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GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT

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**OTTERBEIN COLLEGE THEATRE PRESENTS *HEIDI***

Children and animals both take to the stage when Otterbein College Theatre presents *Heidi* in late November. About a dozen area children will perform in the show and two will have leading parts. Worthington resident Bronwynn Hopton will play Heidi and Westerville resident Ben Isler will play the goatherd Peter.

The children will be joined on stage by live animals including a goat, kittens and a turtle. This is the first time Otterbein College Theatre has featured live animals on stage and senior veterinary medicine major Tamara Peters has volunteered to be an "animal wrangler" during the production. In fact, the goat will be a guest at her sorority house during the week of the production.

With children and animals, the production could contain some surprises but is sure to delight as Otterbein presents this childhood classic. One of the best-loved children's stories of all time, *Heidi* is the moving tale of a little orphan girl, who through her sincerity brings new hope to everyone her life touches.

The way Heidi brings her gruff, old hermit grandfather back into the world and helps Clara, a disabled child, find health and happiness portrays the charming sentiment of the old world. Poignant episodes, humorous scenes and a fascinating glimpse at Swiss and German folklore will keep audiences of all ages spellbound. Don't miss this annual theatrical event for the entire family.

This charming children's story will be performed Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 1:30 p.m. For tickets, call the Otterbein College Theatre box office at 898-1109 between 1 and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.