



NEWSLETTER

Rehearsal Has Started for Godspell



CAST ANNOUNCED

Jesus	Alex Atchley
John the Baptist/George	Lamar Austin
Judas	Daniel Green
Nick	Annie Baker
Telly	Jimmy Dilbert
Anna Maria	April Burt
Lindsay	Amanda Baker
Uzo	Gini Burt
Morgan	Brandy Benner
Celisse	Raychel Woody

Godspell will play at the Ouachita Little Theatre May 17, 18, 19 and May 25, 26, 27. It should be pointed out that the first weekend is Thursday, Friday and Saturday only since Sunday is the MHS graduation. The second weekend will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Directed by Jessica Kropp
Assistant Director Lorraine Timmerman
Music Director Judy Kropp

Prepare ye for the timeless tale of friendship, loyalty and love based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew.

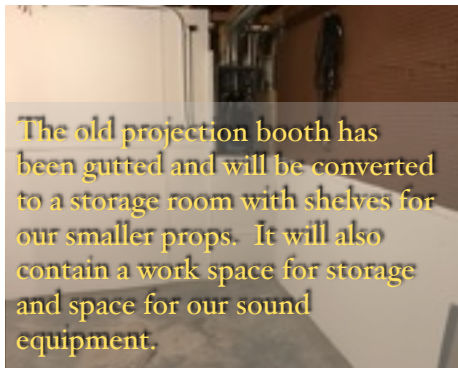
Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, Children of Eden), and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, "Day by Day," Godspell features a parade of beloved songs, including "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All for the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

A small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and hefty doses of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life.

Boasting a score with chart topping songs, a book by a visionary playwright (John-Michael Tebelak) and a feature film, Godspell is a sensation that continues to touch audiences. Because of its small technical demands and minimal cast size, it has become a staple of theatre companies, large and small. (provided by Music Theatre International)

Building News

Looking at our January, 2015 newsletter, all newsletters are available online at oltmena.com, I noticed a story about the theatre needing to be cleaned up. Over the past three years more than 14 shows have appeared at the OLT including Charlie Brown, Oliver, Mary Poppins and more. All these shows produce additional set pieces, props and costumes. With our limited space, storage is always a problem, so much so that our storage is again in a mess. So, after three years of shows we have undertaken another house cleaning/remodel. These pictures show some of our progress. Much still needs to be done and the folks who have been working hard on the project, Scotty Jenkins, Brad Storey, Justin Fenwick, Micheal and Ashlee Jacoby, and Jane Buttermilk would be most appreciative of any help you as an OLT member/supporter can provide. A grant from the Carver Charitable Foundation is making the work possible.



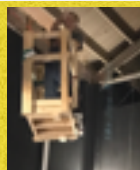
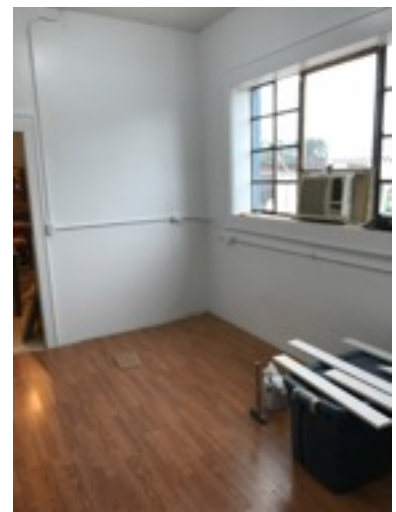
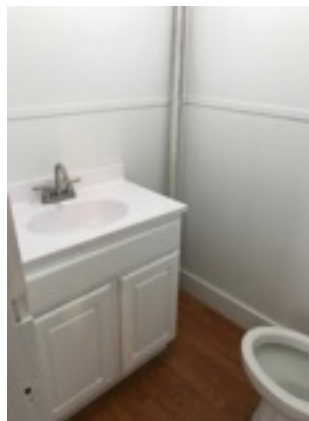
The old projection booth has been gutted and will be converted to a storage room with shelves for our smaller props. It will also contain a work space for storage and space for our sound equipment.



