



# NEWSLETTER



## CAST ANNOUNCED

Alexyss Hilderbrand	Annette	Mariah Dilbert	NYC person
Tiffany Cavelli	Annie (one week)	Whitney Dilbert	NYC person
	Molly (the other week)	Maria Dilbert	NYC person
Anna Burt	Annie one week	Savannah Goodnight	NYC person
	Molly the other week	Koleman Goodnight	NYC person
Anna Morgan	Apple seller & Vagrant	Heather Hilderbrand	NYC person
Madi Fairless	Assistant Dog Catcher	Sophia Hughes	NYC person
Daniel Green	Bert Healy & Vagrant	Savannah Levring	NYC person
Miranda Burt	Boylan Sister	Summer Nix	NYC person
April-Burt	Boylan Sister	Bethney Settle	NYC person
Gini Burt	Boylan Sister	Miriam Wahl	NYC person
Bethany Sanders	Cecille	Elisheba Wahl	NYC person
Micheal Cate	Daddy Warbucks	Laura Saustaire	NYC person & Vagrant
Brithney Dilbert	Dog catcher & Vagrant	Kiylee Hughes	Orphan
Jason Myers	Drake	Brakiah Burk	Orphan Duffy
Cristian Miller	Eddie & Vagrant	Ellie Brewer	Orphan Choir
Kelhan Howell	Fred & Wackey	Serenity Fraser	Orphan Choir
LanaGail Coogan	Grace	Lillianne Loyd	Orphan Choir
Allen Hazen	Howe (cabinet)	Grace Brewer	Orphan July
Mike Moe	Hull & Lt. Ward	Annie Hughes	Orphan Kate
Mikel Kenyon-Ortiz	Ickes (cabinet) & Man 4	Rylie Walters	Orphan Pepper
Robby Burt	Kid	Katy-Anne Goodnight	Orphan Tessy
Aaron Burt	Kid	Lawrence Kropp	Perkins (cabinet) & Man 2
Jacob Kenyon-Ortiz	Kid 1	Bill Hays	President & Bundles
Nalu Pruitt	Lilly	Linda Johnson	Props/NYC Person
Purimpus Kemthong	Maid	Alex Atchley	Rooster
Roy Vail	Man 1, Brandeis,	Jackie Biard	Sophie & NYC person
	Sound effects man	Alexa Night	Star to be
Davy McDonald	Man 3	Zoie Goforth	Usherette & Maid
	Masked Announcer	Jocelyn Biard	Vagrant
Julie Ulmer	Miss Hannigan	Kristie Kenyon-Ortiz	Vagrant
Marvin Glen	Morganthau	Julie Moe	Vagrant
Melinda Cate	Mrs. Greer	Hannah Thacker	Vagrant
Ann Glen	Mrs. Pugh	Evette Harner	Woman 1
Jane Buttermilk	NYC person		
Breanna Crider	NYC person		
Samantha Dilbert	NYC person		

**Annie; an OLT Family Affair?**

By Julie Ulmer



Ouachita Little Theatre has a grand history of presenting Spring Musicals featuring large casts, live orchestras, imaginative choreography, beautiful costumes, and fine acting. The next such production is the popular 1977 Broadway musical “Annie.” It is based on the Harold Gray comic strip of Little Orphan Annie, featuring unforgettable characters like Daddy Warbucks, Mean Miss Hannigan, and Annie’s canine companion, Sandy. This award-winning musical features music and lyrics by Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin with memorable songs like “Tomorrow” and “Hard Knock Life.” OLT has slated for performances for May 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26. No show will be produced on MHS graduation day, May 19. The May 18 and 26 shows will be 2:30 pm matinees

**2019 WILL BE THE YEAR FOR THE BIANNUAL 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](http://OLTMENA.COM), to help refresh their memories of the performances from the past two years.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!**

Ballots will be going our soon. Members with registered email addresses will be getting the ballot by email. If you get an email ballot, please fill it out and email it back to us to be counted. Those members without email addresses will receive their ballots via “snail mail”. Only current members will be able to vote. If you are not a member, it may be a good time to join.

