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General Entertainment

OTTERBEIN SUMMER THEATRE CONTINUES 40TH SEASON WITH *FATHER JOY*

Otterbein Summer Theatre presents *Father Joy*, the story of Abigail, an ambitious sculpture student who yearns to create, but is struggling to give her ideas shape and substance. While her relationship with her world-famous art professor takes a romantic turn, a curious thing happens to her father. He begins to disappear. Literally. As this shy and withdrawn man becomes less and less visible to his astonished wife and daughter, father and daughter begin to feel a bond they never shared before.

Sheri Wilner's *Father Joy* received its world premiere at CATF in 2005. It was workshopped at the 2003 O'Neill Playwrights Conference and received readings at four theaters. Wilner's play, *Hunger*, also premiered at CATF, in 2000 and was subsequently produced by the Epiphany Theatre Company in New York and published. *Labor Day* and *Bake Off* each won the Heideman Award at Actors Theatre of Louisville. Other plays include *The Bushsteia*, *Relative Strangers*, and *Joan of Arkansas*. She is a member of the Dramatists Guild and several theaters in New York. She was awarded a 2005-06 Jerome Fellowship residency at the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis.

Father Joy runs July 13-16 and July 20-22. All performances take place in the Campus Center Theatre, on the lower level of the Campus Center at 100 W. Home St., Westerville. The opening night performance on Thursday, July 13, begins at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by a reception. The Sunday matinee performance on July 16 begins at 2 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m.

Individual tickets for *Father Joy* cost \$15 each. Student tickets are available for \$8 one hour prior to performances with a valid ID. 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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Father Joy

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Directed by Dennis Romer

Runs July 13-16, July 20-22

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
***Thursday, July 13	7:30 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
***Opening Night. Reception to Follow.		
Friday, July 14	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Saturday, July 15	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Sunday, July 16	2:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Thursday, July 20	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Friday, July 21	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville
Saturday, July 22	8:00 p.m.	Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville

CAST LIST

Paul Steven Black (Guest Equity Artist)
Abigail Beth Triffon
Ruth..... Cassie Barker
Harry Luke Dixon

DESIGN TEAM

Michael Slane..... Scenic Designer/ Otterbein College Grad
Donna Williamson Costume Designer
Jayson Pritchard Student Lighting Designer
Kimberly Killea..... Student Sound Designer

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