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# Adult farce to be at Otterbein

An adventuresome young wife, a swashbuckling young lover, a suspicious older husband, and France's first divorce law all will combine to create an uproariously funny evening when Otterbein Summer Theater opens its fourth show of the season, "Let's Get a Divorce," next Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned arena theater of the Campus Center. The show continues its 8:30 p.m. curtain times July 20 through 22, and closes with a 2 p.m. matinee July 23.

Directed by Donald Paisley of the Otterbein College Theater staff, the 19th century French bedroom farce stars John A. Duval as Henry Des Prunelles, the husband of an aristocratic banker.

Duval, a 1962 Otterbein College graduate, has been director/producer of the Manatee Players in Bradenton, Fla., since 1972. Besides his directing work with Manatee Players, he has designed and supervised construction of all scenery during his tenure there.

Duval's acting credits include roles with the national touring company of "Zorba," and with the National Theater Company in "The Prince and the Pauper" and "Tom Sawyer." He has also toured overseas in the USO production of "The Boyfriend."

Other major roles have come in productions of "Sleuth," "The Pursuit of Happiness," "Madwoman of Chaillot," and "Look Homeward Angel."

He has directed more than 50 productions, including two original one-acts off Broadway. He will direct Otterbein Summer Theater's final production, "The House of Blue Leaves."

Karen Radcliffe will play the young wife Cyprienne in "Let's Get a Divorce." Her suitor, the swashbuckling bird-watcher Adhemar De Gratignan, will be played by Jeffrey Dill. Byron Hays will play Clavignac, Des Prunelles' confidant.

The riotous chain of events begin in the play when Des Prunelles sets a trap to catch De Gratignan in a compromising way with his wife. All of this comes on the eve of France's first divorce law, and when Des Prunelles has a change of heart and decides to hand his wife over, complications begin which lead to the ultimate questions, "Can husbands and wives be friends and lovers?"

Also appearing in the Otterbein Summer Theater production are Kent Blocher, David Butterfield, Mark Echorin, David Robinson, Lisa Jurham, Nancy Shelton, Anne Kanengeiser, Annbeth Eschbach, Tamyan Sager, and Richi Mahoney. Ticket for "Let's Get a Divorce" are available 12:30 - 9 p.m. weekdays from the Campus Center box office.

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## Comedy Ends Sunday

Otterbein Summer Theater's production of *Let's Get a Divorce* will receive closing performances at 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Campus Center at Otterbein College. Pictured as Henry Des Prunelles in the French farce is John A. Duval, professional guest star. Karen Radcliffe costars as his wife Cyprienne. Tickets are available at the Campus Center's box office.

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