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**OTTERBEIN PRESENTS CLASSIC DRAMA FROM PULITZER PRIZE
WINNING PLAYWRIGHT**

Otterbein College Theatre will open the new year with *All My Sons*, the first successful show for Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Arthur Miller. One of the most important writers of the mid-century American theatre, Miller is also known for creating *The Crucible* and *Death of a Salesman* which won the Pulitzer Prize and New York Drama Critic's Circle Award in 1949.

All My Sons centers on industrialist Joe Keller who chooses to put family responsibility ahead of his responsibility to society and the consequences that decision has for all those around him. Keller, the owner of an airplane parts plant, knowingly sold the Army defective parts which lead to the deaths of 21 pilots during the war. He then allowed his innocent partner to go to prison for his crime.

Keller's own pilot son, Larry, had been engaged to marry his jailed partner's daughter, but has been missing in China for more than three years. His other son, Chris, has returned from the war and wants to believe in his father's innocence but must reassess the facts as he falls in love with his missing brother's fiancée.

All My Sons is a timeless story of self-delusion. This story of greed and unscrupulousness applies perhaps even more so in today's world than when it premiered in 1947. That year *All My Sons* won the New York Drama Critic's Circle as best play of its season.

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"This story remains timely even though it was written in 1947," says Artistic Director Dennis Romer, who will direct the drama. "This play closely follows the structure of a Greek tragedy. In Greek tragedy the hero was a god but in Miller's view that kind of tragedy could still exist with the common man. The central character, Joe Keller, is that good man with good intentions who makes a tragic mistake that comes back to him."

With its universal themes, this timeless classic still provides an evening of engrossing entertainment for today's audience.

At Otterbein, *All My Sons* will be performed Jan. 27 through 31 and Feb. 3 through 7. All performances will be held in Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St. in Westerville. The opening night show begins at 7:30 p.m. Other evening performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 for Friday and Saturday shows and \$7.50 for performances on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Reserve tickets by calling the Otterbein College Theatre box office at 898-1109 between 1 and 4:30 p.m. weekdays beginning January 14.