



NEWSLETTER

Auditions for Sherlock Holmes: Aug 29-30



The Penultimate Problems of Sherlock Holmes

is the show being directed by Scott O'Rear. Auditions are being held Monday, August 29 at 4 pm and Tuesday, August 30 at 6 pm. If you are interested in auditioning, but can't make these times, give Scott a call at 903-953-0285. The following is the list of characters that will appear in the play:

Mr. Sherlock Holmes - middle male British

Dr. John Watson - middle male British

Mrs Hudson, the landlady - middle aged female British

Inspector Lestrade of Scotland Yard - male British

Mrs. Leonora Piper, medium from Boston - American female

Monsieur Dupin, a Parisian detective - French male

Miss Irene Adler of New Jersey - American female

Prof. James Moriarty - British male

An English Gentleman - British male

Docteur Phinuit (voice) - French male

Ellen Watson (voice) - British female



Photos by Beth McMillen



Set construction has started and Scott is having his crew work towards a set reflective of the Victorian Era. Chris Swanberg, the Assistant Director, Sarah, Brad Storey, Robby Burt, Barefoot Annie, Dan Wahl, Scott O'Rear and Rudi Timmerman were all on hand to initiate the building process. The show opens Oct 21 and will play two weekends, including Halloween.

Coming Attractions

Ouachita Little Theatre's plays will resume in the Fall. Scott O'Rear will direct "**The Penultimate Problems of Sherlock Holmes**", October 21-30, Auditions will be Monday, August 29 from 4 to 8 pm and Tuesday, August 30 from 6 to 9 pm. at the OLT. Ladonna Van Wolf will direct "**Eb Scrooge: A Southern Fried Carol**" opening December 2. Auditions are scheduled for October 3 & 4. February 2017 - **Southern Comfort**, directed by Scotty Jenkins. Spring Musical - **Mary Poppins**, directed by Kropp and Timmerman. Fall 2017 **Hamlet**, directed by Brad Storey

OLD OLT SEATS TO BE REPLACED



GET AN OLT KEEPSAKE
 A number of folks have expressed an interest in obtaining some of the old seats as souvenirs. Aug 18 the board voted to make the old seats available at \$5 per seat with a minimum of 4 seats in a row. If you are interested stop by any Tuesday or Thursday night at the theatre, or call 479-243-5903 for more information.

For years Ouachita Little Theatre supporters have been struggling with seats that were installed during the Eisenhower administration. Recently Bill Hays, OLT Treasurer, located some very nice used seats that were being replaced by a church in Hot Springs. A price of \$10 per seat was proposed and was to be discussed at the August 18 OLT board meeting. However, the church needed the chairs removed so by email ballot the board decided to act on the offer and organized a convoy of trailers to Hot Springs. Bill Hays, Monte Barrow, Justin Goodnight, Scott O’Rear and his wife, and Rudi Timmerman dodged the rain and brought 220 chairs back to the OLT where Jared Spangler, Tyler



New seats arrive
 Lane, Casey Bass, Trey LaCoste, Scotty Jenkins, Zack Pearson, Nicholas Worth, Brad Storey, and Robby Burt helped unload the chairs. While OLT’s credit is good, eventually the piper must be paid. Judy Kropp, OLT Secretary, has started a **“GoFundMe” account online which can be accessed through the Ouachita Little Theatre Facebook page.** It is hoped that through this effort as well as other direct donations the estimated cost of the chairs, the removal of the old chairs and the installation of the new chairs will approach \$3000. At the time of this writing about half the money has been raised. If you wish to help by donating you can also mail your contribution to OLT, Box 1217, Mena, AR 71953.



Rudi Timmerman thanks Roy Vail for his recent \$5000 Arkansas Gives contribution toward the wall restoration and roof repair.

BOARD SELECTS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SERVICE
 After months of study and deliberation the Online Membership Committee under the leadership of Barry Michelson, has recommended a service called “Wild Apricot” to provide the software and record maintenance for next year’s membership campaign. The board agreed and Will Hose, our new membership chair, will be tasked with implementing the program. The big advantage for our members will be the ability to join OLT and get season tickets online by going to our website. The software keeps the records so that we will be able to have memberships and season tickets for a complete calendar year no matter when one joins. January to January or June to June everyone gets the same number of shows. OLT has changed its membership criteria and it may be a good idea to check the website for those changes. **However, one thing must be clear. If you wish to join by mail, you can just like always.**