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### OTTERBEIN SUMMER THEATRE DELIVERS "BABY" IN JULY

Otterbein will present the enchanting musical *Baby* July 6-10 and July 13-17. This 1983 Broadway hit was the winner of the Outer Circle Critics Award for best musical, two Drama Desk awards and was nominated for seven Tony Awards.

An intimate musical about the joys, terrors and comedy of the most important nine months of life, *Baby* looks at three couples and their voyage to parenthood.

The couples include a pair of unmarried college students who find it easier to commit to parenthood than marriage. An older couple with three daughters in college are the most surprised when the stork unexpectedly arrives — the result of a bottle of champagne and 20th anniversary celebration.

In between these two are a couple who must deal with the trials and tribulations of infertility. Unable to conceive, they attempt romance-destroying sex-by-the-book methods prescribed by a doctor whose best advice is that they hang onto their sense of humor.

The story looks at the problems facing the three couples. Should the college students get married? Should the forty-something mother have another child? Should the third couple keep trying?

Finding the answers creates an evening of music, laughter and entertainment for all.

Department of Theatre Chairperson John Stefano will direct this musical comedy. In 1993, he directed the Otterbein's widely acclaimed production of *Big River*. Other musicals he has directed include *Oliver*, *Pirates of Penzance* and *Hello Dolly*.

Craig Johnson, director of Choral Activities at Otterbein, will serve as musical director. The music written for *Baby*, 16 songs in all, has style and energy with lyrics that are smart and funny.

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Stella Hiatt Kane, an instructor at the College since 1989, will serve as choreographer for the show. She made her debut as a choreographer at Otterbein this spring with *Pippin*. Kane has been a member of the BalletMet Dance Academy faculty for the past eight years and is the founding artistic director of JazzMet. She boasts an extensive list of theatre, television and teaching credentials.

*Baby* will be performed July 6-10 and July 13-17 in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St. The opening night performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all other evening shows begin at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$9.50 for opening night, \$9 for Sunday matinees, \$11 for Wednesday and Thursday shows and \$12 for Friday and Saturday performances. Reserve tickets by calling 823-1109 between 1 and 8:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-2:30 p.m. Sundays.