



NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Southern Hospitality Rehearsal To Start

Southern Hospitality director, Scotty Jenkins has announced the 1st read thru will be Jan 2, 2017. Rehearsals will be every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with any additional needed rehearsals being on Fridays. The show will play Feb. 10-12 and 17-19

Auditions were held December 5 and 6.

The cast for Southern Hospitality is as follows:

- Miss Geneva Musgrave: Ann Glenn
- Honey Raye Futrelle: Linor Thomas
- Gina Jo (G.J.) Waverly: Alexa Night
- Rhonda Lynn Lampley: Donna Sloan
- Twink Futrelle: Jackie Baird
- Justin Waverly:
- John Curtis Bunter: Will Hose
- Dub Dubberly: Lamar Austin
- Frankie Futrelle Dubberly: Amanda Baker
- Raynerd Chisum: Larry Kropp
- Iney Dubberly: LaDonna VanWolf
- D. Dayva Davidson: Linda Johnson
- Buck Strickland: Joe VanWolf



Some **help** is being requested by Scotty. First and most important, he needs a young man (20-30) to play Justin Waverly. It is a fun role. If you are interested call Scotty at 216-5536. Other needs are more mundane. An older couch is needed for a prop as well as cow horns and hunting trophies to decorate the set.

Set construction is almost complete so the actors will be stepping right into the story on the first day of rehearsal



This will be the first show in the new season and, unless paying at the door, 2017 season tickets will now be required. The new season tickets have the shows for which they are valid printed on the ticket. Season tickets can be purchased by sending membership form attached to OLT Box 1217 Mena, AR 71953

Coming Attractions

February 2017 - **Southern Hospitality**, directed by Scotty Jenkins. Spring Musical - **Mary Poppins**, directed by Kropp and Timmerman. Fall 2017 **Hamlet**, directed by Brad Storey. The biannual Benson Awards will be this spring after the musical. Andy Arnold is chairing the event.

OUACHITA LITTLE THEATRE RECEIVES \$10,000 GIFT

OLT has been presented with a \$10,000 gift from the Bob Carver Estate. Bob had been a big supporter of our theatre during all the years he ran his car dealership here in Mena. Whenever we needed help he was there. In fact, he supported not only us but the entire community with his generosity. We give thanks for him and to his family for honoring us with this gift.

THIRD THURSDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night was a big hit. We had about 40 folks come in on December 15 for our first Third Thursday movie, "It's a Wonderful Life". This month the third Thursday is January 19 and we will again be screening a classic movie from years gone by. We also are soliciting requests for movies you would like to see. Contact us on oltmena.com.



LaDonna ,her cast, and crew had a great play. After all bills were paid, admissions and concessions receipts still left us with \$2000. Great job! Clips can be viewed online at oltmena.com and on Facebook at Ouachita Little Theatre



2017 MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Membership letters are in the mail. When you receive yours, please complete the form and mail your contribution back to us. Barry Michelson is still working on activating our online membership option. For those of you who want to join in this way, we hope to have it up and running soon. There are several changes to our membership options. One of the major changes is that you join for a complete year from the date you submit your membership. The season tickets will have the names of the shows you have available to you. The names of the shows will change with time to assure that each member always has four shows to choose from. For complete information check the following page.

OTHER NEWS

The members of the Mena Art Gallery are providing us with the art work in our lobby. Thank you very much.

This is the year for the Benson Awards, OLT's version of the Tonys. Video clips of all eligible shows will be available at OLTMENA.COM to help you vote

YEAR IN REVIEW

I am happy to report that OLT has had a good year. Our shows, *Dearly Beloved*, directed by Judy Thompson, *Oliver*, directed by Rudi Timmerman and Judy Kropp, and *Sherlock Holmes*, directed by Scott O’Rear, were all well received by our audiences and ended in the black. (This has not always been the case) In addition Logan Sweeten wrote and produced *As You Wish It* with great success. Our latest production, *Eb Scrooge*, directed by Ladonna Van Wolf was also a big hit. This year we open with *Southern Hospitality*, directed by Scotty Jenkins, followed by *Mary Poppins*, directed by Rudi Timmerman and Judy Kropp, and ending with *Hamlet*, directed by Brad Storey. JOLT will have a summer show and a Christmas show this year as well.

We have added several programs run by OLT and JOLT. Third Thursday afternoons are JOLT theatre workshops. JOLT workshop participants performed at the Ouachita Arts Celebration this year. Also, Third Thursday is movie night. We started with “It’s a Wonderful Life. At present the admission is by donation. The plan is to, at some point, make it free to our members and ask non-members to pay a small entry fee. Our membership structure has changed slightly. One can be a member without buying season tickets but membership is required (for insurance purposes) to be in a production.

Our theatre facility continues to improve. We have accomplished a long list of items. Among these are: roof repair, wall repair, theatre painted, new seats, floor repair, Suit B renovation, paved parking lot, and many others. All are paid for through your continuing support. Thank you.

While always scrimping to get by, at present our bills are paid and we have a positive balance in the bank. Help us continue by joining OLT and buying a season ticket.

Membership Form			
	Individual	Family ¹	Amount
Season Ticket and membership	\$40	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Season Ticket only no membership	\$30	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership only no season ticket	\$10	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major donor ²	\$1000		<input type="checkbox"/>
Patron ³	\$500 - 999		<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporter ⁴	\$250 - 499		<input type="checkbox"/>
Angel ⁵	\$125		<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Member ⁶	\$150		<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Membership ⁷	\$5000	\$7500 Husband and Wife	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please consider membership and season tickets. Just print this form and mail it in with your information and check to:
OLT, Box 1217, Mena, AR 71953

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Date _____

Name _____

Business (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please mail this form with your check to:
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A MEMBERSHIP AND SEASON TICKET WOULD MAKE A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- I. Memberships, Donations, and Season Tickets can be purchased on-line by credit card.
(This is not required. You may still join by mail as always)
- II. Memberships and season tickets last for an entire year. Join in January: Your membership expires in January. Join in April: Your membership expires in April, etc.
- III. Memberships are \$10 per person or \$25 for the immediate family.
 - a. Membership entitles the individual member to one vote or a family to two.
 - b. Membership covers the member or the family's injury and liability insurance while serving as an agent of the theatre. (actors, ticket takers, concession workers etc.)
 - c. Since the insurance company requires everyone to be insured, membership is a requirement to do anything for the theatre both on stage and off.
 - d. MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT INCLUDE TICKETS
- IV. Season Tickets \$30 per person; family tickets - all members of the immediate family \$75
 - a. Membership is not required to acquire season tickets. (However: No membership means no vote and no insurance)
 - b. Tickets are good for four shows (all OLT shows)
 - c. A ticket may be used by anyone but only for one performance per day
 - d. A ticket may be used for the same show on separate performance dates.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DONATION LEVELS

\$1000 GIFT-**Major Donor**- this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 18 complimentary tickets per year

\$500 GIFT-**Patron**-includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 12 complimentary tickets

\$250 GIFT-**Supporter** this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 6 complimentary tickets per year

\$125 GIFT-**Angel** - this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets,

\$150 **Commercial Member**- 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner), ads in program, TV, and website; 10 complimentary tickets

Life membership (new category)-is for individuals only. It would be for a one-time gift of \$5000. This is non transferrable membership that would give the member free admission to all OLT/JOLT functions, name on TV and in program. They would have voting privileges for life. Complimentary tickets would be available on request. This would be \$7500 for a couple.