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GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT

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### **SAM SHEPARD DRAMA COMES TO OTTERBEIN IN MAY**

Otterbein College Theatre (OCT) will for the first time present a Sam Shepard play in May. *A Fool for Love* is a riveting drama for mature audiences that will run May 23-27; 30, 31 and June 1-3 at the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St., Westerville.

One of America's top playwrights, Shepard's work has earned international acclaim and is performed at regional and alternative theatres throughout the country. For this reason, play director Ed Vaughan believes "it's certainly an important part of the training of our students and should be introduced to OCT audiences."

In addition to his distinction as a playwright, Shepard also is a well-known actor and director, noted most recently for movies such as *The Right Stuff*, *Frances* and *Steel Magnolias*. In 1979, he received the Pulitzer Prize for his play "Buried Child," and his other recognitions boast eight Obie awards and a long list of prestigious grants, awards, medals and fellowships.

*A FOOL FOR LOVE* spotlights the love-hate relationship of May and Eddie -- high school sweethearts and star-crossed lovers who have spent 15 years in a tension-packed, on-again-off-again togetherness. They share a scandalous secret that taints their love yet maddeningly strengthens their spiritual connection. Jealousy, passion, obsessiveness and often physical outrage are the explosive ingredients that form the pair's destructive, forceful bond.

*Newhouse News* called the play "A mini-masterpiece of comedy and darkness, a compelling climate of ruthless slapstick, as entertaining as it is stimulating and exciting." According to a *New York Times* critic, the play is "an indoor rodeo, a western for our time -- feisty, muscular, sexually charged."

Opening night will begin at 7:30 p.m. The two Sunday performances (matinees only) will be at 2 p.m. All other performances will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained beginning May 14 from the box office, 614/898-1109.