



NEWSLETTER

The Musical Godspell to Open May 17



Prepare ye for the timeless tale of friendship, loyalty and love based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew.

Directed by Jessica Kropp
Scenic Designer Lorraine Timmerman
Music Director Judy Kropp

Led by the international hit, "Day by Day," Godspell features a parade of beloved songs, including "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All for the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

A small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and hefty doses of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life.



Lorraine Timmerman is leading a group of dedicated folks designing and creating a wonderful set

The Cast

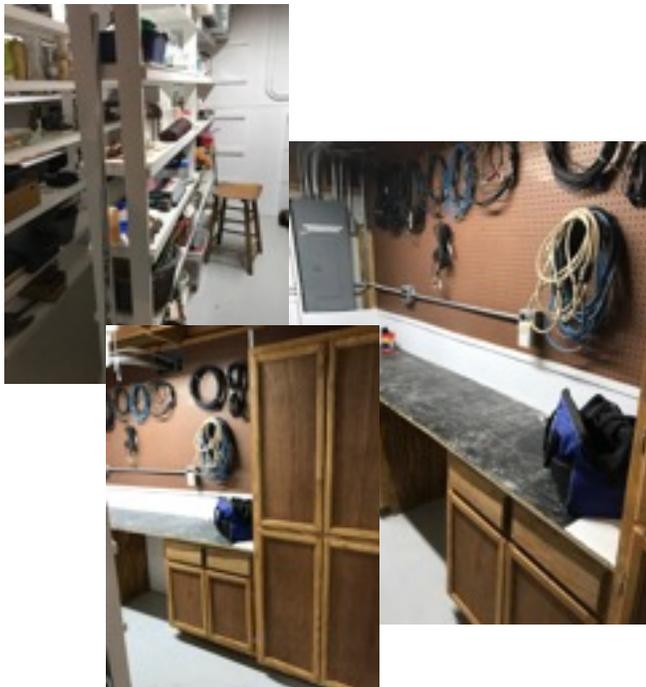
Jesus	Alex Atchley
John the Baptist/George	Lamar Austin
Judas	Daniel Green
Nick	Annie Baker
Telly	Jimmy Dilbert
Anna Maria	April Burt
Lindsay	Amanda Baker
Uzo	Gini Burt
Morgan	Brandy Benner
Celisse	Raychel Woody

Building News

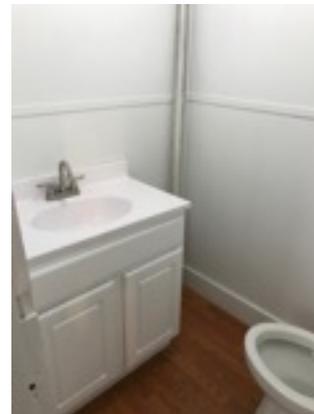
After three years of shows we have undertaken another house cleaning/remodel. These pictures show some of our progress. Much still needs to be done and the folks who have been working hard on the project, Scotty Jenkins, Brad Storey, Justin Fenwick, Micheal and Ashlee Jacoby, and Jane Buttermilk would be most appreciative of any help you as an OLT member/supporter can provide. A grant from the Carver Charitable Foundation is making the work possible.



These two pictures show the the rejuvenated costume storage room upstairs. It now has racks for hanging costumes as well as storage for totes. Space is also provided for sewing and alterations



The new room for props including new cabinets for audio and video equipment. The work bench is provided for repairs of and modifications to our sound system components



Remodeled upstairs bathroom.

Our next endeavor is to organize the stage set pieces (tables, desks, chairs, etc.). New shelving will be installed in the “Dragon Room” to make use of the height available for storage. We should have it done by play time.

Now that our props, costumes, and set pieces are getting better organized it would be nice to have a volunteer to see that things stay organized. Jane Buttermilk is working with the costumes but some one in charge of props is sorely needed.