This is a new stair system which allows safe access to the top of the old costume area, the top of the old projection booth, and the catwalk. The picture to the right shows new shelves on top of the old costume room. Work space and storage for our stage lighting equipment will be on top of the old projection booth.

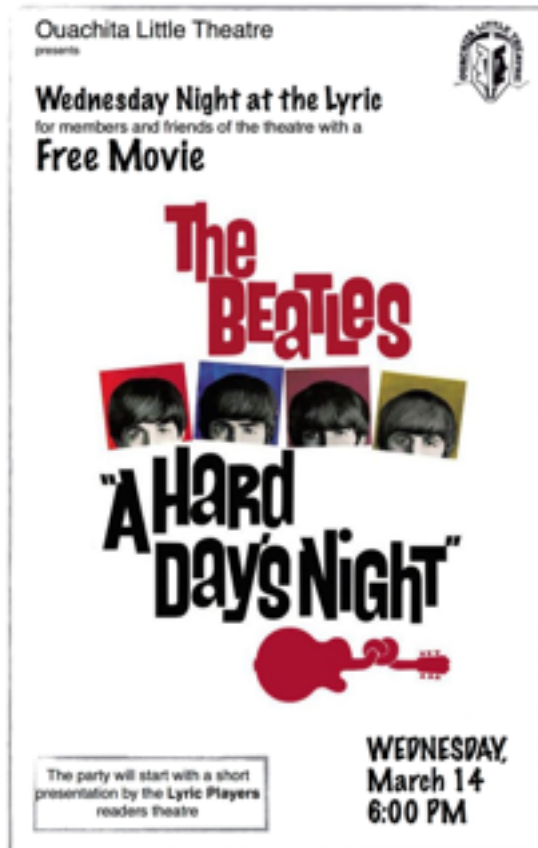


The middle upstairs street facing room was stuffed with costumes. Many are being moved upstairs. However there will still be some storage here as well. We have put down a donated laminate floor and refurbished the little bathroom. It was filthy and did not even have a lavatory before. The extra space in the room itself will become a sewing room with a sewing machine and sewing table.



Those who attended 4 Weddings and an Elvis were the first to enjoy our new sound system installed by Don Buttermilk. The reviews were glowing. Peggy Young emailed us saying "Bob and I saw the play on the second Friday and thoroughly enjoyed it. It was extremely well acted/cast and **we could hear all the dialogue!**"

Second Wednesday Movie



Lyric Players to Perform

As an wonderful added feature to our “Wednesday Night Party at the Lyric With a Free Movie”., the Lyric Players will perform prior to the movie. This readers theatre group, under the direction of Janelle Baldwin, will present an about 10 minute show starting at 6:00 pm The movie will start at 6:30 The readers theatre performance will tie in with the movie’s theme. You can learn more about the Lyric Players by going to our website at oltmena.com under “Get Involved”. They are always looking for new members.

THE OLD LYRIC PLAYERS

Come Play With Us - It's Never Too Late!

OUR GROUP

- ◆ Mature people who are actors (or would like to be)

WHAT IS DIFFERENT FROM TRADITIONAL STAGE PERFORMING?

- ◆ Memory and mobility requirements are few
- ◆ Little or no costuming, staging or props
- ◆ Fewer rehearsals

Annual Membership Meeting

This year’s Annual Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9 from 5:30 to 6:30 just prior to the Wednesday night movie.. One of the issues to be discussed, in addition to the election of officers, are some changes to our constitution. OLT is growing and as an organization we are now involved with four divisions all operating under the OLT umbrella. These are JOLT, Lyric Players, Just 4 Fun Players, and the video sales and box office. In the meantime OLT proper is still producing its 3 shows as well as maintaining the property. The changes in the constitution would reflect the expanded responsibilities of the theatre as it coordinates the activities of each of these divisions.

Cash Mob

Amanda Baker is coordinating OLT activities related to the Downtown Mena Cash Mob. She writes, “ We will be hosting the Downtown Mena's Cash Mob on March 10th. It will begin at 10 am and they will be at the theater at 9:30 to set up. We will need to provide refreshments, along with a few door prizes. I think it might be fun if Jane could dress some of us up in costumes.

