



NEWSLETTER

Hamlet is in Rehearsal

Brad Storey and Becky Norris have started rehearsals for Hamlet. Brad is excited about the quality of the actors consisting of both veterans of OLT productions and folks new to



Nick Fairless Annie Baker Megan Caldwell

our stage. The show will open October 20 and run for two weekends including two Monday performances. Oct 20-23 and Halloween weekend, Oct. 27-30. Sunday shows will be at 2:30 all others will be 7:30.



Brad Storey

Photos by Beth McMillen

Cast

Alex Atchley	Hamlet
Logan Sweeten	Hamlet Und.
Justin Fenwick	Claudius
Kevin Loyd	Claudius Und.
Katelin Haines	Gertrude
Jane Buttermilk	Gertrude Und.
Alexa Night	Ophelia
Tara Cornelius	Ophelia Und.
Coty Gee	Laertes
Bruce Bills	Polonius
Scotty Jenkins	Ghost
Ian Cameron	Rosencrantz
Justin Richmond	Guildestern
Kara O'Donnal	Grave Digger
Heather Wilson	Grave Digger
Mike Moe	Osric
Chris Beaver	Marcellus
Annie Baker	Francisco
Nick Fairless	Horatio
Kammie Sweeten	Player Queen
Dustin Pitts	Lucianus



Bruce Bills Alexa Night

Cast Cont.

Trey Lacoste	TBA
W M McClain	TBA
Morgan Caldwell	Attendant
Beth coogan	Attendant
Julie Moe	Attendant
Kristie Kenyon-Ortiz	Attendant
Eva McAllister	Attendant
Jackie Biard	Attendant
Brittany Duerte	Attendant
Mary Neese	Attendant
McKayla Lane	Attendant
Brad Storey	Priest
Tia Moe	Grave digger und
Angel Moe	Grave digger und

Many of us may know the story of Hamlet. A synopsis online describes the the story this way:

“Set in Denmark, the play dramatizes the revenge Prince Hamlet is called to wreak upon his uncle, Claudius, by the ghost of Hamlet's father, King Hamlet. Claudius had murdered his own brother and seized the throne, also marrying his deceased brother's widow.”



Why Did Shakespeare Write Hamlet?

The question of why Shakespeare wrote Hamlet is addressed by Alyson Ladd on *Prezi*:

Many have said to believe that Shakespeare copied and plagiarized another play, "Ur-Hamlet". It was believed to be written during the Elizabethan days, but the original play is nowhere to be found. Shakespeare wrote the play "Hamlet" in 1601, in 1556 Shakespeare's only son died of an unknown illness. The death of his son was believed to be the reason of "Hamlet".

In the 13th century there was a play written called "Amleth", sources say that Amleth was the play that Shakespeare based Hamlet on.

Others have said that Shakespeare used Hamlet as a metaphor to highlight the tensions that existed and arose during the "English Reformation".

The same year that Shakespeare wrote "Hamlet", Shakespeare's father had died. The death of his father was believed that this inspired Shakespeare to write "Hamlet", of a grieving son.

We will have volunteers at the OLT office (Lyric Theater, 610 Mena St.) weekdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm starting Monday, September 18. You can also contact us through our website, oltmena.com by clicking on contact us. Below is a copy of our order form and price list. Special times can be arranged if regular hours are not convenient.

Starting September 18



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OLT Wednesday Night at the Lyric Presents “The Nutty Professor”

by Julie Ulmer

Ouachita Little Theatre has chosen the second free film feature to play at the Lyric Theatre. “The Nutty Professor” will be shown at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13 at the OLT. This movie is free to Theatre members and anyone interested in art appreciation through film. This 1963 comedy classic featuring Jerry Lewis was chosen by OLT in honor of the so-called “King of Comedy” who passed away last week on August 20 at age 91. Lewis is world famous for being an innovative filmmaker, comedian, and fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. His humanitarian efforts made him a legend in his own time by raising close to a billion dollars over decades for children affected by this horrible disease through his annual Labor Day Telethons. Many Polk County residents also remember watching the comedy duo of Lewis and (Dean) Martin who were extremely popular during the mid-20th century. He made his first film in 1949. Lewis often wrote, produced, and directed the movies in which he starred.



Mena resident Ruby K. Manis was a costumer in Hollywood for over twenty years. She worked with Jerry Lewis during the filming of a movie entitled “Cracking Up” in 1982, along with Milton Berle and Sammy Davis Jr. She describes Lewis as very warm, personable, funny, and a selfless person. “I loved Jerry, he was so good to the crew on our film. And he gave great hugs. I will miss his talent and his generous spirit.”

“The Nutty Professor” is widely considered to be Lewis’ best film, having been selected by the US National Film Registry. The Library of Congress who makes these film selections describes the movies chosen to be “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant” to our society. This comedy doubtless has influenced US popular culture, particularly during the 1960’s. The plot is a parody of Robert Louis

Stevenson’s “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.” Lewis’ character, Professor Julius Kelp, is a socially awkward professor who invents a serum that turns him into a handsome, suave and sophisticated charmer known as Buddy Love. Most of the best laughs come when the serum wears off at inopportune times, and those watching the film will see the comic genius of Jerry Lewis most definitely at work in those scenes.

OLT only chooses films that have had an impact on the lives of local people and the art form of moviemaking. Please join your friends at the Lyric for an evening honoring a well-loved comedy icon. You are sure to leave the theatre feeling refreshed, entertained, and most likely in a better mood than when you came in. And of course, the concession stand is open for popcorn, your favorite candy, and soft drinks at the bargain price of \$1 per item. Admission to the movie is free, but donations are always appreciated. Bring the whole family and have a great time at Wednesday Night at the Lyric!

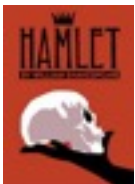
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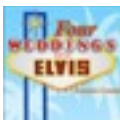
The show will be an OLT bonus show so season tickets will be honored. Regular admission will be \$10. Evan Torch is a vocalist who interprets the song stylings of some of the famous vocalists of our time including Tom Jones and Elvis Presley. He will finish the show with some traditional gospel songs.



COMING ATTRACTIONS



Directed by Brad Storey and Becky Norris
October Oct 20, 2017
The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, often shortened to **Hamlet** (*ˈhæmlɪt*), is a tragedy written by William Shakespeare at an uncertain date between 1599 and 1602. Set in the Kingdom of Denmark, the play dramatizes the revenge Prince Hamlet is called to wreak upon his uncle, Claudius, by the ghost of Hamlet's father, King Hamlet. Claudius had murdered his own brother and seized the throne, also marrying his deceased brother's widow.



Sandy, the four-times-married-three-times-divorced owner of a wedding chapel in Las Vegas, has certainly seen her fair share of matrimonies! In the hilarious Four Weddings and an Elvis, we witness four of her funniest. However, the final wedding should be the funniest of all. Sandy's fifth and final wedding reveals an hilarious twist!



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.



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.

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