Second Wednesday Movie

Lyric Players to Perform at 6:00 before the show

As an wonderful added feature to our “Wednesday Night Party at the Lyric With a Free Movie”, the Lyric Players will perform prior to the movie. This readers theatre group, under the direction of Janelle Baldwin, will present an about 10 minute show starting at 6:00 pm. The movie will start at 6:30. The readers theatre performance will tie in with the movie’s theme. You can learn more about the Lyric Players by going to our website at oltmena.com under “Get Involved”. They are always looking for new members.

The Lyric Players

Come Play With Us - It's Never Too Late!

OUR GROUP

- ◆ Mature people who are actors (or would like to be)

WHAT IS DIFFERENT FROM TRADITIONAL STAGE PERFORMING?

- ◆ Memory and mobility requirements are few
- ◆ Little or no costuming, staging or props
- ◆ Fewer rehearsals



JOLT Meets on 3rd Thursdays

JOLT meets every third Thursday at 4:00pm at the theatre. Judy Kropp and the JOLT leadership works with the youngsters on various aspects of the theatre arts.

Jackie Biard will be directing JOLT’s “Alice in Football Land”. Auditions will be May 1 and 3 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. The show will play two weekends starting June 29. Some of the JOLT Thursday activities will be preparing members for auditioning.



Cash Mob

On behalf of the 24 who attended the Cash Mob yesterday, our appreciation goes out to OLT for hosting us. The refreshments were great, as were the door prizes. Amanda did a great job getting it together. Thanks to Brad for helping me to get all my things together afterwards. I



made a point to tell the Easter Rabbit who made an appearance that the officers and board of OLT deserved a little something extra in their baskets this year 😊 FYI: Merle Norman was selected as the store to be mobbed. The Cash Mob spent \$800 there in less than an hour! Thanks again.

Judy T

Richmond writes and directs “Weeds and Dandelions”



Justin Richmond

Acorn and Mena will be represented in the Arkansas Young Playwrights Competition. Mena was the first runner up last year and has entered Abigail Langin's "Walls" this year. Justin Richmond is representing Acorn April 14 at the Ron Robinson Theater in Little Rock. His "Weeds and Dandelions" has been in rehearsal at the OLT for the past months. 10 schools will be participating. Those schools were selected from some 50 plus entries. Being invited to participate is a great honor. Justin himself has performed on the OLT stage in Mary Poppins and Hamlet.



I spoke with Tim Hesse and he subsequently met with Denny and Lou. They have decided that the Just 4 Fun Player will do Harvey at the end of July-early August with both a dinner theatre at Mena Mountain Resort and stage play at the OLT. Watch this space for auditions and ticket information.

Annual Membership Meeting

This year's Annual Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9 from 5:30 to 6:30 just prior to the Wednesday night movie.. One of the issues to be discussed, in addition to the election of officers, are some changes to our constitution. OLT is growing and as an organization we are now involved with four divisions all operating under the OLT umbrella. These are JOLT, Lyric Players, Just 4 Fun Players, and the video sales and box office. In the meantime OLT proper is still producing its 3 shows as well as maintaining the property. The changes in the constitution would reflect the expanded responsibilities of the theatre as it coordinates the activities of each of these divisions.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



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.
May 17-27



This fast paced retelling of the classic Alice in Wonderland is updated to modern times and set in a football stadium, where the Riverdale Rabbits are facing their rivals, the Duncan Dornice. Alice, cheerleader for the Riverdale Rabbits, falls from the top of the pyramid and finds herself lost in the stadium desperately seeking Tod (the star quarterback) her 'true love'. Along the way she encounters a strange group of characters;
June 29-July 1 and July 6-9

JOLT PRODUCTION



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.
Probable dates October 11 - 21



