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**General Entertainment**

### **OTTERBEIN COLLEGE THEATRE & DANCE PRESENTS *HELLO, DOLLY!***

Otterbein College Theatre and Dance will present its annual Spring Musical in May with the Broadway hit *Hello, Dolly!*

"And what do you do for a living, Mrs. Levi?" asks Ambrose Kemper in the first scene of this most delightful of musical comedies. "Some people paint, some sew...I meddle," replies Dolly. *Hello, Dolly!* is full of memorable songs including *Put On Your Sunday Clothes*, *Before the Parade Passes By*, *It Only Takes a Moment* and *So Long, Dearie*, that send audiences on a whirlwind race around New York at the turn of the twentieth century, following the adventures of America's most beloved matchmaker.

Otterbein's presentation of *Hello, Dolly!* will be directed and choreographed by John Carrafa, one of only three choreographers to be nominated for two Tony Awards in the same year (for *Urinetown the Musical* and *Into the Woods*). He has created original dances and musical numbers for over 20 feature films including most recently *The Polar Express*, directed by Robert Zemeckis, where Carrafa pioneered the use of motion capture technology to create choreography on film.

Carrafa's film work includes *The Thomas Crown Affair* and *The Polar Express*. His work can be seen on the television shows *Sex and the City*, *NBA on NBC* (director), *Rodgers & Hart* PBS (director and choreographer), as well as in commercials for K-Mart, AT&T, MCI, Sprint, Milton Bradley and Lancome. His Broadway credits include *Urinetown The Musical*, for which he was nominated for Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards and won the Lucille Lortel Award, Dora Award and an Obie Award; *Into the Woods*, which earned him a Tony nomination; *Dirty Blonde*; *Love! Valour! Compassion!*; *Dance of the Vampires*; and *Good Vibrations*.

*Hello, Dolly!* will run May 17-20, and 24-26 in the Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville. The opening night performance on Thursday, May 17, will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception. The Sunday matinee on May 20 will begin at 2 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be reserved by calling the Otterbein College box office at (614) 823-1109. The box office is open 1:00-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and one hour prior to performances. The box office will be closed Friday, April 6. The box office is located in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville. For group sales, call (614) 823-1209.

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Otterbein College Theatre and Dance presents

*Hello, Dolly!*

May 16-20, 24-26, 2007

Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St.

Book by Michael Stewart • Music & Lyrics by Jerry Herman

Based on the play "The Matchmaker" by Thornton Wilder

Directed and Choreographed by John Carrafa\*

\*Tony Award Nominee for Broadway production of *Urinetown the Musical* and  
the Broadway Revival of *Into the Woods*

#### PRODUCTION TEAM

Director & Choreographer: John Carrafa

Music Director: Dennis Davenport

Scenic Designer: Rob Johnson

Costume Designer: Marcia Hain

Lighting Designer: Jayson Pritchard

#### PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

##### *Student Matinees:*

Wednesday, May 16      10:00 a.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

Thursday, May 17      10:00 a.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

##### *Public Performances:*

Thursday, May 17\*      7:30 p.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

\*Opening Night; Reception following performance.

Friday, May 18      8:00 p.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

Saturday, May 19      8:00 p.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

Sunday, May 20      2:00 p.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

Thursday, May 24      8:00 p.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

Friday, May 25      8:00 p.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

Saturday, May 26      8:00 p.m.      Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville

#### CAST LIST

Dolly ..... Kari Ringer

Horace ..... Eric Folks

Barnaby ..... Nathan Keen

Cornelius ..... Drew Aber

Irene Molloy ..... Liz Shivener

Minnie Faye ..... Claire Longest

Ambrose ..... David Bahgat

Ermengarde ..... Meredith Holomuzki-Zgonc

Mrs. Rose ..... Ayaunna Bibb

Ernestina ..... Sarah Hiance

Rudolph ..... Kolby Kindle

Judge ..... Steve Czarnecki

Ensemble: Liz Baumgartner, Ayaunna Bibb, Allison Cooper, Brittany Cope, Sarah Dove, Tess Emerson, Kate Gosnell, Amanda Huxtable, Sarah Hiance, Karly Powell, Tina Scariano, Caitlin Scott, Alisa Sugita, Selina Verastigui, Andrew Betz, David Caamano, Steve Chazaro, Erik Christensen, Drew Cotton, Steve Czarnecki, Matt Johnson, Kolby Kindle, Justin Keller, James Sargent, Cesar Villavicencio, Jake Widman

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