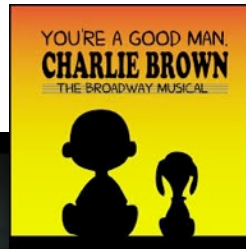




NEWSLETTER

Charlie Brown Delights Audiences



See video clips from Charlie Brown
at oltmena.com

The spring musical was a big hit with old and young alike. Audiences were transported to the pages of the long running comic strip Peanuts, with all of Charlie Brown's trials and tribulations. The uncooperative kite, the losing baseball team, and Lucy's psychological examinations all made their appearance. The musical had the people humming the tunes as they left the theatre. Chris Benner (Charlie Brown), Brandy Benner (Lucy), Paulette Sherrer (Sally), Zane Sherrer (Linus), Brandon Zacarias (Schroeder), Kelsey Wiggins (Snoopy), and Bailey Benner (Woodstock) were all outstanding. Enough praise cannot be given to Judy Kropp as both director and piano player. It was a hit!

The Old Lyric Players (OLP) will be presenting a fun filled show Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 and Sunday, May 10 at 2:30. OLP perform readers theater with Janelle Baldwin at the helm. You will be entertained with "Tape", "After the Ball", "Eleanor's Passing" and 2 other short sketches. This should be a fun time, so plan to attend.

Members of the OLP will also be participating in Lum and Abner days by presenting some old Lum and Abner shows on the stage in the park featuring the incomparable Bill Hays and Scotty Jenkins as Lum and Abner.

On Saturday afternoon of the Lum and Abner days the Lum and Abner Society will be performing at the theatre featuring special celebrity guests John Rose "Snuffy Smith" cartoonist and Mike Curtis "Dick Tracy" writer. The show consists of introductions, probably Mike Curtis speaking a bit about how we had Lum and Abner appear in Dick Tracy, John's chalk-talk routine, and our radio-style script.



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JEFFERY MATTHEWS MOVING TO TOLEDO

Our good friend and long time supporter of the Ouachita Little Theatre has opened a new, or perhaps we should say, reopened a chapter in his life as he moves back to his home town of Toledo Ohio. Jeffery directed, has been on stage, as well worked back stage contributing to many successful OLT productions. In addition he has singularly kept the theatre spic and span for the members as well as the public in his role as custodian, a job he has confided

in me, gave him great pleasure. His contributions will be missed. As he prepares to leave he wants us to know he will stay in contact with us. Before his departure he shared the following: "I want you to know how much being involved with the OLT has meant to me over the years. When I came to Mena, I had been going through a rough time in my life. But Arkansas has been giving people a second chance for a long time. I am forever grateful. Good luck Jeffery



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT THE THEATRE

OLT general membership meeting to be held at 5:30 pm Tuesday, May 19 in the theatre. One of the main functions of the meeting is to elect officers for next year. While this sounds simple enough, due to resignations and other factors the nominating committee of Robby Burt, Lamar Austin, and Chris Benner have had a difficult time getting it all straightened out.

Marilyn Brown chronicled the game of musical officers that unfolded this year. Here is her report: *Sandy Brooks was elected last May but resigned in July due to health issues. Suzanne Snow was appointed in her place. Suzanne moved to Fayetteville in January and her slot has remained open. Scotty Jenkins was elected VP last May but resigned in the fall. Rudi was moved into the VP slot and Ladonna Van Wolf was appointed to fill the vacant slot. Tim Hesse resigned as President in November and Rudi took his place as President, leaving the VP slot empty. Phyllis Bell was elected last May but told Rudi just recently that she can't continue. Her slot will be open to fill in May. Melanie Buck was elected in May and remains on the board. The terms for T. J. Thompson and Jefferson Smith expire in May and their slots will be open.*

The committee reports that Rudi Timmerman will run for president, Brad Story for Vice President, Judy Kropp for Secretary, and Marilyn Brown for treasurer. The committee further report that they also have an incomplete list of board member candidates. If anyone is interested in serving on the board please contact the committee or go online at oltmena.com under "contact us". As always, nominations can also be made from the floor during the meeting.

In order for us to have the election a quorum of members is required, so please plan to attend.

In addition to the election the floor will be open for the discussion of OLT policies and practices. These may include ticket prices, membership fees, building improvements or any topic a member wishes to bring up.



JOLTS to present CHARLOTTE'S WEB

At the writing of this newsletter auditions for Charlotte's Web were taking place at the theatre. The cast will be announced soon. Watch the website (oltmena.com) for the listings. The show is being directed by JOLT member Katie O'Rear and assisted by adult sponsor Jessica Kropp. The show will be presented June 19-21 and 26-28



FOR RENT

The office known as suite A is still for rent. A number of inquiries have been made but no offers have been forthcoming.

CUSTODIAN Selected

Katie O'Rear was hired as custodian. With Jeffery moving to Toledo, OLT needed a new custodian. Applications were solicited and at the last board meeting Katie was selected. She has been active in the theater over the years and has only recently raised the money for and painted the lobby and the bathrooms. She will be a great asset to the theatre