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**June 20, 2006**

**General Entertainment**

### **OTTERBEIN SUMMER THEATRE OPENS 40<sup>TH</sup> SEASON WITH *HARVEY***

Otterbein College opens its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Season with *Harvey*, one of the most beloved and popular plays of the American stage, about easy-going Elwood P. Dowd and his imaginary friend, who just happens to be a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit named Harvey.

When Elwood P. Dowd starts to introduce his imaginary friend, Harvey, a six-and-a-half-foot rabbit, to guests at a society party, his sister, Veta, has seen as much of his eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle Mae, and their family from future embarrassment. Problems arise, however, when Veta herself is mistakenly assumed to be on the verge of lunacy when she explains to doctors that years of living with Elwood's hallucination have caused her to see Harvey also! The doctors commit Veta instead of Elwood, but when the truth comes out, the search is on for Elwood and his invisible companion. When he shows up at the sanitarium looking for his lost friend Harvey, it seems that the mild-mannered Elwood's delusion has had a strange influence on more than one of the doctors. Only at the end does Veta realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all. Elwood and Harvey help work it all out in a show that makes you hallucinate with laughter.

Included in the 1970, 1979 and 1988 Otterbein Summer Theatre seasons, *Harvey* remains Otterbein Summer Theatre's most produced play.

*Harvey* runs June 22-25, June 29-July 2 and July 6-8 in the Campus Center Theatre, located in the lower level of the Campus Center, 100 W. Home St. in Westerville. The opening night performance and the Thursday, June 29 performance begin at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday, June 25 performance begins at 2 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m.

Individual tickets for *Harvey* cost \$20 each. Half-price student tickets are available one hour prior to performances with a valid identification card. The box office is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and one hour prior to performances. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 823-1109. The Otterbein Summer Theatre Box Office is located in the lower level of the Campus Center, 100 W. Home St. in Westerville.

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*Harvey*

By Mary Chase

Directed by Christina Kirk

Runs June 22-25, June 29-July 1, July 6-8

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
***Thursday, June 22	7:30 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
***Opening Night. Reception to Follow.		
Friday, June 23	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Saturday, June 24	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Sunday, June 25	2:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Thursday, June 29	7:30 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Friday, June 30	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Saturday, July 1	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Thursday, July 6	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Friday, July 7	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Saturday, July 8	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville

**CAST LIST**

Elwood Dowd..... Zach Kleinsmith  
Myrtle Mae ..... Sara Alvarez  
Chumley..... Luke Dixon  
Veta..... Meg Ward  
Sanderson ..... Drew Aber  
Miss Kelly ..... Lindsey Powell  
Wilson..... Chris Carter  
Ethel ..... Cassie Barker  
Judge ..... David Bahgat  
Cab Driver ..... Cory Smith  
Betty ..... Elizabeth Daniels  
Maid ..... Jessica Jackson

**DESIGN TEAM**

Corinne Betz..... Scenic Designer/Class of 2006  
Marcia Hain..... Costume Designer  
Jayson Pritchard ..... Student Lighting Designer  
Kimberly Killeya..... Student Sound Designer

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