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General Entertainment

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Blind and visually impaired theatregoers will be able to enjoy Otterbein College Theatre's July 1 production of the family classic, "Harvey," through audio description. The 8 p.m. show offering the special closed broadcast system is presented with the support of the Ohio Theatre Alliance, GTE and the Ohio Arts Council.

During the performance, a certified audio describer serves as a visual aid by telling the visually impaired about the program notes, costumes, scenery and non-verbal action. The description is communicated via radio transmission through small earphones provided to the visually impaired members of the audience.

Jim Fippin, a 1985 theatre alumnus of Otterbein who is currently doing graduate work at the University of Akron, will serve as the evening's audio describer.

"Harvey," the Pulitzer Prize winning Broadway hit, provides a delightful evening of comedy as an imaginary rabbit over six feet tall befriends lovable tippler Elwood P. Dowd.

Although "Harvey" will be presented June 22-26 and June 29-July 3, the audio description will be available only for the July 1, 8 p.m. performance. Special arrangements must be made for equipment, and the theatre department must have advance notice to make provision. Contact the theatre office at (614) 898-1109 by June 24 to make reservations for those who will be requesting audio description.