



# NEWSLETTER



## MAJOR OLT CLEANING Professional Disinfecting

OLT will try to get our programs to slowly restart. Our first small step is to hold one of our second Wednesday movie nights. Julie has arranged for us to see the fun movie, Night at the Museum. In an effort to be as safe as possible, the entire auditorium will be cleaned by ACCI. All seats will be steam cleaned and disinfected. The auditorium as a whole will be disinfected with a CDC approved material recommended for the mitigation of the Corona Virus. As part of the cleaning process, samples will be taken from all parts of the building and will be submitted to be tested for any changes that will need to be made to keep the building safe and as environmentally safe as possible. While this can be expensive, it is the only way that we want to operate. The safety of our patrons is of utmost importance. As a supportive member of the community, ACCI will be giving OLT substantial discounts for the work.



### To Clean the Theatre

## Theatre Attendance Procedures



By Julie Ulmer

OLT takes your health protection very seriously. Therefore, there will be some pandemic safeguards in place following the Governor's guidelines for theaters. Patrons must wear a mask at all times during the movie, although children under 10 will not be required to wear masks. Masks may be removed temporarily to eat and drink purchases from the concession stand. Popcorn, drinks, and candy bars are approved refreshments. Servers will wear masks and gloves while dispensing them. Hand sanitizers will be available in key areas. The theater will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use. Social distancing lines will be marked on the floor in the lobby. Certain seating areas will be sectioned off as unusable, but families are welcome to sit together in a group and will need to space at least six feet from any other patrons. No more than 50 people will be allowed in the building at the showing.

Of course, anyone not feeling well or know they have been exposed to the virus should stay at home. Those over age 65, or those with underlying health conditions might choose to refrain until restrictions are no longer necessary. But if you can come, we'd love to see your faces again!

Ouachita Little Theatre  
presents

**2nd Wednesday  
at the Lyric Party with a  
Free Movie**

**WEDNESDAY,  
July 8**

This is now scheduled  
We will follow Covid-19 CDC  
guidelines

**MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30pm**

## OLT Welcomes Patrons Back to “Movie Night!”

Ouachita Little Theatre has been quiet for the past months due to COVID-19. After distributing a survey to the membership of OLT, the board was happy to see there was a definite interest in bringing back the monthly second Wednesday of the month tradition of Free Movie Night. Beginning July 8, OLT will kick off our summer blockbuster shows with “Night at the Museum” starring Ben Stiller. This delightfully funny family film is sure to be a great break for families to come and

enjoy an old-fashioned tradition in “going to the movies” together.

Movie Nights begin at 6:30 PM at the OLT. It will look a little different for a while, but what a treat to share a movie together the way it was intended to be enjoyed. Join us, and please consider leaving a donation in the designated containers to help Ouachita Little Theatre navigate financially through a difficult time. On August 12 OLT will feature another summer blockbuster hit, Steven Spielberg’s “JAWS!” Hope to see you at the movies!

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# Updates from OLT

By Julie Ulmer



The Board of Directors from Ouachita Little Theatre met June 18 to discuss future plans for activities and shows. Since the COVID19 concerns are still with us indefinitely in Polk County, it is next to impossible to determine production dates safely. Therefore, the board voted to extend all memberships six additional months at no extra charge. In other words, if you have a season, complimentary, or purchased ticket for an event, you can add six months to the expiration date. Notices will be sent to the membership explaining details. This decision is for the benefit of members as an appreciation measure for support during a time when shows cannot be shown.

President Rudi Timmerman states, "It's the only fair thing to do for our season ticket holders; we don't want them paying for shows they can't see yet. But of course, it adds strain to an already strained budget. Therefore, donations will be appreciated now more than ever."

Also effected by the pandemic, the musical "BIG" remains on hold for the time being. Even though the set is almost completely done, it has been impossible to hold rehearsals. Therefore, the painful decision was reached to collect scripts from the cast until a date can be set. Parts will be secure for those who are available and wish to remain in the show, but further auditions may be necessary. "BIG" will proceed onstage when it can be safely executed and enjoyable to our audiences.

The board is also looking at creative ways to make money to pay expenses that occur monthly. Without income from shows, it has been very challenging. Board members are looking at fun ways to provide theater fun online or in other safe ways that could also produce a small amount of revenue.

One of OLT's major announcements includes the safe return of Free Movie Night on the second Wednesday of each month. CDC and Arkansas State Guidelines will be followed, and details will be explained in a follow-up article. The next family- friendly feature will be Ben Stiller in "Night at the Museum" on July 8 at 6:30 PM.

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# JOIN OLT

## Come Play With Us

## SIX MONTHS FREE MEMBERSHIP

Dear past and present members of OLT:

As a special thank you for your support the board has voted to extend everyone's memberships by 6 months at no additional cost. We felt that since we are not able to provide you with programming during the Covid -19 pandemic we should not be charging you.

This is the way it will work.

1. If your membership has lapsed in the last 3 months we will reinstate you at your previous level and make your new expiration date 6 months later than your original expiration date. You will get regular renewal notices as your new expiration date approaches.

