



NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas and a happy new Year!



OLT, 610 Mena St., Mena, AR 71953. Phone 479-216-2538

Office open: Thurs. & Fri. 2-6 Sat. 10-2

Opening Dec. 3

Advance tickets available at the OLT office



Directed by
Amanda Baker

The Dec 3 show will start after the parade, Christmas light lighting ceremony, and fire works so no part of the show will be missed by those planning to attend.

Show Dates

- Friday, Dec. 3 After Parade (8:00 ?)**
- Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30**
- Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2:30**
- Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30**
- Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:30**
- Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2:30**

OLT Christmas Play

By Julie Ulmer

Ouachita Little Theatre is slated to perform the comedy “Doublewide Christmas” over two weekends on December 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, and 12th. This fast-paced comedy is set in one of the smallest trailer parks in Texas, consisting of four doublewides and a shed. The inhabitants of the trailer park are distressed to learn that the nearby town of Tugaloo is determined to annex them. Confusion and hilarity ensue, and this show is sure to appeal to many Polk County residents looking for some original holiday entertainment.

The cast for
"Doublewide Christmas!"

Big Ethel Satterwhite: Nancy Lands
Georgia Dean Rudd: Leshonda Reed
Lark Barken: Annalyse Baker
Haywood Sloggett: Tommy Myers
Patsy Price: Linda G. Johnson
Norwayne "Baby" Crumpler: Lamar Austin
Joveeta Crumpler: Tara Cornelius
Caprice Crumpler: Ann Glenn
Nash Sloggett: Theodore "TJ" Schoeppey

Harmony December 17



The musical group HARMONY will once again will bring their musical talents to perform a special live Christmas show for local residents

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

Admission by Donation

Donate what you can afford
Donations will be split between the band and the theatre

Everyone Welcome

MEMBERSHIP

Eva McAllister, the membership chair, has been working hard on building up the OLT membership. She has sent out 120 letters and as a result brought in 43 new memberships or renewals. Great job Eva. OLT is a community theatre and depends on community support through memberships, donations, and attendance at OLT functions. Please continue your support and be sure to join or renew your memberships by calling Eva at 479-216-2538, mailing your application, or going online at OLTmena.com

The board has made some changes to the membership choices. A \$500 commercial membership is now available with the added benefit of being eligible for a half page ad in our programs. In addition businesses joining at levels above the \$150 commercial membership will also to get a business card size ad in the programs.

During the Holidays the office will be closed. This only includes the following dates
Dec. 23, 24, & 25
Dec. 30, Jan. 1 & 2

Membership Form	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"/>

MEMBERSHIPS

\$1000 GIFT-Major Donor- this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 18 complimentary tickets per year (2)

\$500 gift-Patron-includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 12 complimentary tickets (3)

\$250 gift-Supporter this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets, 6 complimentary tickets per year. (4)

\$125 gift is an Angel- this includes 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner) and 2 season tickets. (5)

\$150 Commercial Member- 2 votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner), ads in program, TV, and website; 10 complimentary tickets (6)

\$25 Family Member-husband, wife and children, two votes (one for the member and one for spouse/partner)

\$10 OLT yearly member-no season tickets but a member and 1 vote, this includes the cost of insurance required by the insurance company for all participants in OLT programs and productions. All cast members and crew **MUST** be a member to participate in our productions.

Life membership is available for individuals only. It would be for a one-time gift of \$5000. This is non transferrable membership that would give the member free admission to all OLT/JOLT functions, name on TV and in program. They would have voting privileges for life. Complimentary tickets would be available on request. This would be \$7500 for a couple.

Individual ticket prices are \$12 for an adult; \$8 for students & seniors for comedies and dramas. Musical ticket prices are \$15 for adults; \$10.00 for students & seniors

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Date _____

Name _____

Business (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please mail this form with your check to:
Ouachita Little Theatre, P. O. Box 1217, Mena, AR 71953



OFFICE

Our office is operating Thursday and Friday 2 to 6, Saturday 10 to 2. Get tickets or make reservations.

Alexa Night is our new office manager. She is ready to help you

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



The Lyric building which houses the Ouachita Little Theatre has an important milestone in 2023; it is going to be 100 years old! To celebrate this event, OLT has an important goal in mind. We want to own our building outright, so we are starting a campaign to **Burn our Mortgage!**



The “All Together Now” show was a rousing success and grossed about \$1600 with \$1000 going to the Burn the Mortgage Campaign. At the last board meeting it was voted to take the moneys, totaling \$12,000, already collected from all sources for the campaign and deposit it toward the mortgage this week. This will leave a balance of about \$23,000 still needed to be raised to burn the mortgage. Keep an eye on the “thermometer in the front of the theatre to see how things are progressing.

Upcoming Shows

The spring musical will be the Roald Dahl’s “Matilda”



Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives, as Miss Honey begins not only to recognize but also appreciate Matilda's extraordinary personality. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace!

Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, the Tony Award-winning *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* is the captivating masterpiece that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. With book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, *Matilda* has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world.

(Text from MTI site)

To be directed by Jessica Kropp

Auditions will be held in early March. Check our website, Facebook, or newspapers for specific dates as the time approaches

Three One-Act Plays

At the beginning of March OLT will treat the community to a program of three one-act plays. This is a little later than our usual winter show. While still in the planning stages, it may include high school groups, OLT regulars as well as Just4Fun players. If you are interested in participating or suggesting a program contact us by phone 479-216-2538 or send us your comments through our website OLTMena.com

Where is Movie Night????



We are just taking a break during increasing COVID19 infection numbers. Your safety is paramount to us. We hope to be back in action next year. Watch our Facebook page and news outlets for word on when we will return!!! Stay safe out there!



SUITE A

Suite A, will soon be available for rent. The shop is currently being thoroughly cleaned. If you are interested in renting this downtown space, we can make it available for inspection but it will only be rented when cleaning is complete. Water utility is included but electric, phone, and internet is the responsibility of the renter.

Major Maintenance Is Being Performed

A nearly 100 old building needs a lot of loving care. We have commissioned Jason Miles of Miles Construction to waterproof the north wall of the theatre and install an exhaust fan which runs when the humidity level gets too high in order to prevent mold from forming inside the building. Jason does great work. Some of you might have seen the nice job he has done on the McCormick building across the street from the theatre.

Major Change to OLT's Public Interface

At the last board meeting it was decided to make major changes to our data base operations as well as the OLT website. Previously we paid a company, Wild Apricot, to handle our membership data. Many of you may have had interaction with Wild Apricot through the automated membership reminders as well as the receipt of general announcements and these newsletters.

The website was established about 10 years ago and has not changed significantly since then. During this period some internal inconsistencies developed so that a good reworking of the archived data was needed so that information could more easily be retrieved.

Jered Biard, a new board member and someone in possession of significant computer programming knowledge, offered that he would volunteer to rework the website and integrate it with the data base. By integrating the data base of membership data into the website architecture he could add features like allowing the selection specific seats when ordering advance tickets on line, as well as paying for them online. Jered further promised that the system he was developing could do everything that Wild Apricot did but for more members and without the associated expense. He has transferred the physical addresses, phone numbers, emails, and historic membership Wild Apricot data to his new system so that none of our previous data would be lost.

The board was impressed by the versatility of the system as well as the lower operating cost. After Jered's presentation and a long discussion it was decided to make the switch. Go to the new website which still uses our old address, OLTmena.com or quachitalittletheater.org, and try it out. Let us know what you think. It is a work in progress and additional changes may still need to be made. Please be patient. Thank you Jered for all your hard work.

happy
holidays!

From

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