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Dodrill in 'Brel'

Tracy Dodrill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Dodrill, 112 Central Ave., will be the guest professional lead in the 20th anniversary season of the Otterbein Summer Theatre production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" next Wednesday through July 12 at 8:30 p.m., with a July 6 matinee at 2:30 p.m. in the Otterbein Campus Center. There will be no performance July 4.

Dodrill has performed in a number of Broadway productions at Radio City Music Hall including "Encore" and "Christmas Spectacular." She was in the off-Broadway production of "Applause" and "Red, Hot and Blue."

A veteran of national, regional, summer stock, and dinner theatre, her nightclub background includes appearing as a soloist with Jane Powell in "Ziegfeld Gala 1983," and performing in a national tour with Eddy Arnold.

Belgian-born Brel rose to fame in France in the 1950s as a singer and songwriter of popular music, emphasizing themes as unrequited love,

loneliness, death, and war. In 1968, the composer Mort Shuman brought Brel's songs to Broadway in this musical.

Stricken with cancer, Brel abandoned his career in 1974, returned to Paris to record his final album in 1977, then died.

The guest director is Robert Hetherington who heads the directing program at Wright State University in Dayton. He directed last summer's "Baby" and "The Good Doctor" at Otterbein, and he will return to direct "The Foreigner" later this summer.

Special guest set designer D. Martyn Bookwalter, a 1975 Otterbein graduate, has created the set for the musical. Returning to Otterbein for the first time since his graduation, Bookwalter is an acclaimed West Coast designer-on-the-rise, having twice won the Los Angeles Drama Critics Award for outstanding scene design.

Recent Otterbein graduate David Caldwell, seniors Christine Cox and Catherine Randazzo, and juniors Kevin Carty and Tim Gregory round out the characters in the cast.

Musical numbers include the rousing "Marathon," "Timid Frieda," and "If We Only Have Love."

Michael Slane, 1984 Otterbein graduate, has designed the costumes for the production, and will be the designer for "The Foreigner" later this summer.

Tickets are available at the Otterbein Summer Theatre box office in the Campus Center, Monday through Saturday, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.



'Jacques Brel' plays Otterbein

Otterbein junior Kevin Carty, center, is apparently enjoying this moment with admirers senior Chris Cox, left, and New York-based equity guest professional actress Tracy Dodrill, three of the performers in the Otterbein Summer Theatre musical revue, "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," the second production of this summer's special 20th anniversary season. The show will play in the Otterbein Campus Center Arena Theatre today, Saturday, and July 8-12, at 8:30 p.m. A 2:30 p.m. matinee is Sunday. Ticket information is available at the Campus Center box office, Monday through Saturday, 12:30 - 9 p.m.

PLANNING



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Christine Cox, top, Kevin Ford Carty and Tracy Dodrill are in the cast of Otterbein College's production of *Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, playing this weekend at the Campus Center Arena Theatre. See theater listings.

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Guest professional actress Tracy Dodrill (left) and Otterbein College junior Kevin Carty perform in *Jacques Brel Is Alive And Well And Living In Paris* at 8:30 p.m. July 9-12, Campus Center, North Grove and West College. For ticket information, call the Campus Center box office at 190-3028 12:30-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.