



**OLT office will
now be open
Fridays from
10 to 2**

NEWSLETTER



VELOCITY OF AUTUMN USHERS IN NOVEMBER

Mena Mountain Resort and the Lyric Players will present

Denni Longoria and Tim Hesse

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Velocity of Autumn will be presented once at the resort and once at the OLT. The presentation at Mena Mountain Resort will be “Brown Bag Dinner Theatre”. Six foot tables for seating the guests will be set up around the stage assuring social distancing. You will need to bring own food, in a brown bag if you wish, while soft drinks and a few snacks will be made available by the resort . The show at OLT will be done as a regular stage show a week later Sunday, Nov. 8.. Season tickets will be honored at either event.



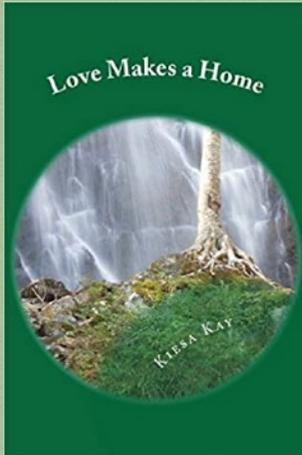
Set for Velocity of Autumn designed by Tim Hesse

THE STORY: *THE VELOCITY OF AUTUMN* swirls around Alexandra, an 80-year-old artist in a showdown with her family over where she’ll spend her remaining years. In Alexandra’s corner are her wit, her volcanic passion, and the fact that she’s barricaded herself in her Brooklyn brownstone with enough Molotov cocktails to take out the block. But her children have their own secret weapon: estranged son Chris, who returns after 20 years, crawls through Alexandra’s second-floor window and

becomes the family’s unlikely mediator. No sooner are the words “Hi, Mom” uttered than the emotional bombs start detonating. *THE VELOCITY OF AUTUMN* is a wickedly funny and wonderfully touching discovery of the fragility and ferocity of life. (by Dramatist Pay Service)

Sunday, November 8 @ 2:30 at OLT

By local playwright, Kiesa Kay



Love Makes a Home:

The Life of Rebecca Boone

The figure of Daniel Boone has reached legendary proportions in America's frontier mythology. Pathfinder, soldier, horse trader, land speculator, constantly on the move, he's been the subject of often fanciful books, movies and television shows. Local playwright Kiesa Kay's one-woman drama "Love Makes a Home: The Life of Rebecca Boone" tells the compelling but lesser known tale of his remarkable wife, portrayed by Ann Glenn. The production, directed by Scotty Jenkins, is accompanied by music that intensifies the emotion of the

plot.

"Rebecca Boone's grit and determination too often gets overshadowed by her larger-than-life husband," said Kiesa Kay, playwright. "She moved more than 20 times, gave birth to ten children, and raised six others.."

The play has been performed in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky, in venues as diverse as Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, the Orchard at Altapass, and Berea College. This performance on November 20, 21, and 22 by the Lyric Readers Theater will mark its Arkansas premiere.

"I envisioned the play as a kind of duet between actor and fiddler, and I've designed the script so that musicians can choose tunes to showcase strengths and move the play forward," Kay said.

Ann Glenn gives voice to 72-year-old Rebecca Boone's thoughts as she shares the accumulated wisdom of her time on the American frontier. As she chops wood, cooks stew, and mends clothing she reminisces about the homes she made but seldom got to keep for long. Ann Glenn is herself an intrepid world traveler, and her deep connection to nature gives her rare insight into the spirit of the indomitable Rebecca.

While her husband traveled, Rebecca often had to take care of all the aspects of frontier life without his day to day support. Her love for him never wavered, even when he disappeared for more than a year.

"I can't say as ever I was lost, but I was bewildered once for three days," Daniel Boone once said.

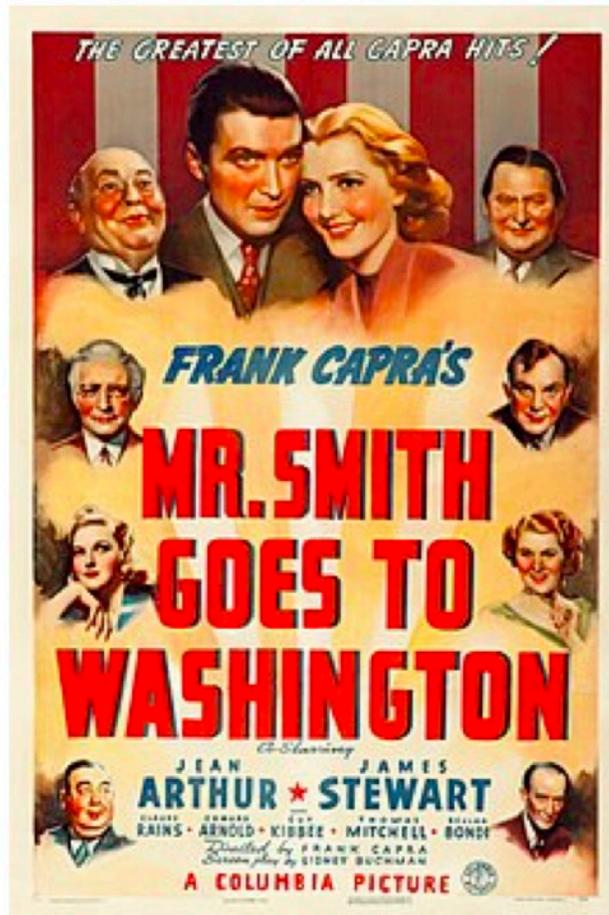
This well-researched play offers insight into the hopes and hardships of frontier life from the point of view of a hard-working woman. The heartbreaks of life did not extinguish her strong and abiding faith.