2. All those with current memberships will have those memberships automatically extended 6 months when the notification of your membership expiration is sent. When the new expiration date approaches regular new renewal notices will be sent.

It should be noted that this extension also applies to your season tickets and complementary passes. They will be valid for the additional 6 months added to the expiration date on the tickets.

Membership Form			
	Individual	Family <sup>1</sup>	Amount
Season Ticket and membership	\$60	\$110	<input type="checkbox"/>
Season Ticket only no membership	\$40	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership only no season ticket	\$10	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major donor <sup>2</sup>	\$1000		<input type="checkbox"/>
Patron <sup>3</sup>	\$500 - \$999		<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporter <sup>4</sup>	\$250 - \$499		<input type="checkbox"/>
Angel <sup>5</sup>	\$125		<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Member <sup>6</sup>	\$150		<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Membership	\$5000 - \$7500		<input type="checkbox"/>

### MEMBERSHIPS

\$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 (2)

\$500 gift-Patron- includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 12 complimentary tickets (3)

\$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. (4)

\$125 gift- is an Angel- this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets. (5)

\$150 Commercial Member- 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner), ads in program, TV, and website, 10 complimentary tickets (6)

\$25 Family Member- husband, wife and children, two votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner)

\$10 OLT yearly membership- no season tickets but a member and 1 vote, this includes the cost of insurance required by the insurance company for all participants in OLT programs and productions. All card members and card MUST have a member ID to participate in our productions.

Life membership is available for individuals only. It would be for a one-time gift of \$5000. This is non-transferable membership that would give the member free admission to all OLT/CLT 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.

Individual ticket prices are \$12 for an adult, \$8 for students & seniors for comedies and dramas.

Musical ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10.00 for students & seniors. Season tickets are good for up to 8 shows!

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form with your check to:  
 Oneida Little Theatre, P. O. Box 2217, Morris, AR 71902

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

INPUT	PRICE FOR DVD/CD
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

Even though our office is closed until further notice, work is continuing on orders placed prior to the closing of the office. If you have an order in progress you will be contacted when it is finished.

Some of our members are making some fun videos. Watch our Facebook page for more videos

Here is an example of our monthly expenses. Since we have no income at this time, donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Help OLT by paying one of our monthly water bills**

**\$100**

You will be connected to Wild Apricot, our data base company. Follow the simple directions. And use your credit card.

**Help OLT by paying one of our monthly electric bills**

**\$250**

You will be connected to Wild Apricot, our data base company. Follow the simple directions. And use your credit card. All donations are tax deductible.

**Help OLT by paying one of our monthly insurance bills**

**\$300**

You will be connected to Wild Apricot, our data base company. Follow the simple directions. And use your credit card. All donations are tax deductible.

**Help OLT by paying one of our mortgage payments**

**\$500**

You will be connected to Wild Apricot, our data base company. Follow the simple directions. And use your credit card. All donations are tax deductible.

If you can help go online to [OLT.wildapricot.org](http://OLT.wildapricot.org)

You can use your credit card.

You can also mail your donation to OLT, 610 Mena St., Mena, AR 71953

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



The classic 1987 motion picture fantasy bursts onto the stage in the unforgettable theatrical experience. Josh Baskin is sick of being an awkward kid. At a carnival, he makes a wish to the Zoltar machine to become "big." Complete with Zoltar, a giant floor piano and stand-out roles for adults and children, *Big* is a great choice for theatres that are looking for a family-friendly smash-hit that is full of high-energy singing

and dancing.



Louisa May Alcott's beloved story of the adventures of the four March sisters is brought to vivid musical life in **Little Women**. **Little Women** reminds us that "sometimes when you dream, your dreams come true." The show will be directed by Alexa Night



**THE LAST LIFEBOAT** is destined to become a theatre classic! " **THE LAST LIFEBOAT** is the untold story of J. Bruce Ismay, the owner of the White Star shipping Line when The Titanic sank, whose decision to save himself rather than go down with the ship made him the scapegoat for one of the greatest disasters of all time. The show will be directed by Chase Night



In this hilarious, fast-paced comedy, the inhabitants of one of the smallest trailer parks in **Texas**—four **doublewides** and a shed—are thrown for a loop when they realize the nearby town of Tugaloo is determined to annex them. And it's not as if they don't already have enough to deal with. The show will be directed by Scotty Jenkins



We are planning on a JOLT production. Shows by Justin Richmond and Logan Sweeten have been approved for production but, as with everything else, the dates for these shows are still up in the air.

Hello friends of OLT

Thank you for your support of OLT. Our community theatre is struggling right along with you during these difficult times.

Listed on this page are the shows we hope to be presenting for you. We have no idea when these shows will happen. Until it is completely safe to open we will only be operating with audiences limited to 50% of capacity. One of the ideas brought up is to do the show more often. This brings up royalty issues. Whatever the outcome, we hope that you will continue to support us with your memberships, donations and attendance..

Rudi Timmerman  
OLT President

**Why Not Consider a Membership and Season Ticket?**

**ONLY \$50** (season ticket only is \$40)

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