

Otterbein trio to head 'Christmas Carol'

Robert Kokai as Ebenezer Scrooge, Jim Harlow as Bob Cratchet, and Melissa Carey as Mrs. Cratchet head a cast of 27 Otterbein College Theater students in their production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

The dramatic version of Dickens' classic novel will open Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. then continue with performances Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. The same performance schedule will be followed Nov. 17 through 19. All performances will be in the Campus Center Arena Theater.

Kokai will be remembered for numerous Otterbein College Theater performances, including the title role in "Tartuffe," "Chief Bromden" in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and Judge Brack in the recent "Hedda Gabler." Miss Carey, a Worthington High School graduate, has appeared in numerous Otterbein roles, including as Juliana Tesman in "Hedda Gabler." Harlow, an Otterbein freshman from Springfield, will be in his first major role at the college.

Others in the cast include Sharon Blair as Mrs. Dickens, John Ebner as

Dickens, David Witt as Fred, Linda Finnell as the Salvation Army lady, Tony Dinovo as the Beggar and Christmas Future, Jami Flora as Simon, Dick Buckley as Marley, Toby Uchtman as Christmas Past, Ken Emerick as Christmas Present, Scott Clark as Young Ebenezer, Kelly Maurer as Belle, Rich Tegenhorst as Dick Williams, John Tener as Mr.

Fezziwig, and Cheryl Newcomb as Mrs. Fezziwig.

Other students in the cast are Sue Carter as Fezziwig's daughter, Cindy Prochaska as Fezziwig's daughter and Guest, Laurie Rudy as Martha Cratchet, Jeanine Howe as Mrs. Fred, Bruce Marvin as Topper, Tammy Sager as guest, Dan Pohl as the undertaker, David Marcia as Joe Beetter, Joy Bundy as the charwoman,

and Jeni Deffenbaugh as the laundress.

Five Westerville and area youngsters are included in the cast in children's roles. They are Corey Cook as Tiny Tim, Laura Voight as Fanny, David Voight as Ebenezer as a boy, Darrick Hayes as Peter Cratchet, and Becky Johnson as Belinda Cratchet.

Tickets are on sale for all productions of "A Christmas



PAIR ARE PERFORMERS IN 'CHRISTMAS CAROL'
Jim Harlow, left, joined by Robert Kokai

'Christmas Carol' planned by Children's Theater

Charles Dickens' immortal tale, "A Christmas Carol," presented in an expanded schedule and in the intimate atmosphere of the Campus Center Arena Theater, will be featured as Otterbein College Theater's Children's Theater production beginning Nov. 10.

The Campus Center Arena Theater, home of

Otterbein's Summer Theater, offers a seating capacity of 275 per performance and the closeness and intimacy to action that allows children of all ages to experience fully the great Christmas classic. And because of the limited seating, 10 performances on 2 successive weekends will be offered.

Opening at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10, the show continues with performances at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11, and at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 12. The same performance times will be observed the following weekend, Nov. 17-19.

The script which Otterbein will use in the production is what director Donald Paisley calls "the most theatrical" of all dramatic versions of the Dickens novel. It is the same version which the Guthrie Theater of

Minneapolis uses in its annual production.

Paisley is enthusiastic about the intimacy and closeness which the small arena setting will provide, as well as the three-dimensionality which he says will give children "more than a television quality."

The show will feature 27 Otterbein College Theater actors and actresses, as well as five elementary and junior high school-age youngsters from the Westerville area.

The scenic designer for the production is Scott Dillon, an Otterbein junior majoring in theater. Costumes are being designed by Kathleen Lewicki of the Otterbein College Theater staff. Otterbein junior Nancy Day is creating original music and sound effects for the production.



Photo by Bill Stewart

'A Christmas Carol'

Jim Harlow is Bob Cratchet and Corey Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maury Cook, 49 Kennebec Pl. E., is Tiny Tim in the Otterbein Children's Theater production of "Christmas Carol" Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 11 at 10: a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 12, at 1:30 p.m. the Otterbein Campus Center Arena Theater. It will repr the same schedule Nov. 17-19.

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389 Characters Continuing At Otterbein

The penny-pinching Ebenezer Scrooge and the poverty stricken, virtuous Bob Cratchet continue their visit to Otterbein College with performances of *A Christmas Carol*.

The children's theater production will be presented at 1:30 p.m. today. It continues at 7:30 p.m. Friday; 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; with final performance at 1:30 p.m. next Sunday.

The Charles Dickens classic is staged

with children in the third to eighth grades in mind, director Donald L. Paisley said.

The play is being presented in the Campus Center Arena Theater. Tickets are

available at the theater on the days of shows.

Tickets may be obtained from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the Cowan Hall box office.

