



NEWSLETTER

BIG SUMMER SCHEDULED AT OLT

3 PLAYS, 3 MOVIES, AND TWO WORKSHOPS

ALICE IN FOOTBALL LAND, HARVEY, AND WEEDS AND DANDELIONS

are the three shows this summer. *Alice in Football Land* opens the summer with the first performance June 29. This JOLT production, directed by Jackie Biard, will continue June 30, July 1, and July 6-8. Next the Just 4 Fun players take the spotlight with their production of *Harvey*. Tim Hesse, the director, will guide his charges through two dinner theatre performances at the Mena Mountain Resort Friday, July 20th and Saturday, 28th. Then the following weekend, August 3, 4, and 5 *Harvey* will play on stage at the OLT. The final show of the summer will be one written by our own Justin Richmond, *Weeds and Dandelions*. Justin is a member of our JOLT group. He wrote this play for a statewide competition and directed a performance of the show in Little Rock. He will bring it to the OLT stage near the end of August; tentatively August 17-19 and 24-27. Scotty Jenkins, AKA Rosco Splivins, will be the adult liaison.

Second Wednesday Free Movie nights will feature the Lyric Players.

The first of the summer free movies will be *Field of Dreams*. The lyric players will be on hand to open the show with their adaptation of the Abbot and Costello classic, "Who's on First" at 6:00 pm, Wednesday June 13. The movie will start at 6:30. other movies will be announced throughout the summer with each being introduced by an appropriate Lyric Players Readers Theatre presentation.

Free Arkansas Department of Education Workshops offered to local leaders.

On June 14 there will be an ADE art workshop hosted by, and at, the Mena Art Gallery. In the following weeks, June 20th and 27th, the OLT will be the venue for two other ADE workshops. The first will deal with music education the second will focus on theater and dance. Typically these workshops are intended for teachers. In fact, teachers will receive inservice credit for attending the workshops. However, ADE is also reaching out to the community to get all folks dealing with activities such as home school, private school, club sponsorships, Sunday school teachers, etc. to participate. If you are involved with youngsters in a leadership position you are invited to register and attend. (more information on page 4)



Patrick Raiston
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JOLT TO PRESENT "ALICE IN FOOTBALL LAND"



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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; a coach who can't control his players, a band leader whose band plays animals as musical instrument, the water boy who only serves water at his tea party, the referees who can't decide what penalty to call, and the Cheshire Brand Hot Dog vendor who gives her cryptic and confusing clues. As Alice finds what she searches for, she realizes that she was chasing after the wrong things the whole time.



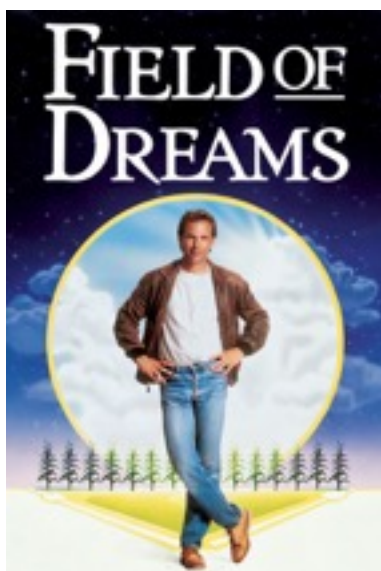
Play Dates:

- Friday, June 29 @ 6:30 pm
- Saturday, June 30 @ 6:30 pm
- Sunday, July 1 @ 2:30 pm
- Friday, July 6 @ 6:30 pm
- Saturday, July 7 @ 6:30 pm
- Sunday, July 8 @ 2:30 pm



Second Wednesday Movie June 13

Wednesday Night Party at the Lyric
for members and friends of the theatre with a
Free Movie



The Lyric Players readers theatre will open the evening with a presentation starting at 6:00. This month it will be "Who's on First" with Scotty Jenkins and Will Hose. The movie will start at 6:30

Congratulations

to

the cast and crew of



OLT's presentation Godspell closed Sunday, May 27 to an enthusiastic audience and a nearly full house. This was one of the most technically difficult shows ever attempted by OLT said music director, Judy Kropp. Nevertheless, it turned out to be, as several people said, the best show OLT has done. It was noted by cast members and director, Jessica Kropp, that producing this show was a particularly fulfilling task filled with joy and triumph.

