



# NEWSLETTER



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

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

## Brother Eudy and the Wayfaring Strangers

**Saturday  
February 26  
at 7:30**

Featuring  
local recording artist  
Kassi Moe



**All tickets \$10**

Tickets available  
at the OLT office  
(610 Mena St.)  
and [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com)  
Tickets will also  
be available  
at the door

Resumption of the Hillbilly Hard Rock Revolution: two strong original sets of your favorite Eudy-tunes interpreted by top notch players and with a special appearance by [Kassi Moe](#)!

## Auditions for Matilda Announced

Auditions were announced by  
the director, Jessica Kropp

March 3 Thursday - from 6-8 pm  
March 5 Saturday - from 9am - noon

Nine main characters and an ensemble of 17 or more are called for in this show.  
Young people and adults will be needed

For more information about what to expect at an audition, go to [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com)  
and click on the home page Matilda graphic

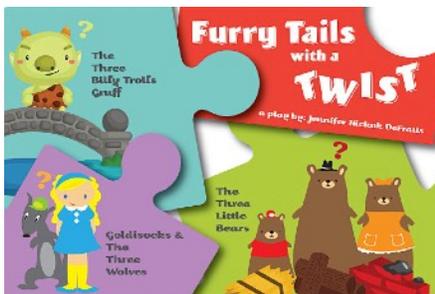
## LESS THAN TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE THREE ONE ACTS

MHS, UARM, and OLT will each be presenting a one act show on the evenings of March 4 & 5 and on Sunday March 6. This promises to bring both young and old talent to the OLT stage for highly entertaining shows with themes particularly aimed at the taste of youngsters as well as adults. The presentation of all three shows will be done on each of the scheduled days or nights. The admission will be \$10 for everyone. Season passes will be honored. Tickets are available at the OLT office, 610 Mena St., online, or at the door.

*To pick a seat and get your ticket online go to [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com). When the picture for Three One Acts comes up, click on it, You will get a description of the show and a place to click to choose and buy tickets. Simply follow the online instructions. You will be able to use a credit card to buy your tickets.*

# These are the Shows

## Presented by the UARM Drama Department



Follow the adventures of Sam and Alex, two bumbling actors trying desperately to present a few of the world's most beloved fairy tales. Unfortunately, their script becomes seriously scrambled and they perform "Goldisocks and the Three Wolves," "The Three Billy Trolls Gruff," and "The Three Little Bears," who end up battling the Big Bad Billy Goat to delay the decimation of their domiciles. In addition to entertaining with humor,

slapstick and charm, Sam and Alex also guide the audience through the creative world of story structure, writing vocabulary and theatrical staging. It takes the whole audience to set the stories straight for Sam and Alex. In the end, both the actors and the audience have learned creative tale telling through these furry tails ... er ... fairy tales.

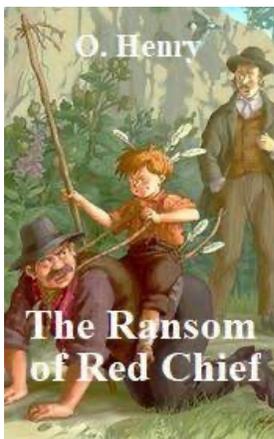
UARM Drama Department will also be performing several matinees for the elementary schools that week. Contact your Child's teacher for date, time and cost.

## Presented by the Mena High School Drama Department



**SYNOPSIS:** A look at the city version of Lewis Carroll's classic story. Alice and her sister go to the park. While her sister is on her cell phone, Alice follows Rabbit down a subway tunnel and encounters a host of strange urban-type characters, including a Rat, a Caterpillar, a Cook, the Queen of Hearts, and a Grinning Cat. She also encounters subway passengers and joggers who speak in rhymes. After a heated courtroom trial in which the Knave of Hearts is accused of stealing the Queen of Hearts' grocery cart, Alice returns to her sister in the park.

## Presented by Ouachita Little Theatre's Readers Theatre



**Bill** and **Sam**, two petty criminals looking for an easy two thousand dollars, hatch a plot to kidnap and hold for ransom **Johnny**, the 10-year-old son of **Ebenezer Dorset**, a wealthy pillar of the community. They pick up the boy and take him to a cave hideout, but there the tables are turned. Calling himself "Red Chief" in a fantasy game of cowboys and Indians, the boy drives both men crazy—but particularly Bill. With nonsensical prattle, childish demands and mild physical abuse, the boy demands they entertain him, refusing to return to his home even when they release him from his captivity out of desperation to be rid of his antics. Unfortunately, old man Dorset, who knows that his boy is a terror, offers to take the boy off their hands if they pay him \$250. Bruised, disheartened, and their hopes reduced by the trials of parenting, Bill and Sam hand over the cash and trick the unhappy boy into returning to his wealthy father. The elder Dorset restrains his son long enough for the chastened duo to flee town, never to return.