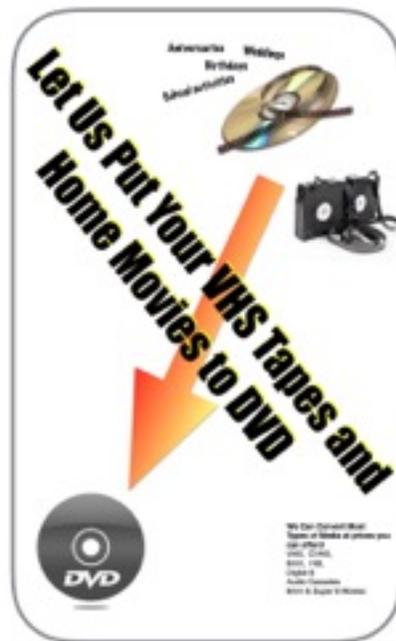
Just 4 Fun Players dinner theatre and stage production at OLT

Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by Mary Chase, is the story of a perfect gentleman, Elwood P. Dowd, and his best friend, Harvey -- a pooka, who is a six-foot tall, invisible rabbit. When Elwood begins introducing Harvey around town, his embarrassed sister, Veta Louise, and her daughter, Myrtle Mae, determine to commit Elwood to a sanitarium. A mistake is made, however, and Veta is committed rather than Elwood!
End of July



In our American culture *It's a Wonderful Life* has become almost as familiar as Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. This faithful adaptation has all your favorite characters: George and Mary Hatch, Clarence, Uncle Billy, Violet, and, of course, the Scrooge-like villain, Mr. Potter. This fine dramatization not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded.
Probable dates December 7 - 17

Memories Saver Service is up and running. Office open 10 to 2 daily



INPUT	PRICE FOR TAPE to DVD/CD
VIDEOTAPES ALL TYPES up to 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 up to 90 min	1 - \$15 2-10 \$12 Over 10 - \$10 each
COPY A DVD	1 - \$10 2-10 — \$8 over 10 - \$5

Profits from this service help support the theatre

MEMBERSHIP GOES ON-LINE

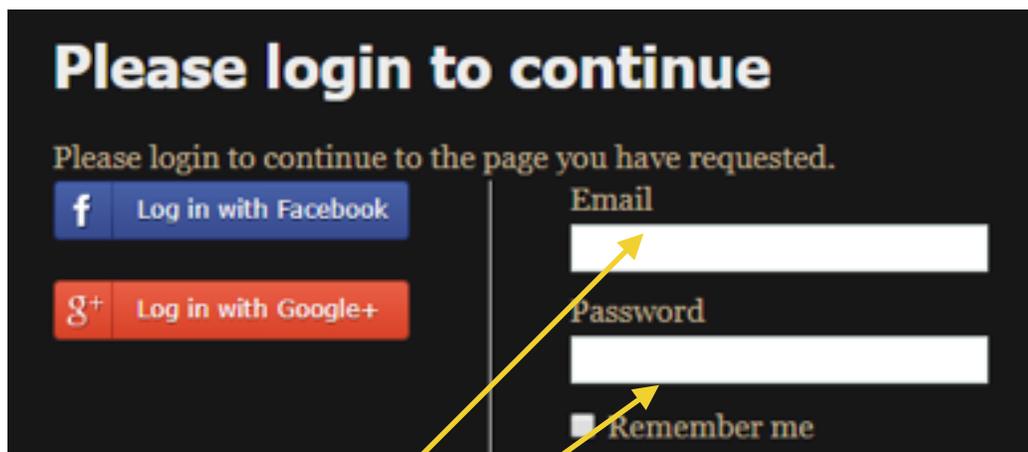
If you are an OLT member, you will be receiving an email two weeks before your membership expires. Upon receiving this notice you can rejoin and get your season tickets on-line and pay with a credit card by going to **olt.wildapricot.org**. It will be completely secure since all payments go through PayPal. OLT itself will not have access to your credit card information. If you prefer, you can also renew by mail or in person by stopping in at the OLT office, open 10-2 daily. If you are not already a member or season ticket holder you have the same on-line, mail, or in-person options.



HOW DO I GET ON-LINE?

1. go to **olt.wildapricot.org**
2. go to **oltmena.com** click **TICKETS & MEMBERSHIP**

You will see the initial login screen where you will fill in your login and password



Your Login is:

Your current email address

Your password has been set to:

OLT12345 (the OLT is in Capital Letters)

Please login and get used to the site a bit.