

Yente, the unappreciated matchmaker, will be played by Catherine Randazzo. The four children appearing in the production are Tirzah Wise, Rachel Fuller, Christopher Kazor, and Todd Farrell.

Other roles will be played by David Caldwell, John Fisher, Steve Salyer, Don Ervin, Michael Slane, Laura Stitt, Joanna Fabian, Gary Scott, Todd Reagan, Georgine Francesangeli, Giovanni Moscardino, and Mike Shoaf.

Also appearing are Jerry Comer, Jeff Offenberger, Obie Roush, Craig Summers, Roy Woods, Deb Barber, Linda Cole, Allison Dixon, Nancy Fox, Jen Fry, Diane Idapence, Mary Kuroff, Melanie Scott, Nadine Sheridan, and Robin Stafford.

Tickets to "Fiddler on the Roof" are available at the Cowan Hall box office from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and for one hour preceding the performance at the door.

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## Dinner and theatre



# Fiddler on the Roof, May 3-4-5-6



Dee Hoty and David Mack had the leading roles in the 1972 Otterbein College Theatre production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

*Fiddler on the Roof* is a warm and wonderful musical comedy with universal appeal.

The richly-comic and touching story of Russian Jewish peasant life at the turn of the century will be presented by the Otterbein College Theatre, and the Department of Music, May 3-6, in Cowan Hall.

Based on a series of short stories by the beloved Yiddish author Sholom Aleichem, *Fiddler on the Roof* tells the story of an impoverished milkman Tevye, his sharp-tongued but devoted wife Golde and their five marriageable daughters, all of whom lack dowries.

"It's a colorful story with magnetic appeal for people of all faiths and backgrounds," said Dr. Charles Dodrill, chairman of Otterbein's Department of Theatre and Dance, who will direct the production.

The story takes place in the quaint village or "shtetl" of Anatevka during the days of Czarist repression. Tevye carries on a good-natured, running dialogue with God, bemoaning the harshness of daily life and the disappearance of the old traditions. His daughters spurn the efforts of the local matchmaker and instead choose their own mates, ones deemed unsuitable by Tevye. Czarist forces are menacing the village forcing an exodus to the unknown land of America. Yet, it is a story filled with hope.

Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick have fashioned a musical score for Joseph Stein's libretto that is an enchanting and integral part of the plays' total fabric. Among the 16 memorable songs are "Tradition," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Do You Love Me," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," the haunting "Sunrise, Sunset" and "Wedding Dance," a 20-minute long combination of mimicry, speech, song and

wild dancing.

*Fiddler on the Roof* has enjoyed huge success throughout the world and has been performed in 60 countries. During its 1964 premiere season, it won the New York Drama Critics Award as best musical as well as nine Tony Awards. It played for a record-breaking 3,242 performances on Broadway and has been surpassed only by *Grease* and *A Chorus Line* as Broadway's longest-running production.

Musical director for *Fiddler on the Roof* will be Lyle Barkhymer, associate professor of music, and vocal director will be Craig Johnson, director of choral activities. Joanne VanSant, Otterbein's vice-president for student affairs and dean of students, will do the choreography. Guest professional Terry Espenscheid, a 1976 Otterbein graduate, will serve as production designer.

# 'Fiddler' cast showcases 40

Dr. Charles Dodrill, chairman of the Department of Theatre and Dance has announced the casting for the Otterbein production of "Fiddler on the Roof." The cast for the production to be staged in May is as follows:

*Tevye, The Dairyman* - Craig Icsman; *Golde, His Wife* - Tracy Jones; *Tzeitel* - Gina Grogg; *Hodel (His Daughter)* - Sheri Puderbaugh; *Chava (His Daughter)* - Maria Magisano; *Yete, The Matchmaker* - Catherine Randazzo; *Motel, The Tailor* - Jeff Kin; *Perchik, The Student* - Tim Gregory; *Lazar Wolf, The Butcher* - Todd Rupp; *Mordcha, The Innkeeper* - David Caldwell; *Rabbi* - John Fisher; *Mendel, His Son* - Steve Salyer; *Avrahm, The Bookseller* - Don Ervin; *Nachum, The Beggar* - Michael Slane; *Grandma Tzeitel* - Laura Stitt; *Fruma-Sarah* - Joanna Fabian; *Constable* - Gary Scott; *Fyedka* - Todd Reagan; *Shaindel, Motel's Mother* - Georgine Francescangeli; *The Fiddler* - David DeCooman; *Russian #1, #2* - To Announced; *Bottle Dancers* - I DeCooman, Giovanni Moscardin, Mike Shoaf; *Villagers/Singer Dancers* - Jerry Comer, Jeff Offenberg, Obie Roush, Craig Summers, Roy Woods, Deb Barger, Linda Cole, Allison Dixon, Joanna Fabian, Nancy Fox, Jen Fry, Diane Idapence, Mary Kuroff, Melanie Scott, Nadine Sheridan, Robin Stafford, Laura Stitt.

# Dinner and theatre outing is planned

Otterbein College alumni, parents, and friends are being invited to join the college's alumni association for an evening of dinner and theatre on Friday, May 4.

An Italian buffet dinner will be served at the Monte Carlo Ristorante at 6 p.m. Following the dinner, the group will see "Fiddler on the Roof" a co-production by

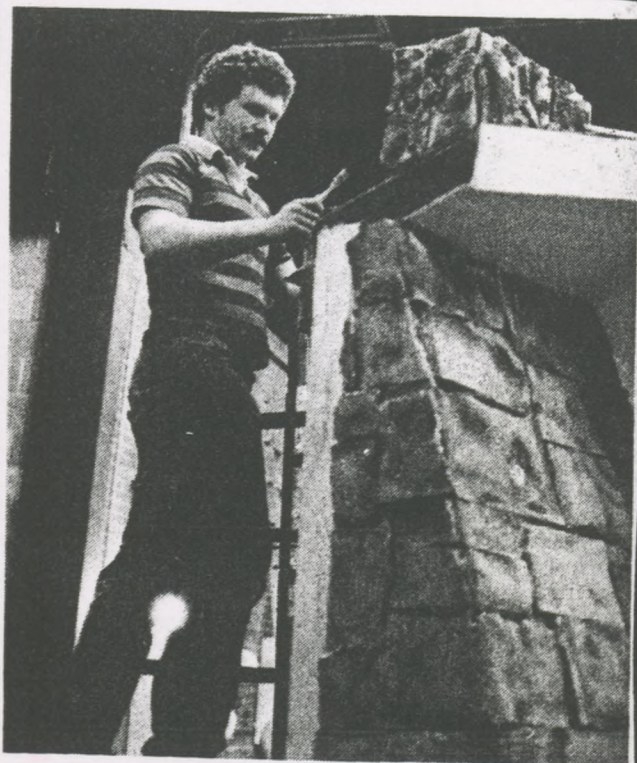
Otterbein's College Theatre and the departments of music and theatre and dance, at 8:15 p.m. in Cowan Hall.

More information may be obtained or reservations made, by calling Eileen Thome at Howard House on the Otterbein campus before May 1.





Craig Icsman as Tevye the Milkman dreams with his daughters, played by Sherri Puderbaugh (left) and Gina Grogg, in the Otterbein College Theatre and Department of Music production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. The musical is set for May 3-6 at Cowan Hall on the Otterbein campus in Westerville. Performance times are 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are available at the Cowan Hall box office, 890-3028 from 1-4:30 p.m. weekdays.



Michael Blankenship applies green paint to the chimney of Tevya's house for this weekend's presentation of "Fiddler On The Roof" at Otterbein.



Nadine Sheridan puts the finishing touches on the tailor shop set, one of six for "Fiddler On the Roof."





## Fiddler on the Roof

Tevye the Milkman (Craig Icsman) philosophizes in song, as the Fiddler (David DeCooman) accompanies him in the Otterbein College Theatre production of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof." The production, co-sponsored by Otterbein's Department of Music, is being presented at 8:15 p.m. today and tomorrow and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Cowan Hall on the Otterbein campus.