Director, Ann Glenn emphasizes that this will be an enhanced readers theatre production, complete with action.

# The Spring musical is Roald Dahl's "Matilda"



Show dates:  
 May 13-15 and May 20-22  
 Fri. & Sat. At 7:30 Su. 2:30

Admission:  
 \$15 Adults and  
 \$10 student and seniors



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.

## READERS THEATRE TO MAKE A COMEBACK AT OLT

Ann Glenn has taken on the project of revitalizing the OLT's readers theatre. She points out that this type of theatre is well suited for those who would like to participate in theatre but, for one reason or another, feel they can't memorize as well they used to. Ann plans to make the shows more appealing by departing from the straight reading of lines to incorporating action into the productions. You will see this style in action when you come to the **Three One Act plays March 4-6**. The readers theatre production of, "The Ransom of Red Chief", will demonstrate the technique. (The other two shows will be full production theatre) In addition to shows the in theatre itself she hopes to bring performances to nursing homes and senior centers. If you are interested, contact Ann at [marvann.glenn65@gmail.com](mailto:marvann.glenn65@gmail.com).



**Admission is free  
but  
donations are always appreciated**

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The next board meeting will be March 17. Anyone interested in the theatre is always welcome to attend.

**OFFICERS**

President: Brad Storey  
Vice President: Robby Burt  
Secretary: Judy Kropp  
Treasurer: Bill Hays

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Lamar Austin  
Amanda Baker  
Jered Baird  
Eva McAllister  
Makayla Kenyon-Ortiz  
Jessica Kropp  
Alexa Night  
Rudi Timmerman  
Julie Ulmer

The next election for OLT officers and board members will be in May. A nominating committee is being formed. If you are interested in becoming an officer or board member, call president, Brad Storey, at 234-2321. This is a community theatre and works best if the community is involved.



**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**



**OTHER PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE**

Jered Biard is going to direct a Monty Python parody play with JOLT this summer. Brad Storey is working on a script based on Silas Marner for presentation this fall. John Puddington is looking to do "The Man Who Comes to Dinner" as a Christmas play in 2023. The Christmas play for 2022 will be a Junior OLT production yet to be determined

**MEMBERSHIP**

Eva McAllister chair of the membership committee is working hard to expand our membership roles. Our redesigned website, OLTmena.com, has made it easier for you to join. Check out the site, join, and let us know what you think.

Membership Form			
	Individual	Family <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	\$1000		<input type="checkbox"/>
Patron <sup>3</sup>	\$500 - 999		<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporter <sup>4</sup>	\$250 - 499		<input type="checkbox"/>
Angel <sup>5</sup>	\$125		<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Member <sup>6</sup>	\$150		<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Membership <sup>7</sup>	\$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 \_\_\_\_\_

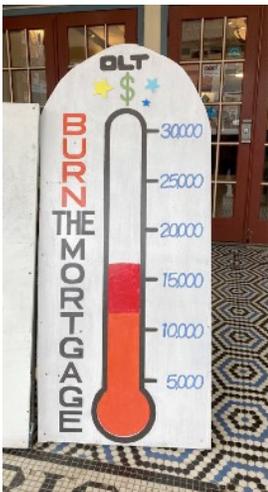
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



### Suite A

Some additional volunteer cosmetic work is yet to be done after which the office will once again be offered for rent. The office contains two rooms, a kitchen, and a bathroom. Water and sewage are included in the rent. Other utilities are the responsibility of the renter. It would make a great space for retail as well as for an office. The rent is yet to be determined but will be well under \$500 per month.



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!**

## 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**

## POST OFFICE BOX TO BE DISCONTINUED

For some time now the OLT has had both an on-premises mail box and a Post Office Box. It was determined that it would be more efficient if all the mail would come directly to the office. For that reason the Post Office Box address will soon be relinquished back to the post office. All mail, from now on, should go to OLT, 610 Mena St., Mena, AR 71953