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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**OTTERBEIN SUMMER THEATRE PRESENTS  
*THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE***

Westerville, OH—Otterbein Summer Theatre continues its season with *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 15; 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 18 and 25 and Friday, July 23; and 8 p.m. on July 16-17, July 21-24 and July 29-31 at the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. Tickets cost \$25. Call 614-823-1109 or visit [www.otterbein.edu/theatre](http://www.otterbein.edu/theatre).

Where else could six young people struggling with puberty stand out and fit in at the same time? *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, of course. This momentous spelling championship pits the quirkiest collection of heroes against one another in the unlikeliest of hit musicals. In this charming challenge, the contestants learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* asks real audience members with a good sense of humor and a taste for competition to join the spelling bee! Front-of-house personnel will interview prospective contestants in the lobby prior to the start of the show. Those interested in participating should inquire at the box office. A short spelling test will be given prior to the final selection of participants. Those selected will be called to the stage by the actors at the appropriate time. Prospective contestants can brush up on their spelling accuracy by brushing up on obscure words like:

**CRAPAUD** – an edible bullfrog from south or central America. (Sample sentence: Despite the absence of any actual frog meat, Mary's lasagna tasted like crapaud.)

**DYSTOPIA** – a place or state where things are as bad as it gets. (Sample sentence: Whenever Jack gets depressed about living in a dystopia, he calls his brother in Detroit.)

**SERMUNCKLE** – a short sermon by a priest. (Sample sentence: There is no such thing as a sermunckle.)

**THALPOSIS** – sensation of warmth. (Sample sentence: After feeling another wave of thalposis, Tommy realized he was in the kiddie pool.)



Individual tickets for *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* cost \$25 each. Half Price Student Rush tickets are available one hour prior to performances with a valid school ID. The opening night performance on Thursday, July 15, begins at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by a reception. Matinees on July 18, 23 and 25 begin at 2 p.m. Friday, July 23, features two performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m.

The box office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and one hour prior to performances. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 823-1109. The Otterbein Summer Theatre Box Office is located in the lower level of the Campus Center, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. For more information, visit [www.otterbein.edu/theatre](http://www.otterbein.edu/theatre).

DETAILS:

*The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Book by: Rachel Sheinkin

Music & Lyrics by: William Finn

Runs July 15-18, July 21-25, & July 29-31

Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director: David Caldwell

Music Director: Dennis Davenport

Choreographer: Stella Hiatt Kane

Scenic Designer: Rob Johnson

Costume Designer: Marci Hain

Lighting Designer: Andy Baker

Sound Designer: James McSweeney

CAST LIST

Vice Principal Panch..... Eric Folks  
Leaf Coneybear..... Scott Drayer  
Chip..... Dolan Bloom  
William Barfee..... Evan Zimmerman  
Mitch..... Drew Cotton  
Marcy Park..... Alisa Sugita  
Olive Ostrovski..... Tina Scariano  
Logainne..... Amanda Huxtable  
Rona Lisa Perretti..... Caitlin Scott



PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Thursday, July 15\*\* 7:30 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
*\*\*Opening Night: Reception following performance*  
Friday, July 16 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Saturday, July 17 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Sunday, July 18 2:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Wednesday, July 21 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Thursday, July 22 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Friday, July 23 2:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Friday, July 23 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Saturday, July 24 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Sunday, July 25 2:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Thursday, July 29 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Friday, July 30 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville  
Saturday, July 31 8:00 p.m. Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville

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