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LIFE IS A CABARET AT OTTERBEIN THIS SPRING

Otterbein College Theatre and the Department of Music this spring will present the dazzling musical *Cabaret*. When it was first produced in 1966, *Cabaret* won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award, the Outer Critics' Circle Award and the Tony Award as the season's best musical.

Cabaret begins at the Kit Kat Club, a garish little Berlin night-club and focuses on Sally Bowles, an English girl who has fled her family's stuffiness to become a chanteuse. The Kit Kat is a brassy pleasure-haunt of pre-Hitler Berlin where anxiety ridden Germans seek to blur their vision of impending disaster with wild night life and joyous sin.

At the club Sally meets and falls in love with a young American writer, Cliff Bradshaw. Their love affair is doomed from the beginning in this unconventional musical tale of tarnished innocents abroad in a land with no time for innocence.

There is a parallel tale of the autumnal romance between Sally's widowed landlady and the Jewish shopkeeper. This middle-aged pair's hopes for ending their separate loneliness with a life together are broken by the cruel realities of the encroaching Nazi movement.

This brilliantly bittersweet musical play features such recognizable standards as *Tomorrow Belongs to Me*, *The Money Song* and *Cabaret*.

The musical will be directed by Artistic Director Dennis Romer. Professor Craig Johnson will oversee the music direction and Stella Hiatt Kane will create the choreography. This team has collaborated on past successful musicals including *Phantom* and *Pippin*.

Otterbein College Theatre will present *Cabaret* May 1-4 and 8-10. The opening night performance begins at 7:30 p.m. All other evening performances are 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. Reserve tickets by calling the Otterbein College Theatre box office at 823-1109 beginning April 14. This production is co-sponsored by the Otterbein Department of Music.