



NEWSLETTER



OPENS Friday Oct. 12

Major Support
Provided by The
Mena Lions Club



**the
miracle
worker**
by William Gibson

Directed by Brad Storey

Show Dates:

- Friday, Oct. 12 at 7:30
- Saturday, Oct. 13 at 7:30
- Sunday, Oct. 14 at 2:30
- Monday, Oct. 15 at 7:30

- Friday, Oct. 19 at 7:30
- Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7:30
- Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2:30
- Monday, Oct. 22 at 7:30

*Please note, this show has two Mondays
scheduled in addition to the regular
weekend days.*

The Cast

- Paul Miner - Doctor
- Tara Cornelius - Kate Keller
- John Puddington - Captain Keller
- Zeppelin Smith - Percy
- Jaydis Patton - Martha
- Jordann Kenyon - Hellen Keller
- Elizabeth Richmond - Aunt Ev
- Jaimeson Biard - James
- Scotty Jenkins - Mr Anagnos
- Gracie Baker - Blind Girl
- Heather Wilson - Blind Girl
- Cathy Beaver - Blind Girl
- Bethany Sanders - Blind Girl
- Alexyss Hilderbrand - Blind Girl
- Kyndall Dycus - Blind Girl
- Laura Saunstaire - Viney
- Alexa Night - Annie Sullivan
- Jonah Rogan - James

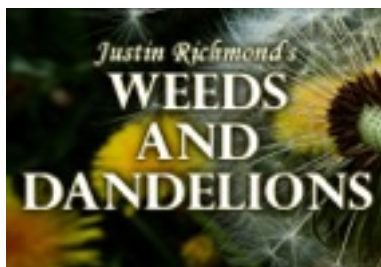
By Julie Ulmer

For the Fall production, Ouachita Little Theatre has chosen to perform “The Miracle Worker.” This play is about the incredible relationship between a young Helen Keller, blind and deaf from age 18 months, and her teacher, Anne Sullivan of the Perkins School of the Blind. Director Brad Storey was both surprised and tremendously grateful to the local chapter of the Mena Lions Club when club secretary John Vacca approached him about the Lions’ desire to help sponsor the play. “The arts are important to the local culture and the lives of people in this community,” said Vacca. “‘The Miracle Worker’ is an emotional play, but it’s also educational. It figuratively opens the eyes of the audience to see what people who function with blindness and deafness deal with every day.” He went on to state how the Lions Club is interested in the local arts of our region as well as helping those in our area who need assistance.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the International Convention for the Lions Clubs,

and challenged them to be “the Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness.” This is a mantle they have taken up since that day, and all chapters around the world crusade for ways to minister to the needs of the visually impaired. Lions Club President Jeremy Jones stated, “Because of our historical relationship with Helen Keller, we were inspired to join with OLT to raise awareness for ways to meet the needs of the blind in our own community.” Jones went on to describe various ways the Lions are helping locally, including donation boxes to recycle used glasses, purchasing expensive equipment to help blind people read on their own, and paying for exams and glasses for those who can’t afford them. “The Lions have worked with optometrists in town for years to help local folks,” said Jones. “Dr. Rick Carver worked with us until he retired, and now Dr. Wally Liles of Vision Source donates his time and expertise to help those who need it.” All of this was inspired from Helen Keller’s speech made to the Lions Club ninety-three years ago.

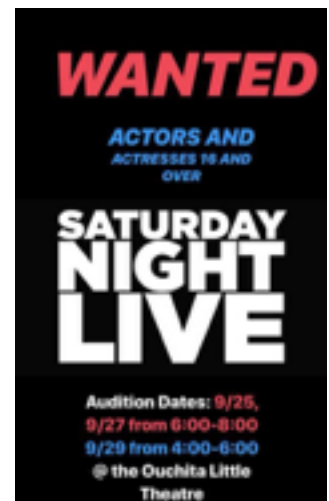
OLT and Lions Club Partner to Raise Awareness of Vision Impairment Issues



Was a Hit!!

