



NEWSLETTER



Live on Stage in April

Ouachita Little Theatre
Presents

John Puddington **Scotty Jenkins**

Greater TUNA

Fri. & Sat., April 16, 17 @ 7:30
Sun. April 18 @ 2:30

Admission \$10
Season Tickets Honored

We ask all to follow CDC
COVID guidelines



Greater Tuna is a comedy about a small town in Texas named Tuna, Texas' third smallest town. The 23 wacky inhabitants of this town -- men, women, children and animals -- are all played by two skillful, transformative actors who must change parts at a rather breakneck speed and use inventive voicework.

Synopses from StageAgent.com

Advance tickets available at the OLT office Fridays 10 to 2 or may be reserved through our website OLTMena.com by clicking the "contact us" button with your request.

Board Plans BIG

With the decline in COVID -19, optimism has returned to the OLT Board. So much so that a discussion was held about a possible schedule to get the musical BIG back into production. Directors Jessica and Judy Kropp are initiating some steps to get BIG moving again. The show was cast last year, and it has been announced that anyone who



was cast last year still has their part if they want it. However, a number of original cast members have moved or are off at college so, an additional audition is being planned for any open roles. Also, those with roles may choose to audition for other roles as well. If there are no further pandemic setbacks, these auditions will take place soon after Greater Tuna closes. Anyone who is interested in being in this show, whether they auditioned before or not, is invited to audition.

Again, please note, all these plans are tentative and depend on COVID guidelines. It is hoped that rehearsals can start in May and continue through June with tentative dates for the show

July 2, 3, 4 and 9, 10, and 11. Wouldn't it be great to declare our independence from COVID on the 4th of July. While COVID restriction are sure to lessen, some may still affect the gathering of large groups. It was decided that even if we can only have a limited audience, we would go on with the show. Under restriction, tickets would be at a premium and early purchase of tickets would be advised. **PLEASE REMEMBER ALL DEPENDS ON THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC, AND THINGS MAY CHANGE AGAIN IF NECESSARY.**



Our office is once again operating albeit only Fridays 10 to 2. Get tickets or make reservations. You may also use our “Memory Savers” service.
OFFICE



Still On Hold



Shows listed are the shows we hope to be presenting for you in the future. We will only be operating with audiences limited to 50% of capacity until it is completely safe to open. **Greater Tuna** is an attempt to provide some shows in the interim. Whatever the outcome, we hope that you will continue to support us with your memberships, donations and attendance.



OLT has started live streaming many of its shows. In order to do this streaming, rights must be obtained from the owner of those rights. Sometimes that is free, other times it has a charge associated with it. It is our hope that we will be able to recoup some of our production expenses through this medium. We are asking for a donation equalling at least the admission price of the live show. Remember multiple folks can watch the show for one admission price. Season tickets will be honored for live streaming. Once streamed, the show will remain available for some time so you can even watch it at your convenience. Methods for collecting the fees are being experimented with. However, in many cases we are hoping for donations on the honor system. OLT is working hard to provide you with a service and ask that if you watch the show you help pay for it.

The past two shows which are currently available on the YouTube channel are , “ A virtual Christmas Carol” and “Harmony Christmas Concert “

These shows can be accessed in any one of these 3 ways.

1. Go to the website oltmena.com and click on the live streaming button.
2. Go to YouTube and type in Rudi Timmerman and click on the one with my picture
3. Type in <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrDmfY6D6qG3o8Y5oIkIvuQ>
Once in, click on the picture of the show you want to see.

OLT T-Shirts Are Available

If you wish to 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



Scotty Jenkins has arranged for the availability of commemorative Ouachita Little Theatre T-Shirts. At the last board meeting it was decided to enter into an on-line agreement making the shirts available. They are available in any of a number of colors and sizes. Some will be on display and for sale in the office and during productions. The objective is not only to provide folks with a memento of the theatre but also to act as a fund raiser. They will be on sale for \$25 of which a considerable portion goes directly to the theatre. Get your shirt to show your theatre pride while helping OLT weather the current Covid crisis.

OLT Elections By Mail Again

The OLT elections for officers and Board were held by mail last year. While things are improving, in an abundance of caution, the board has decided not to vote at a membership meeting but to again run the election by mail. Active members (make sure your membership is up to date) will receive their allotted number of ballots by mail along with a return envelope. The ballots will have the name for, picture of, and comments from the candidate to help members decide for whom to vote. The ballot may be mailed back (we ask you to provide the stamp), or drop it off at the OLT office. Just put it in the mail slot.

The current president, Rudi Timmerman, has decided not to seek reelection after serving for 6 years. A few other current officers may also not run for another term. By starting early the board hoped that anyone interested in helping OLT by being an officer or board member will contact Judy Kropp, chair of the committee, as soon as possible. By declaring early the current office holder can familiarize the candidates with the responsibilities of his or her office before the election. The election will be mid-May.

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



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

**WEDNESDAY,
April 14**

MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30pm

**Let Us Save Your Memories by
Putting them on DVD**

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

**Proceeds go to help with OLT
programs**

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

In another sign that we may return to normalcy soon, the board took time to once again discuss improvements to the theatre building. A number of projects had been put on hold due to the pandemic. Two of those projects were to put doors into the auditorium to keep the noise from the lobby down during the shows and the placement of a lighted marque on the front of the building. It was voted to get some bids on the door project.

Suite A, currently being vacated by Sweet Emporium, will soon be available for rent. Due to the restrictions placed on them by COVID, John and Diane were unable to continue their wonderful little business. We will miss their presence.