You can join online at [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com) or you can stop by the office 10am to 2pm week days.

**Annual membership meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 held prior to the movie on Movie Night**



### Othello Workshop Was Big Success



Othello workshop held at OLT March 23

Participants, Brad Storey and Alex Atchley taking direction from John Puddington, workshop leader



### Second Wednesday Movie April 10



Ouachita Little Theatre presents  
2nd Wednesday at the Lyric Party with a Free Movie

WEDNESDAY, April 10

MOVIE STARTS AT 6:50pm

Concessions will be available and Donations are always requested

### Monthly "Jam Sessions" to be held at OLT starting April 6

Mike Smith, in conjunction with folks like Don Buttermilk, David Lindy, and Ron Beckel, will holding monthly Jam Sessions on the first Saturday of the month from noon until 2 pm. One of the goals of the project is to raise money for the theatre. The musicians will pay to play. While the public will be admitted for free, donations will be requested. On days when other regularly scheduled OLT events conflict with the planned date, the schedule will be adjusted. Come join the fun!



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

## "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.

This is a big undertaking for OLT. This show has the highest royalties of any show we have done (almost \$3000). Part of that is due to the fact that there are over 26 all-time country hits from Hank Williams, Bob Wills, Willie Nelson, and many more which will be performed as part of this show. Don't miss this wonderful show coming up in August.

## 4 One Acts by Anton Chekhov for October



Anton Pavlovich Chekhov was a Russian playwright and short-story writer, who is considered to be among the greatest writers of short fiction in history. His career as a playwright produced four classics, and his best short stories are held in high esteem by writers and critics. (from [Wikipedia](#))

Many, when they hear the name Chekhov, think of dark and dreary stories. These 4 One Acts to be performed by OLT are comedies. They are The Bear, The Anniversary, The Proposal, and The Harmful Effects of Tobacco. The director, John Puddington directed these 4 plays with great success in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Auditions for the show will be held late August early September.



## RETURNING TO THE OLT STAGE

Marty Haggard-Tribute to My Dad, Merle Haggard

Thursday, JULY 11

### Work Continues on the Lobby

New tile flooring has been purchased. In order to accommodate its placement, the floor had to be made completely flat. In the process of performing that operation, other problems arose. One would expect that with a 96 year old building, but it is never a pleasant surprise. The board has hired MSBI to fix the floor properly and they are doing a fantastic job. New cabinetry has been ordered for the concession stand, Sam Heath has come up with a great design which will include an ice maker in the counter. Antique metal ceiling tiles have been donated by MSBI and will give the lobby the Art Deco looking the committee is looking for. The project should be complete before our musical, Annie.



### OLT Working to Bring Remnants of Rock to Mena



The Remnants (of Rock) is the musical legacy of The St. James Group. The new band is made up from the original members that started out together in 1968, with the addition of new keyboard player.

The band's goal is to recreate the music of the 1960s as authentically as possible. Imagine walking into the student union for the homecoming dance on any college campus during the years 1965-1969 and hearing the best dance band you've ever heard! Close your eyes and think back, because this is the performance The Remnants will deliver. The band plays only the top hits from 1959-1969 – which is often called the sweet spot of the era.

**Show Scheduled for November 2**  
**Advance tickets will be available for \$20**

### Let Us Save Your Memories by Putting them on DVD

INPUT	PRICE FOR DVD/GD
VIDEOTAPES 1-2 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	1 up to 90 min \$15 2 to 5 \$12 each over 5 \$10 each
DVD	1 - \$10 each 2-10 — \$8 each over 10 - \$5 each

**Proceeds go to help with OLT programs**

### 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](http://oltmena.com), and in our show programs. While online you can join by following the screen prompts.