

SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE

TO: Mr. Sam Wilson, Drama Editor, Columbus Dispatch
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"Death of a Salesman," winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the Drama Critics Circle Award in 1949, will be presented by the Otterbein College Theatre on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, at 8:15 p.m. in Cowan Hall on the Otterbein campus in Westerville.

The original Broadway production opened on Feb. 10, 1949 and closed Nov. 18, 1950, after 742 performances, one of the longest running dramas on Broadway in history. Lee J. Cobb appeared as the original Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman," and Mildred Dunnock portrayed his wife. The production was directed by Broadway's most famous director, Elia Kazan, and the fantastic fantasy settings were designed by the dean of Broadway designer's, Jo Mielziner.

"Death of a Salesman" was the second major play by Arthur Miller, his first effort being "My Three Sons." His best known efforts since 1949 include "The Crucible," "A View From the Bridge," and his novel The Mitten which became a movie starring Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable. However, "Salesman" remains his best and most controversial drama.

"Many theatre critics have called "Salesman" a social drama, a play of social criticism, while others have termed it an expose of moral weakness and irresponsibility. Miller, on the other hand, calls the play a "modern tragedy," because Willy Loman is ready to lay down his life to secure his sense of Personal dignity.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 30. Phone TU 2-3611 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.