

'Streetcar' hits the stage

By Tracey Young

"I loved it," said freshman Melanie Holliday. "I've been really excited to see it."

She is talking about "A Streetcar Named Desire," the first production of the year for the Otterbein Theatre Department. Directed by Dr. Donald W. Seay, it opened last night in the Campus Center Theatre.

Set in 1947 in the French Quarter of New Orleans, the play centers around Blanche DuBois, played by junior Ginger Lee McDermott, her sister Stella, played by senior Carolyn Valentine, and her brother-in-law Stanley, played by junior

Bill Dawson Timmins III. Blanche comes to her sister's to stay after losing the family plantation. Her inability to let go of the past is the cause of much conflict throughout the rest of the play.

The audience reacted positively to the opening night production. Freshman Kelly Pritchard said, "I love it. They're doing very well for their first performance."

"A Streetcar Named Desire" was written by Tennessee Williams and won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1948.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" will run through October 21 in the Campus Center. Tickets are free to students with a valid i.d. and can be obtained in the Cowan Hall box office.



Bill Dawson Timmins, III and Carolyn Valentine perform in 'Streetcar.'
Photo by Becky Cummings

Local student appears in college's first production

Bill Timmins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Timmins, Jr., 1101 Smoke Burr Dr., will appear as Stanley in Otterbein College's first theatre production of the 1990-91 season, "A Streetcar Named Desire."

Tennessee William's internationally famous drama will be presented in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., on Oct. 3-7, 10-14 and 17-21.

"Streetcar . . ." is the story of Blanche DeBois, a gently reared woman who is the product of decaying southern aristocracy. Following the sordid ending to her marriage, she comes to New Orleans to live with her sister Stella and Stella's brutish husband, Stanley.

Blanche clings to illusions of refinement and tries to induce Mitch, one of Stanley's friends, to marry her until her unsavory past is revealed and she des-

cends into a world of alcohol and madness.

Timmins, a 1987 graduate of Westerville North High School, is a junior at Otterbein majoring in theatre performance. His last season's credits include appearing in "A Fool for Love," "Present Laughter"

and "She Stoops to Conquer."

The opening night performance will be at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call the box office at 898-1109 from 1 to 4:30 weekdays.

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Otterbein theatre opens with 'Streetcar'

Otterbein College Theatre Department opened the 1990-91 season with Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize winning drama "A Streetcar Named Desire."

"Streetcar" is the poignant story of aging Southern belle Blanche DuBois, her conflict with her sister Stella's brutish husband Stanley and ensuing decline into madness and self-delusion.

Keith Berkes plays Mitch, a friend of Stanley and would-be-suitor for Blanche, played by Ginger McDermott.

Theatre Chairman and Artistic Director Donald W. Seay makes his debut as a director at Otterbein with this play.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" will be performed Oct. 10-14 and 17-21 in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. and all other performances begin at 8 p.m.



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Mitch (Keith Berkes) courts Blanche (Ginger McDermott) on one of their dates.

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★ Westerville This Week Oct 4, 1990

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"A Streetcar Named Desire," Tennessee William's internationally acclaimed drama, will be presented in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., from Oct 3-7, 10-14 and 17-21.

"Streetcar..." is the story of Blanche Debois, a gently-reared woman who is the product of the decaying southern aristocracy. Following the sordid ending to her marriage, she comes to New Orleans to live with her sister Stella and Stella's brutish husband, Stanley. Blanche clings to illusions of refinement and tries to induce Mitch, one of Stanley's friends, to marry her until her unsavory past is revealed and she descends into a world of alcohol, madness and self-delusion.

Dr. Donald Seay, chairman of the Department of Theatre and Dance, will direct the production. Opening night will be at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees will be at 2 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call the box office at 898-1109 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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CURTAIN CALLS

Here is a guide to central Ohio theater shows, based on recent Dispatch reviews. For performance times and dates, see theater listings.

Driving Miss Daisy — Until Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama drove into the Riffe Center's intimate Studio I Theatre, central Ohio had not seen the stage version as it *ought* to be seen: live and close up. This expertly cast production is touching and amusing. Director Luke Yankee makes us feel the warmth, humor and humanity of this semi-autobiographical comedy-drama. Although this well-paced one-act spans 25 years in 90 minutes, its gentle vignettes allow time to savor the slowly developing friendship between Frances Helms' crusty Southern Jewish widow and her proud black chauffeur. Lawrence James' admirable Hoke has endless patience and an unflappable dignity. Players Theatre Columbus. (Reviewed by Michael Grossberg.)



Lawrence James as Hoke in *Driving Miss Daisy*

A Streetcar Named Desire — Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about a fading Southern belle is drenched in poetry and passion, sensitivity and spirituality. Otterbein's young and talented cast tries hard, but lacks the maturity to scale Williams' achingly beautiful heights. Part of the problem is director Don Seay's casting-against-type in the major women's roles. Ginger Lee McDermott plays Blanche DuBois as if she were closer to Grace Kelly than Vivian Leigh. Carolyn Valentine's Stella seemed more child than woman. Not until the third act did sparks ignite. Otterbein College Theatre. (M.G.)

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**A STREETCAR
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Birthday wishes

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Ginger McDermott as Blanche and Bill D. Timmons III as Stanley in Otterbein College's *A Streetcar*

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