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CONCERNING: ANNOUNCING SPECIAL REPERTORY THEATRE PERFORMANCES for students

Some of you have inquired about the special Repertory Theatre plans we announced last spring, so we wanted to get additional details to you now and to request some tentative information from you.

With the help of a small supporting grant from the Ohio Arts Council we have adopted a new professional guest artist format, primarily in order to provide a more complete educational experience for our students and to attempt to provide more and better theatre opportunities for Central Ohio theatregoers. Most of you are aware that for the past decade we have brought name actors to Otterbein to work with and appear in student productions, the last production being OTHELLO with Brock Peters. Our new series will establish a

PROFESSIONAL-EDUCATIONAL REPERTORY THEATRE EXPERIENCE

offering two complete productions in alternating performances of

SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

and

ROMEO AND JULIET!

We are currently negotiating with a name professional director to direct SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL and we intend to secure at least two professional actors to appear in this production and in roles in ROMEO AND JULIET (to be directed by Dr. Charles W. Dodrill). In addition to the regularly scheduled public performances announced in the enclosed brochure, we are also in the process of scheduling several special high school student performances at 10 a.m. Instead of the normal price of \$2.25 we will offer these special performances for \$1.00. All schools that send a sizeable number of students will have the opportunity to secure at no cost a school visitation from one of the professional actors or director--such visits may be utilized for discussion, enrichment, etc. Special rates for SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL will be in effect for Tuesday, Feb. 29 at 10 a.m., Thursday March 2 and Wednesday, March 8 at 8:15 p.m. Special rates for ROMEO AND JULIET will be in effect for Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 9 at 8:15 p.m. and on Friday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 7 at 10 a.m. and Friday March 10 at 10 a.m. If additional performances are required because of space requests, we will schedule them on other days.

If you are interested in this program please complete the enclosed card and return it to us at your convenience. Final details will be sent you in December. We sincerely hope you and your students will support this attempt to broaden the scope of educational and theatrical activities in the Central Ohio region. If the experiment proves successful we hope to broaden its scope and establish closer liaison with public schools in future years.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest!!