



NEWSLETTER

MARY POPPINS IN REHEARSAL SHOW OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 5



SHOW DATES FOR MARY POPPINS HAVE BEEN SET

At the January board meeting the dates for Mary Poppins were set for Friday, May 5, Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7; and then Thursday May 11, Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13. The traditional last Sunday was replaced with a Thursday of that week since Sunday May 14 is Mena High School Graduation.

Now that Spring Break is over the hard work begins on the OLT spring musical, Mary Poppins. The music, under direction of Judy Kropp is “Practically Perfect” and the Choreography, under direction of Abi McPherson and Gini Burt, is “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious”. Jessica Kropp, doing much of the blocking says the cast is making her work a “Jolly Holiday”. With lots of costumes to get ready Jane Buttermilk and Julie Moe say “Chim Chim Cher-ee”. I think that this cast is like a “Spoonful of Sugar” making sure that with the proper “Step in Time” we will present our audiences a great show.



Advance reserved tickets will be available starting the middle of April.

Watch your news papers and listen to the radio to find out when and where the tickets will be available.

CARVER GIFT TO BE USED FOR NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM

OLT has been presented with a \$10,000 gift from the Bob Carver Estate. At the February board meeting it was decided that we spend some of the money for improvement to our antiquated theatre lighting system. Brad Storey, Justin Fenwick, and volunteers from Jessica Kropp’s theater classes took down the old equipment to be replaced by new. The new lighting control will be DMX, a digital system, and will provide additional lighting positions. The old system was failing and we no longer had enough outlets for the necessary lights. Aleshire Electric has finished rewiring the catwalk area and the lighting equipment has been ordered and should be arriving in plenty of time for Mary Poppins. The good news is that we did not spend the entire \$10,000 and will have some money left in case of an emergency.



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BENSON AWARDS

This is the year for the Benson Awards, OLT’s version of the Tonys. The date for the event will be June 10.

Shows that will be in the running this year are “The Foreigner”, “The Penultimate Problem of Sherlock Holmes”, “Eb Scrooge”, “Dearly Beloved”, “Dixie Swim Club”, “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown”, and “Oliver”. The directors of the shows will nominate Best Actors and Actresses, Best Supporting Actors and Actresses. OLT members will get ballots to vote for these as well as other categories such as best director and best show. Video clips of all eligible shows are available at OLTMENA.COM to help you vote.



Members and the public will be invited to the ceremony to be held at the Ouachita Little Theatre

NEXT SEASON’S SHOWS