"Each director, too, has a different vision for the play, and I am honored that Scotty Jenkins has chosen to direct it," Kay said. "It's exciting to see this play come to life at Ouachita Little Theater."

Ouachita Little Theatre
presents



**2nd Wednesday
at the Lyric Party with a
Free Movie**



**WEDNESDAY,
Nov. 11**

This is now scheduled
We will follow Covid-19 CDC
guidelines.

MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30pm

Harmony: In Concert

Christmas Concert at Ouachita Little Theatre
Friday, December 18 at 7:30pm



You may remember them from last Christmas. It was a great family show.

Admission by Donation

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Donations will be split between the band and the theatre

Come celebrate the Christmas season at the OLT with traditional and new music presented by

Harmony

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Other News



GOING BATTY

Those who have been patrons of the theatre for a long enough time may recall that at one time we had the occasional bat visit us in the theatre. The

problem was solved by closing the openings and providing the bats with homes, bat houses, mounted near the top of the theatre. Recently new houses were constructed. We want to thank the folks at Rich Mountain Electric Coop for mounting them on the sides of the building.



Long time supporter, actor, director, and life OLT member, Roy Vail, has established a fund for the theatre with Edward Jones in Mena. Roy

informed me that upon his passing the theatre would be presented with a substantial portfolio of stocks the value of which will be dependent on the financial markets over what we hope will be many years. It is currently valued in several tens of thousands of dollars. If you see him, thank Roy for his generosity and support.

Theatre Attendance Procedures

By Julie Ulmer

OLT takes your health protection very seriously. Therefore, there will be some pandemic safeguards in place following the Governor’s guidelines for theaters. Patrons must wear a mask at all times during the presentation, although children under 10 will not be required to



wear masks. Masks may be removed temporarily to eat and drink purchases from the concession stand. Popcorn, drinks, and candy bars are approved refreshments. Servers will wear masks and gloves while dispensing them. Hand sanitizers will be available in key areas. The theater will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use. Social distancing lines will be marked on the floor in the lobby. Certain seating areas will be sectioned off as unusable, but families are welcome to sit together in a group and will need to space at least six feet from any other patrons. No more than 50 people will be allowed in the building at the showing.

Of course, anyone not feeling well or knowing they have been exposed to the virus should stay at home. Those over age 65, or those with underlying health conditions might choose to refrain until restrictions are no longer necessary. But if you can come, we’d love to see your faces again! Under a mask of course.

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Place orders or purchase tickets Beth will be happy to help you

If you can donate go online to OLT.wildapricot.org
You can use your credit card. You can also mail your donation to OLT, 610 Mena St., Mena, AR 71953

Here is a tip from Judy Kropp

When you go to amazon to purchase items, there is a smile thingy in the left hand upper corner. You can register for this and then you can donate to a charity of your choice. I have done this for almost a year. Unfortunately I don't always remember to hit the smile. But OLT is a registered charity. Maybe we could get the word out since more people will be shopping online this year for the Christmas season.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



The classic 1987 motion picture fantasy bursts onto the stage in the unforgettable theatrical experience. Josh Baskin is sick of being an awkward kid. At a carnival, he makes a wish to the Zoltar machine to become "big." Complete with Zoltar, a giant floor piano and stand-out roles for adults and children, *Big* is a great choice for theatres that are looking for a family-friendly smash-hit that is full of high-energy singing

and dancing.



Louisa May Alcott's beloved story of the adventures of the four March sisters is brought to vivid musical life in **Little Women**. **Little Women** reminds us that "sometimes when you dream, your dreams come true." The show will be directed by Alexa Night



THE **LAST LIFEBOAT** is destined to become a theatre classic! " THE **LAST LIFEBOAT** is the untold story of J. Bruce Ismay, the owner of the White Star shipping Line when The Titanic sank, whose decision to save himself rather than go down with the ship made him the scapegoat for one of the greatest disasters of all time. The show will be directed by Chase Night



In this hilarious, fast-paced comedy, the inhabitants of one of the smallest trailer parks in **Texas**—four **doublewides** and a shed—are thrown for a loop when they realize the nearby town of Tugaloo is determined to annex them. And it's not as if they don't already have enough to deal with. The show will be directed by Scotty Jenkins



We are planning on a JOLT production. Shows by Justin Richmond and Logan Sweeten have been approved for production but, as with everything else, the dates for these shows are still up in the air.

Hello friends of OLT

Thank you for your support of OLT. Our community theatre is struggling right along with you during these difficult times.

Listed on this page are the shows we hope to be presenting for you. We have no idea when these shows will happen. Until it is completely safe to open we will only be operating with audiences limited to 50% of capacity. We hope that our readers theatre and shows with only one or two actors will keep our patrons happy until we can open on a regular basis.

Rudi Timmerman
OLT President

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