

# 'Frontiers' premieres

Otterbein College Theatre will present the East Coast premiere of "Frontiers" in the Campus Center Arena Theatre, May 28-30 and June 3-6 at 8 p.m. and May 31 at 2 p.m.

Ionia Zalenka of Ohio State University will serve as guest director of the production.

The play premiered last summer to rave reviews at the Victory Theatre in Los Angeles.

The combined inspiration of four actresses—Valery Daemke, Doreen Dunn, Kathleen Gaffney, and Nancy Sellin—"Frontiers" is the poignant result of extensive research into diaries, recorded recollections and family histories of America's pioneer days.

A myriad of situations are covered during the fascinating stream of small, interconnecting portraits. Stories of heartbreak, hardship and the strain of survival are beautifully blended with masterful doses of humor, joy, courage and strength.

"Frontiers" women are seen enduring lengthy, often permanent, separation from their families and former ways of life.

Having been thrust into an expansive wilderness, they are challenged to cure illness by home remedies, make liveable homes from sod huts and shacks, endure merciless extremes in weather, adapt to lawlessness, live side-by-side with the

mysterious Indian culture, bury their dead and risk death themselves by giving birth.

Zalenka, who has been with OSU since '77, has a broad range of acting and directing experience in both professional and educational theatre. She has performed at one of the top regional theatres in the country, the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., as well as the Olney Theatre in Maryland and other professional theatres around the country.

Composers Mike McGannon and Bruce Armitage will perform their original music on banjo, slide guitar, and violin.

"Frontiers" are available at the Cowan Hall box office weekdays, 1-4:30 p.m.

## Choirs in concert

The Westerville South High School choirs will present the spring show, "Creating A New World" May 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Westerville Performing Arts Auditorium.

Soloists include Bill Davis, Brad McCormick, Ron Bacu, Scott Hall, Kati Tallmadge, Susan Warren, Ken Bethea, and Diana Otero.

A new song composed by Jim Whiting and Dave Denino "The Wind" will be sung by Michelle Hertel and Dave.

Another new composition "Psalm 100" J. J.

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# Theatre season tickets on sale at college

Otterbein College 1986-87 season theatre tickets are on sale.

The season includes: *Amadeus*, Oct. 16.; *Noises Off*, Feb. 5-8; *The Crucible*, March 12-15; *Carousel*, March 7-10; and *Frontiers*, May 28-31 and June 3-6.

The 1986-87 season also includes a musical version of Grimms' *Sleeping Beauty*, presented by Otterbein Children's Theatre, Nov. 21-23.

For more information call 898-1657.

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# Tipp City student in Otterbein play cast

Liana L. Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Peters, 425 Bowman Ave., Tipp City, will be appearing in the Otterbein College Theatre's production of "Frontiers," a play/picture-essay characterising the indomitable spirit of America's pioneer women.

Peters, a 1983 graduate of Tippecanoe High School, is a senior at Otterbein majoring in theatre. Her past experience included playing Abigail in "Crucible," Terry in "Extremeties," Babe in "Crimes of the Heart," Dot in "Ladyhouse Blues" and Sissy in "Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean."

Iona Zalenka of The Ohio State University will serve as guest director of the May 28-31 and June 3-6 production to be held in the college's Campus Center Arena Theatre.

The play premiered last summer at the Victory Theatre in Los Angeles. "Variety" called it "A masterwork...the souls of the pioneers have taken control of the stage to tell a curious world just how it was they lived and dreamed."

Tickets for "Frontiers" will go on sale beginning May 20 at the Cowan Hall Box Office, (614) 890-3028. Performances will be at 8 p.m. May 28, 29, 30 and June 3, 4, 5 and 6. A 2 p.m. Sunday matinee is slated for May 31.

## Otterbein theater to present play

Otterbein College Theater will close its 1986-87 winter season with the East Coast premiere of *Frontiers*, characterizing the spirit of America's pioneer women.

Ionia Zalenka of the Ohio State University will serve as guest conductor of the May 28-31 and June 3-6 production to be held in the

college Campus Center Arena Theatre.

Tickets for *Frontiers* go on sale today at the Cowan Hall box office, 890-3028. Performances are at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee May 31. The box office is open 1-4:30 p.m. weekdays and one hour prior to performances.

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## ***'Frontiers' opens***

Otterbein College Theatre senior actresses Charlotte Dougherty, left, and Liana Peters portray the strength of America's pioneer women in a scene from "Frontiers" tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., and June 3-6 in the Campus Center Arena Theatre. Tickets are available at the Otterbein College Cowan Hall box office at 890-3028. Tickets also may be purchased an hour prior to each performance.

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## Pioneer women face uncertainty

Otterbein College Theatre senior actresses Charlotte Dougherty and Liana Peters [foreground] portray the strength of America's pioneer women in a moving scene from the East Coast premiere of "Frontiers."

The play will be presented May 28-31 and June 3-6 in the Campus Center Arena Theatre. All performances will begin at 8 p.m. with the exception of a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 31. Tickets are available by calling the Otterbein College Cowan Hall box office at 890-3028. Tickets also may be purchased an hour prior to each performance in the Campus Center.