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"I'm Not Rappaport," a recent Broadway hit and Tony award winning play, will be presented by Otterbein Summer Theatre July 12-16 and 19-23. The Herb Gardner comedy focuses on two memorable octogenarians who meet on a park bench and exchange --then blend -- life histories. Determined to fight off society's attempts to put them out to pasture, the eccentric old radical and aging apartment superintendent form an unlikely alliance and take on the system. "Rambunctiously funny," reported a New York Post review, "attractive and winning! A delightful comedy which sailed in joyfully."

Professional guest actor David Downing of Los Angeles will play the role of Midge -- a role he previously performed on Broadway opposite Arte Johnson. Midge is an apartment superintendent who spends his days in the park hiding out from angry tenants who want him to retire. In addition to Broadway, Downing has extensive repertory experience, several motion pictures credits and has appeared on such TV shows as "Designing Women," "The Jeffersons," "Hill Street Blues," "Mike Hammer" and "All in the Family." He is a charter member of the Negro Ensemble Company and directs and coaches acting when not performing.

Guest professional Clinton Turner Davis of New York will direct the show. Davis has received critical acclaim throughout the country for his accomplishments as a director, and was the recipient of the directing fellowship for the National Endowment for the Arts/Theatre Communications Group in 1988-89. He is a sought-after consultant

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and has worked with such organizations as The Ford Foundation, Arts Midwest, Ohio Theatre Alliance and The Negro Ensemble Company.

Ed Vaughan of Otterbein College's theatre faculty, will play opposite Downing as "Nat," the cantankerous rabble-rouser. A 1971 Otterbein alumnus, Vaughan has produced Otterbein Summer Theatre for the past six years and served as professor of theatre. Prior to joining the Otterbein faculty, he worked in Equity professional theatre in Cincinnati, managed and functioned as producer of Country Dinner Playhouse in Columbus and did freelance professional acting and directing.

Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office, 898-1109. Box office hours are from 12:30-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The box office is open on Sundays from 12:30-3p.m. Opening night is at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. All other performances will begin at 8 p.m.