MEMBERSHIP



Our theatre is an all volunteer organization. We depend on donations, memberships, and season ticket sales to keep us going. A show like Godspell 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. It turns out that this is the time of the year many memberships come due since a lot of our members join around the time of our musical productions. If we do not get a good response, the theatre will be in dire straights. Please check your emails for renewal notices. You can pay online or by mail. Help OLT to continue and grow. Join or renew. Membership categories are online at oltmena.com, in our show programs, and in this newsletter. While online you can even join by following the screen prompts.



ADE workshops in Music and Theatre

Open to teachers and community youth leaders

Taking It to the Schools III: Community Experiences in Fine Arts



In partnership with the Arkansas Arts Council and Arkansans for the Arts, the Arkansas Department of Education offers its third summer of the popular **Taking It to the Schools: Community Experiences in Fine Arts** professional development workshop series.

Teachers, teaching artists, and community arts participants are invited

to attend one-day trainings which focus on the potential collaborations between school arts programs and community arts organizations.

Participants will take away a series of instructional modules developed by the team of trainers. These modules will provide arts educators with rich resources that are specific to the artistic discipline they teach and aligned to the Arkansas Fine Arts Academic Standards.



Registration is open for classroom teachers with accounts through escWorks (search 'All' co-ops and enter 'Community Experiences'). LRSD Teachers should register through the LRSD PD registration page and PCSSD should follow registration instructions on the 2018 PCSSD Summer Professional Development Calendar. **Registration is open for all other interested parties** at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/FvelRVPMg6sCJOFn2>

Taking It to the Schools III:

Community Experiences in Music: Wednesday June 20 from 9 to 4 at OLT

Presenters: Patty Oeste (Conway Public Schools) and teaching artist Sheldon Harden (AAC Arts in Education) will create and utilize an 'escape room' as a formative or summative assessment related to the study of the elements of music.

Taking It to the Schools III:

Community Experiences in Theatre and Dance: Wednesday June 27 from 9 to 4 at OLT

Presenters: Wyatt Hamilton (Bauxite Public Schools) and teaching artist Stephanie Thibeault (AAC Arts in Education and UALR) will lead participants in examining the difference between character and caricature, experimenting with related movement and dance, and tying the study of character into important discussions about diversity.

and its free!!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS



JOLT PRODUCTION

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June 29-July 1 and July 6-9



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!

July 20, 28 and August 3, 4, 5



This show was written by Justin Richmond, a senior at Acorn High School at the time, and will be directed by him. It was first presented as a competition play in Little Rock. It is a poignant story of a family in crisis. It will be on the OLT stage in late August.



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



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

	Individual	Family ¹	Amount
Season Ticket and membership	\$50	\$110	<input type="checkbox"/>
Season Ticket only no membership	\$40	\$85	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership only no season ticket	\$10	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major donor ²	\$1000		<input type="checkbox"/>
Patron ³	\$500 - 999		<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporter ⁴	\$250 - 499		<input type="checkbox"/>
Angel ⁵	\$125		<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Member ⁶	\$150		<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Membership ⁷	\$5000	\$7500 <small>Husband and Wife</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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



Lyric Players perform at Lum & Abner days



The Lyric Players supported by a bevy of OLT members wandered through the crowds in costume lending an air of legitimacy to a festival named in honor of two radio and movie celebrities. In addition this readers theatre group reenacted two radio shows, *The Pine Ridge Literary Club* and *The Great Divide*, on stage complete with sound effects. The stage shows were to be presented both in Janssen Park and the OLT. However, due to the heat the Saturday shows were moved indoors to the theatre. In addition to the radio show reenactments some of Lum and Abner's movies were screened at the OLT. By many standards the shows were well received and thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. Here are a few pictures of the Lyric Players in Action

