

New season / Otterbein University

Drama on race relations up first in summer lineup

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Otterbein Summer Theatre will launch its new season with an award-winning Broadway play about race and class issues.

Otterbein will present the central Ohio premiere of *Clybourne Park*, winner of the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for drama. Bruce Norris' satirical two-act drama, inspired by Lorraine Hansberry's classic *A Raisin in the Sun*, contrasts whites and blacks facing transitions in 1959 and 2009 in a once-

segregated neighborhood.

Next on the schedule is *The Nerd*, a farcical Larry Shue comedy about an awkward visitor who overstays his welcome.

The summer season will end with *The All Night Strut!* — a slice-of-American-life musical conceived by Fran Charnas.

The revue celebrates the jazz, blues, bebop, swing and American songbook standards introduced from the 1920s through the '40s.

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The schedule

► June 4-13: *Clybourne Park*

► June 18 to July 3: *The Nerd*

► July 9-25: *The All Night Strut!*

All performances will take place at Cowan Hall, 30 S. Grove St., Westerville.

Subscriptions, to go on sale in April, cost \$75. Single tickets, to go on sale May 18, cost \$25 to \$30. Call 614-823-1109 or visit www.otterbein.edu/drama.



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