



NEWSLETTER



OLT Celebrates Valentine's Day



a jones hope wooten comedy

**Farce of Nature
to Open
Valentine's Day
Feb. 14 2019
as dinner theatre at
Mena Mountain Resort**



THE STORY: The non-stop hilarity of this Southern-fried farce highlights one day in the life of the Wilburn family of Mayhew, Arkansas. Meet D. Gene Wilburn, the owner and proprietor of the Reel 'Em Inn, the finest little fishing lodge in the Ozarks. Well, it used to be, but lately business is down, tourists are few, and the lone guest who's just checked in—an extremely jittery Carmine DeLuca from Chicago—is only there due to a location shift in the Witness Protection Program. Doesn't anybody just want to fish anymore? Certainly not D. Gene's frustrated wife, Wanelle, who's fed up with their lackluster romantic life. She's taken drastic steps to improve it through hypnotic suggestion. D. Gene's feisty sister Maxie has her own problems, chief among them battling ageism to resume her career in law enforcement. She's determined to prove her worth by keeping Carmine DeLuca alive through the weekend—a task that's going to prove to be much harder than she bargained for since she keeps losing both her gun and the bullets. And she never anticipated the gangster Camine's been dodging for the last five years, Sonny Barbosa, is about to walk through the door, in hot pursuit of his sexy wife, Lola. Seems the headstong Lola has driven hundreds of miles to the lodge to follow her boytoy, D. Gene and Wanelle's son Ty. But Lola meets her match in Ty's seemingly innocent girlfriend, Jenna, whose patience has reached the breaking point after months of waiting for Ty to come home. In the deliciously funny romp that ensues, they all hide, lie, disguise themselves, cross-dress, and slam doors chasing one another, while trying to figure out the source of an increasingly awful stench. By then it's too late and the lodge is surrounded by vicious critters and hungry varmints that have followed the odor down from the hills. Yet by the delightfully chaotic climax of this one outrageous day, love blossoms, truths are revealed, and the lives of all—family, guests and gangsters alike—change in incredible and surprising ways. (From Dramatist Play Service synopsis)

Advance Tickets Now Available



by Julie Ulmer

Celebrate Valentine’s Day on February 14 by attending the opening night of “Farce of Nature” at Mena Mountain Resort with a dinner show. Make reservations for this special performance by calling the resort at 394-3110; discounts applicable to season ticket holders. Beginning February 15, the play will move to the OLT stage. Remaining performances will be February 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 PM, Sundays are at 2:30 PM. Directed by Scotty Jenkins, this madcap comedy is sure to delight audiences as other OLT productions from the pen of Jones, Hope, and Wooten have done. Advance tickets on sale now at the OLT office, 610 Mena Street.



First Fundraiser was a Big Success

Another SNL in Mena Planned

Another Saturday Night Live in Mena is being planned for the week of Lum&Abner, June 7,8,9. Beth Coogan and Justin Richardson will again be at the center of the planning and organization. If you are interested in participating give them a call.

More OLT Valentine Fun

Second Wednesday Movie Feb 13

by Julie Ulmer

On February 13, warm up on “Valentine’s Day Eve” with a free classic love story on film AND a short live entertainment program at OLT. The monthly **Wednesday Night at the Lyric** party is showing “You’ve Got Mail.” This beloved movie features the “triumvirate of romantic comedies” with its stars, Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, and acclaimed director Nora Ephron (“Sleepless in Seattle.”) “You’ve Got Mail” (released in 1998) was one of the first movies to use internet technology as a major plot device and remains popular with modern audiences. As a special bonus, come at 6:15 to see a short comedic scene from “A Company of Wayward Saints” portrayed by Justin Richmond and Annie Baker before the movie begins at 6:30 PM. Concessions are only \$1, admission is free. Donations are always welcome.

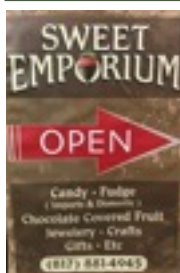


“Always Patsy Cline” on OLT Schedule



Lana Gail Coogan has agreed to perform as Patsy Cline in **Always Patsy Cline**. It is more than a tribute to the legendary country singer who died tragically in a plane crash in 1963. The **show** is based on a true story about **Cline's** friendship with Houston fan Louise Seger who befriended the star in 1961, and continued a correspondence with **Cline** until her death. The show will open August 2 of 2019 and run two weekends.

Scene from “A Company of Wayward Saints” starts at 6:15
 Movie starts at 6:30
FREE!!



**New Business
 Located at the OLT:
 Sweet Emporium**

2019 WILL BE THE YEAR FOR THE BIENNIAL BENSON AWARDS

Scotty Jenkins will be the chairman for the Benson Awards this year. Plans call for a gala event open to the entire community as shows and actors from the past two years are honored. OLT members will be asked to vote for their favorites and the results of their votes will be made public at the ceremony. Members are reminded that clips from all our shows are online at our website, OLTMENA.COM, to help refresh their memories of the performances from the past two years.

**Coming to the
OLT**



May 2019

by Julie Ulmer

People are already buzzing about “Annie” which will be the spring musical production directed by Rudi Timmerman Judy Kropp and Jessica Krop. Auditions will be held in early March. If you wish to prepare for auditions, the script is available at the Polk County Library. Detailed character descriptions are listed online at www.ouachitalittletheatre.org. Click on the “Annie” icon for details. And read your local paper to stay informed on this topic and other important events coming to you from Ouachita Little Theatre!

Board approves 4 One Acts by Anton Chekhov for October

From the January 17 Board Meeting by Alexa Night

Four Chekhov one acts to be directed by John Puddington are tentatively set for October 2019. John asked if it might be possible to do three weekends of this and the Board was favorable. Robby Burt added that Chekhov has great literary value; these one acts hold the potential for a good student turnout.

John has also proposed doing a workshop for “Othello” preceding any auditions. Rudi suggested that this be done through the Just For Fun Players, in that the workshops could then be held at the resort. If it is decided that the show will go to production, then auditions will be held at the OLT.

MEMBERSHIP

Our theatre is an all volunteer organization. We depend on donations, memberships, and season ticket sales to keep us going. A show like Annie costs us \$2500 just for royalties. On top of that we have all our other show expenses. Our memberships are for a year and require renewal each year. We have been sending out email reminders that memberships are expiring. Some folks have replied and rejoined. Thank you. A substantial number have not. Please check your emails for renewal notices. You can pay online, by mail, or in person at our office. Help OLT to continue and grow. Join or renew. Membership categories are online at oltmena.com, and in our show programs. While online you can join by following the screen prompts.

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