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General Entertainment

OTTERBEIN SUMMER THEATRE OPENS SEASON WITH *BLITHE SPIRIT*

Otterbein Summer Theatre opens its 2003 season with a look into the spirit world of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. Directed by Doreen Dunn, *Blithe Spirit* runs June 26-29 and July 9-12, 2003.

Hyper-sophisticated author Charles Condomine and his wife, Ruth, come uncomfortably close to the 'Other World' when the superbly batty spiritual advisor Madame Arcati performs a séance invoking the spirit of Charles' first wife, Elvira. Content to hang around the house, the sensual Elvira plots a lethal reconciliation with poor Charles, but when mistakes occur and it is Ruth who meets her fatal demise, Charles finds himself haunted by these two very blithe spirits. Written in 1941, *Blithe Spirit* remained the longest-running comedy in British Theatre for three decades.

The production features Guest Equity Actor Peggy Cosgrave, who was last seen on the Otterbein Summer Theatre stage in 2002 in the David Lindsay-Abaire comedy, *Fuddy Meers*. Cosgrave began her professional career with the play *Long Day's Journey Into Night* as Cathleen with Helen Hayes. On Broadway, she has appeared in *The Nerd*, *Born Yesterday*, *Shadowbox* and *Suddenly Last Summer*. Off Off Broadway, she has appeared in *Sandbox*, which was directed by Edward Albee, and *Come Back to the Five and Dime Jimmy Dean Jimmy Dean*. She was also on the national tours of *Tribute* and *A Couple of White Chicks*, as well as the international tour of *House of Blue Leaves*.

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Throughout the years, Cosgrave has worked in resident theatre, summer stock, star packages, dinner theatre, cabaret, television commercials and soap operas, and she was the voice of ABC's *Soap Talk* for seven years. She has won two Brainerd Awards, including for best actress in an infomercial, and she was nominated for the first Helen Hayes Award for Chick in *Crimes of the Heart*.

Blithe Spirit runs June 26-29 and July 9-12, 2003 in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. The performance on Thursday, June 26 begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. The performance on Sunday, June 29 begins at 2:00 p.m. All other performances begin at 8:00 p.m.

Individual tickets for *Blithe Spirit* cost \$16. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (614) 823-1109 after June 17. The box office is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 12 noon-6 p.m. on Saturday and one hour prior to performances. The box office will be closed on Mondays and on July 4. The Otterbein Summer Theatre Box Office is located in the lower level of the Campus Center, 100 W Home St. in Westerville. For more information about the 2003 Otterbein Summer Theatre season, call (614) 823-1239.

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Otterbein Summer Theatre 2003: Catch the Spirit!

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Blithe Spirit

By Noel Coward

Directed by Doreen Dunn

Featuring Guest Equity Artist Peggy Cosgrave

Runs June 26-29, July 9-12

Cast List

Edith..... Molly Camp
Ruth..... Mandy Bruno
Charles..... David Beukema
Dr. Bradman..... Lucas Adams
Mrs. Bradman..... Geneva Hyman
Madame Arcati..... Peggy Cosgrave
Elvira..... Hillary Miller

Design Team

Guest Scenic Designer..... Dan Gray
Costume Designer..... Marci Hain
Light Designer..... Rob Johnson

Dates, times and location of performances are as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, June 26	7:30 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre 100 W Home St., Westerville
Friday, June 27	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre 100 W Home St., Westerville
Saturday, June 28	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre 100 W Home St., Westerville
Sunday, June 29	2:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre 100 W Home St., Westerville
Wednesday, July 9	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre 100 W Home St., Westerville
Thursday, July 10	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre 100 W Home St., Westerville
Friday, July 11	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre 100 W Home St., Westerville
Saturday, July 12	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre 100 W Home St., Westerville

**Opening Night. Reception to Follow.

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