They expect around 20 people to come, but are hoping for an even bigger turnout this month.

I thought about having punch of some kind (I have a few nice punch bowls), but is 10 am too early for punch? We could just go with coffee and/or hot chocolate. Please let me know what y'all think!” Judy Thompson has chosen Easter theme for March.

Amanda

MEMBERSHIP GOES ON-LINE

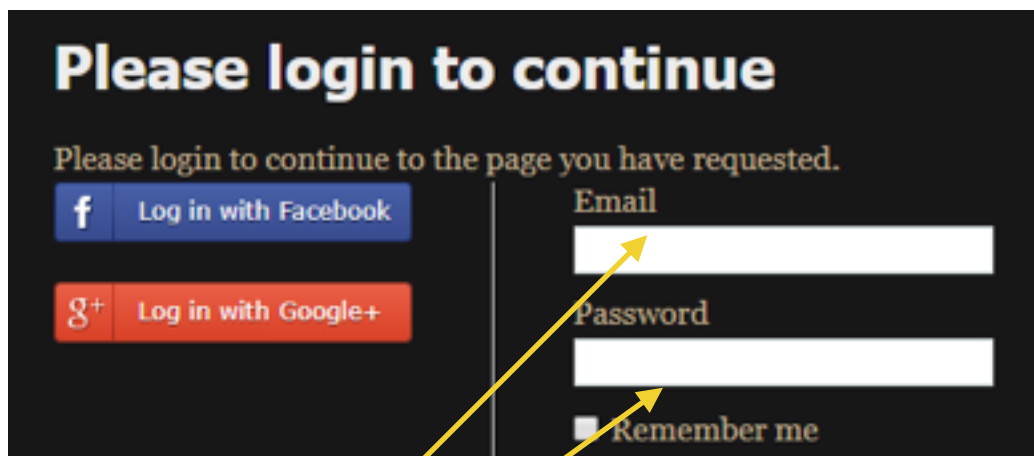
If you are an OLT member, you will be receiving an email two weeks before your membership expires. Upon receiving this notice you can rejoin and get your season tickets on-line and pay with a credit card by going to **olt.wildapricot.org**. It will be completely secure since all payments go through PayPal. OLT itself will not have access to your credit card information. If you prefer, you can also renew by mail or in person by stopping in at the OLT office, open 10-2 daily. If you are not already a member or season ticket holder you have the same on-line, mail, or in-person options.



HOW DO I GET ON-LINE?

1. go to **olt.wildapricot.org**
2. go to **oltmena.com** click **TICKETS & MEMBERSHIP**

You will see the initial login screen where you will fill in your login and password



Your Login is:

Your current email address

Your password has been set to:

OLT12345 (the OLT is in Capital Letters)

Please login and get used to the site a bit.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



At the behest of John the Baptist young men and women forsake their jobs and take up the mantle of Jesus Christ -- becoming his disciples -- in a musical retelling of the Gospel of Matthew set in modern-day.
May 17-27



Blind and deaf after suffering a terrible fever as a baby, young Helen Keller has spent years unable to communicate, leaving her frustrated and occasionally violent. As a last chance before she is institutionalized, her parents contact a school for the blind, which sends half-blind Annie Sullivan to teach Helen. Helen is initially resistant, but Annie gradually forms a bond with her and shows Helen ways of reaching others.
Probable dates October 11 - 21



In our American culture *It's a Wonderful Life* has become almost as familiar as Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. This faithful adaptation has all your favorite characters: George and Mary Hatch, Clarence, Uncle Billy, Violet, and, of course, the Scrooge-like villain, Mr. Potter. This fine dramatization not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.
Probable dates December 7 - 17

Memories Saver Service is up and running Office open 10 to 2 daily



INPUT	PRICE FOR TAPE to DVD/CD
VIDEOTAPES ALL TYPES up to 2 HOURS	1 - \$20 2-10 — \$15 each over 10 - \$10 each
MOVIE FILM	up to 100 ft 0.20/ft over 100 ft 0.15/ft
AUDIO CASSETTES up to 90 min	1 - \$15 2-10 \$12 Over 10 - \$10 each
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Profits from this service helps support the theatre