

band that draws heavily from electronica, will play at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Wexner Center for the Arts performance space, 1871 N. High St. **Leprechaun Catering** will open. Tickets cost \$14. **Extra Golden**, which blends

Theatre, 77 S. High St. Tickets cost \$25 to \$50 at Ticketmaster.

► **Southern Culture on the Skids**, which sends up hillbilly stereotypes while dealing in rockabilly, will play at 9 p.m. Saturday in Skully's Music-Diner, 1151 N. High St. **The**

will present a community production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical **Carousel** at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. next Sunday in Jonathan Alder High School, 9200 Rt. 42, Plain City. Tickets cost \$6 to \$10. Call 614-

2000 Hastings Lane, Upper Arlington. Admission is free to the performance but \$5 for those planning to swim. Call 614-583-5310 or visit www.ua-ohio.net.

How to reach Ticketmaster: 614-431-3600, www.ticketmaster.com

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE THEATRE

Students counting on musical 'Nine'

By Michael Grossberg

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

The Otterbein College Theater and Dance Department will give central Ohioans a chance next season to see an acclaimed Broadway show making its first appearance here.

Nine, the 1982 Tony winner for best musical, was revived on Broadway in 2003 but has never toured Columbus or received a major local production.

Composer Maury Yeston (*Grand Hotel*, *Titanic*), author Arthur Kopit (*Wings*) and choreographer-director Tommy Tune adapted Fellini's autobiographical film *8½*, about a famous film director struggling to conceive his next movie while coming to terms with all the beautiful women in his life.

2008-09 lineup

► *Smokey Joe's Cafe* — Oct. 9-25, Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St.

► *Julius Caesar* — Nov. 6-15

► *The Crucible* — Feb. 5-14

► Dance Concert 2009 — March 5-8

► *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* — April 30 to May 9, Campus Center Theatre

Known for its musicals, often staged in conjunction with the Music Department, Otterbein will offer two during its 102nd season.

In addition to *Nine*, *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, a revue set in an idealized 1950s, will be presented in October. The collec-

► *Nine* — May 21-30

Unless otherwise noted, shows will be presented in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., on the Westerville campus.

Subscriptions cost \$70 to \$95.

Single tickets, on sale

Sept. 22, cost \$15 to \$25.

Call 614-823-1109 or visit www.otterbein.edu/theatre.

tion of 39 Leiber and Stoller rock and pop songs includes *Stand by Me*, *Jailhouse Rock*, *On Broadway*, *Kansas City* and *Spanish Harlem*. The show closed in 2000 after 2,036 performances, making it the longest running revue in Broadway history.

Shakespeare will be revived with a futuristic twist in the college's first production of *Julius Caesar*.

Director Ed Vaughan will update the drama about the ill-fated Roman emperor to a post-apocalyptic A.D. 4000, when civilization is beginning anew, gender roles have changed, life is born through artificial insemination and there are no heterosexual relationships. While a male actor will play the title character, an actress will be cast as Brutus, Caesar's betrayer.

The other plays: *The Crucible*, Arthur Miller's drama about the Salem witch trials; and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Dale Wasserman's adaptation of Ken Kesey's novel about an inmate fighting for his freedom in a mental hospital. mgrossberg@dispatch.com

Otterbein College Theatre

'Smokey Joe's Café' will open Oct. 9

Otterbein College Theatre will open its 2008-2009 season with the music of "Smokey Joe's Café."

The production runs Oct. 9-12, 16-18 and 23-25, in the Campus Centre Theatre, 100 W. Home St.

The opening night performance

begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, with a reception to follow. The Sunday matinee on Oct. 12 begins at 2 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m.

"Smokey Joe's Café" features the music of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. Set in the 1950s, the show explores classic themes of love won, lost and imagined.

The show features nearly 40 songs, including "Jailhouse Rock," "Spanish Harlem" and "Love Potion Number Nine."

Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling the Otterbein College box office at (614) 823-1109.

For more information, visit www.otterbein.edu/theatre.