'Christmas Carol' keyed to youthful audience

While the Otterbein Children's Theater production of "A Christmas Carol" is written and being produced for a children's audience, it is intended primarily for youngsters in grades three through eight, according to Donald Paisley, the show's director.

"A Christmas Carol" will open Friday at 7:30 p.m., then continue Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The same schedule will be repeated Nov. 17-19. All performances are set for the Campus Center Arena Theater at Otterbein.

"'A Christmas Carol' is being presented as a truly entertaining theatrical experience," Paisley explains, "but somewhat older

audiences, like those from about the third grade on up, will get far more out of the great Christmas story and its lessons."

In addition to a cast of 27 Otterbein College Theater students and five elementary and junior high-aged youngsters, the production will rely on many light and sound effects for theatrical impact, according to Paisley. These effects will combine with the three-dimensionality of the arena staging to heighten the realism of the show.

Tickets are on sale weekdays from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Cowan Hall box office and at the Campus Center before show time on performance days.



LEADS REHEARSE FOR 'CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Jim Harlow, left, with Robert Kokai

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THE CRATCHETS ... Harlow and Melissa Carey are ... in the Otterbein production of A Christmas Carol. The show will be presented in the College's Campus Center Friday through next Sunday and Nov. 17-19.

27 In Roles Of 'Carol'

Twenty-seven Otterbein College theater students are cast in the children's theater production of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

The play will be staged in the arena of Campus Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. next Sunday.

The same schedule will be followed Nov. 17-19.

HEADING THE CAST WILL be Robert Kokai as Ebenezer Scrooge, Jim Harlow as Bob Cratchet and Melissa Carey as Mrs. Cratchet.

Others will be John Ebner and Sharon Blair as Mr. and Mrs. Dickens, David Witt as Fred, Linda Finnell as the Salvation Army lady, Tony Dinovo as the beggar and Christmas Future, Jami Flora as Simon.

They will be joined by Dick Buckley as Marley, Toby Uchtman as Christmas Past, Ken Emerick as Christmas Present, Scott Clark as young Ebenezer, Kelly Maurer as Belle, Rich Tegenhorst as Dick Williams and a guest, and John Tener and Cheryl Newcomb as Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig.

Also from Otterbein are Sue Carter and Cindy Prochaska as Fezziwig daughters, Laurie Rudy as Martha Cratchet, Jeanine Howe as Mrs. Fred, Bruce Marvin as Topper, Tammy Sager as a guest, Dan Pohl as the undertaker, David Marcia as Joe Beetter, Joy Bundy as the charwoman and Jeni Deffenbaugh as the laundress.

FIVE YOUNGSTERS from the Westerville area will appear in children's roles, led by Corey Cook as Tiny Tim. Others are Laura Voight as Fanny, David Voight as Ebenezer the boy, and Darrick Hayes and Becky Johnson as Peter and Belinda Cratchet.

Tickets for all performances may be obtained between 1 and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the Cowan Hall box office, and on performance days at Campus Center.

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Christmas Coming Early With Otterbein Staging

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Otterbein College Children's Theater will present Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in the arena of Campus Center.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10; at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11; and at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 12. They will follow the same schedule the following Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Otterbein production is using the same script as that used by the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, which Otterbein director Donald L. Paisley calls "the most theatrical" of all dramatic versions of the Dickens novel.

Paisley is also enthusiastic about the intimacy

afforded by the arena's small seating capacity — 275.

Paisley says the set will provide a three-dimensional quality that will give children "more than a television quality."

The cast will feature 27 actors and actresses of Otterbein College Theater, and in addition there will be five players of elementary and junior high school age from the Westerville area.

Scenic designer is Scott Dillon, a junior majoring in theater. Costume design is by Kathleen Lewicki of the theater staff. Nancy Day, a junior, is creating original music and sound effects.



ADVERSARIES — Cast as adversaries in the Otterbein Children's Theater production of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* are Jim Harlow,

left, as the industrious Bob Cratchet and Robert Kokai as stingy Ebenezer Scrooge.

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Kids' Stuff At Otterbein With Staging Of 'Carol'

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It's kids' stuff this weekend and next at Otterbein College.

The Otterbein Children's Theater production of *A Christmas Carol* was written and is being produced for children — primarily those in grades three through eight, director Donald L. Paisley says.

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Paisley said *A Christmas Carol* is being presented as an entertaining

theatrical experience. "But somewhat older audiences, like those from about the third grade up, will get far more out of the great Christmas story and its lesson," he said.

The cast includes 27 Otterbein students and five area youngsters. The production relies on light and sound effects for theatrical impact and combines with the three-dimensionality of arena staging to heighten realism.

Ticket information is available from 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays from the Cowan Hall box office and before shows at the theater.