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GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GERSHWIN! GERSHWIN! GERSHWIN!

Audiences will go crazy this spring for the Otterbein College Theatre production of the musical *Crazy For You*. Co-presented with Otterbein's Department of Music, *Crazy For You* is based on the 1930 Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.

Crazy For You, will be performed Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3 and Thursday, May 7 through Saturday, May 9 in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St. in Westerville.

The opening night show begins at 7:30 p.m. Other evening performances begin at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for Friday and Saturday shows and \$12 for Thursday and Sunday shows. Tickets can be reserved by calling the Otterbein College Theatre box office at 823-1109 between 1 and 4:30 p.m. weekdays beginning April 13.

This heartwarming and upbeat story is set in the framework of the most popular and endearing Gershwin hits. Five memorable songs — *Bidin' My Time*, *Could You Use Me*, *But Not for Me*, *Embraceable You* and *I Got Rhythm* — all from the original show, are presented stylishly in this production. Other great Gershwin tunes have been added to this wonderful musical including *They Can't Take That Away from Me*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *Nice Work If You Can Get It* and *Shall We Dance?*

The plot follows the sweet, familiar story of boy gets girl/boy loses girl/boy gets girl. The hero, Bobby, is sent to Deadrock, Nevada by his mother, a banker, to foreclose on a musical theatre. Bobby, who's always yearned to be in show business, is at once smitten by the theatre owner's daughter, Polly. After she spurns him, Bobby decides to save the theatre and win her heart by impersonating a famous Broadway producer.

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He plans to stage a musical to raise money and calls in his show business friends to help. The plot continues to twist when the real producer shows up, as well as Bobby's overbearing mother, causing delightful confusion. Add to the mix a woman claiming to be Bobby's fiancée and the Deadrock tavern owner who claims Polly for himself and you have a recipe for a lively classic musical. Chaos and fun ensue but with the bold, beautiful sound of Gershwin and 20 exhilarating dance numbers all ends in triumph.

Crazy For You ran successfully for two years on Broadway setting a record for the longest running Gershwin show in history. This musical won the 1992 Tony Award, Drama Desk Award and Outer Critics Circle Award for "Best Musical."

The New Yorker called *Crazy For You*, "everything a musical should be."

Pamela Hill, an Otterbein alumna, will direct this production. She directed *Wind in the Willows* in 1996 and in 1990, Hill directed *Charlotte's Web* at Otterbein which was the highest attended children's show ever presented at the College. Other productions Hill has directed at Otterbein include *Winnie the Pooh*, *Night Watch*, *Quilters* and *Sleeping Beauty*. During recent summer seasons she directed the musical revue *The World Goes Round* and the musical *Once Upon a Mattress*. Visiting Instructor David Monseur will serve as musical director. The production will be choreographed by Michael Thomas, adjunct professor of Dance at Otterbein.



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Directed by Pamela Hill

Cast List

Bobby	Chris Sloan
Polly	Katie Pees
Mother	Lauren Mitchell
Bela Zangler	Josh Gilliam
Lank Hawkins	Randy Goetz
Irene	Emily Cotton
Harry	Jim Cooney
Billy	Eric Dysart
Moose	Bryan Green
Eugene	Scott Green
Sam	Adam Judd
Junior	Mike Kirsch
Pete	Jason Nettle
Mingo	Geoff Martin
Jimmy	Shad Swinehart
Wyatt	Shawn Theis
Patricia	Marianne Timmons
Everett	Brent Tomer
Custus/Perkins	Rob Tracy
Follies Girls	Lauren Blair, Christina Cochrun, Molly Gardina, Rae-Mi LeRoy, Amy McAlexander, Jennifer Minter, Laura Runkle, Jamie Lynn Sutton, Amanda Wheeler, Susan Zimmerman



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The Otterbein College Theatre box office is open 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning April 13.

The box office phone number is 823-1109.

Dates, times and location of performances are as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, April 30	7:30 p.m.	Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville
Friday, May 1	8:00 p.m.	Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville
Saturday, May 2	8:00 p.m.	Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville
Sunday, May 3	2:00 p.m.	Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville
Thursday, May 7	8:00 p.m.	Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville
Friday, May 8	8:00 p.m.	Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville
Saturday, May 9	8:00 p.m.	Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Crazy For You

Book by Ken Ludwig
Music and Lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin
Concept by Ken Ludwig and Mike Ockrent

April 30 - May 3 and May 7 - 9, 1998
Cowan Hall, Otterbein College

Start Date: April 13

Kill Date: May 9

(10 Seconds)

If you are "crazy" about GERSHWIN this show is for "you." Come see the hit musical *Crazy For You* with favorites such as "Someone to Watch Over Me," and "I Got Rhythm." April 30 until May 9. Call Otterbein College at 823-1109.

(20 Seconds)

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Tickets are available as radio prizes upon request.