The Show, written and directed by OLT’s own Justin Richmond, was enthusiastically attended by hundreds of people. Playwright Justin in collaboration with new board member Beth Coogan and others are preparing a fund raiser in the form of a comedic show based on the TV program Saturday Night Live.

Hey everyone! Justin Richmond and Beth Coogan are starting up a SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE for OLT as a fundraiser. They are looking for actors and actresses ASAP for this project and want you to join them! Also looking for skit writers. More details to follow!





The Just 4 Fun Players is holding a "Practical Acting Workshop" on October 30th from 6 pm to 9 pm at Mena Mountain Resort.

There is no cost to you for this workshop.

Picture this. A Broadway producer passing through Mena attends your next play. During intermission he get's a call that the lead in his next play has been in a car accident and is unable to perform. At curtain call he approaches you with the chance of a life time. He wants you to come to New York and become an overnight star. There's a catch. The play opens in two weeks.

Professional, international actor John Puddington will show you what you need to know to create that character for the stage within a two the week time frame in a Practical Acting Workshop.

We are looking for approximately 20 actors to workshop 5 to 6 scenes. Each scene will be around 5 minutes long and involve two to four characters. It is advisable that each actor be off book or at least very well versed in the scene. You can come with your own scene you have prepared or there are several to choose from at the OLT office.

We are also looking for audience members who would enjoy learning by observing the workshop. The audience members are encouraged to ask questions and may participate in a workshop setting.

Please contact Tim Hesse by e-mail at timkh300@hotmail.com.

Second Wednesday Movie Oct. 17

I know, it's actually the third Wed. This month

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

Free Movie



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**THIS
OFFICE SPACE**

Office space at the Ouachita Little Theatre has been rented to Sweet Emporium

The plans are to have the shop open early October

Auditions for "It's a Wonderful Life" have been held. However, not all roles have been filed



Director, Linda Johnson, said she could use as many as 10 more characters including many youngsters and men. This fun play based on the movie with Jimmie Stewart will be the OLT Christmas show and open Dec 7. It will play for two weekends

This show will be a major undertaking. It contains no less than 31 scene changes so not only will actors be needed, stage crew will be a very important part of the show. Director, Linda Johnson has been in many OLT productions including "Oliver" and Eb Scrooge. In fact she was the assistant director for Eb Scrooge. Linda and Assistant Director Ladonna Van Wolf will be needing a lot of help. Please participate and make this a great OLT Christmas show.

Results of auditions:

This is an incomplete cast and we may need to make changes.

Violet Buck- Kimberly Allen
 Ruth Bailey- Anne Baker
 Jane Wainwright- Emily Wise
 Mary Bailey- Julie Moe
 Frankie- Angelina Moe
 Jo- Christianna Moe
 Mrs. Thompson- Shea Cornelius
 Cousin Tilley- Heather Hilderbrand
 Cousin Eustace- Valerie Pierce
 Anne- Ronda Wall
 Janie- Evette Harnar
 Mrs. Bailey- Nancy Lands
 Flo/Edna- Kendall Dycus
 Maria Martini- Tina Holloway

Young Mary- Lilly Loyd
 Rent Collector/Mr. Carter- Roy Vail
 Bert- Logan Sweeten
 George Bailey- Malcolm Moe
 Clarence- Tom McClanahan
 Uncle Billy- Joe VanWolf
 Ernie- Cristian Miller
 Dr. Campbell- Bill Hays
 Pop Bailey- Rudi Timmerman
 Sam Wainwright- Justin Richmond

If you have auditioned and your name is not on this list please notify Linda Johnson by email.

Her email is gijanejohnson@gmail.com. We still need some children, both boy and girl teenagers, and more men.



Coming to the OLT



MEMBERSHIP

Our theatre is an all volunteer organization. We depend on donations, memberships, and season ticket sales to keep us going. A show like Annie 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. 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, and in our show programs. While online you can join by following the screen prompts.

Membership Form			
	Individual	Family ¹	Amount
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Season Ticket only no membership	\$40	\$85	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Angel ⁵		\$125	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Member ⁶		\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>
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