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GENERAL ENTERTAINMENT

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The whole family will love "Harvey" — a 6 ft. 2 and one half inch invisible rabbit — and Otterbein Summer Theatre's (OST) season opener. The Pulitzer Prize winning classic family comedy, a Broadway hit for several years running, will be presented by OST June 22-26 and June 29-July 3 with the support of Bank One of Columbus N/A.

"Harvey" is "Superbly joyous, endearing entertainment," according to an Associated Press review. The giant hare is discovered and befriended by Elwood P. Dowd, a lovable but often inebriated bachelor who treads a fine line with reality. While seemingly calm and reasonable, Dowd does carry around a hat punched with two holes for his friend's ears...but then again, perfect strangers like to sit and chat with the unlikely duo to unload their worries.

Dowd's berserk imagination (or is it insightful perception?) provides some embarrassing and hilarious social moments for his fussy sister — who suspects she might have glimpsed the mysterious hopper herself a time or two.

"The play's lasting appeal," noted Time Magazine, "seems to suggest that many an American secretly yearns to shuck off the work ethic, drop every irksome responsibility and just frisk about with some fabulous Harvey of his own."

Starring as Dowd will be Equity guest artist Michael Hartman, a 1970 Otterbein

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alumnus returning for a fourth season with the summer theatre. Last year he received critical acclaim as Sir in OST's "The Dresser." Hartman made his Broadway debut in "Sherlock Holmes" and is active in regional theatres and national television commercials. He is currently the national TV and radio spokesperson for the Mr. Goodbar candy company.

Performances will be held in Otterbein's Campus Center Theatre, located in the lower level of the Campus Center. "Harvey" will open June 22 with a 7:30 p.m. performance. All other performances will be at 8 p.m. with the exception of Sunday matinees which will be held at 2 p.m. For further information or tickets, contact the OST box office at 898-1109.