



The Call Board

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Official Newsletter of the Oregon Community Theatre

The Presidential Dispatch

We are well on our way for our final production of this season with "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" so be sure to attend. It is a Tony Award winning show with many great moments. Watch for some local faces from the audience in it as well! This is not a show for the kiddies as it contains adult language. So bring them along to our summer children's theatre production of "School House Rock Live, Jr". This production is in July.

Many thanks for those who risked the winter weather and made it out for "Of Mice & Men". This proved to be among our many great productions with superb acting adding to the unique set, lighting design, and sound effects that created this highly emotional show. John Steinbeck's classic was sure a classic for us as well. Audiences gave a standing ovation at every performance. Congratulations to all involved with special mention to director, Devin Bader, and producer, Cheryl Cuprys for bringing all aspects together for this dramatic piece of theatre.

Remember our Fundraiser this year is the handmade Quilt by Sandra Harmon. It will be on display at the show with tickets available for the raffle. The winner will be drawn on May 7th at our final production of the season, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee". The quilt can also be viewed on our website.

See you at the show!
Ron Davis
President OCT
(419) 855-3482

Looking For Directors

We are looking for people interested in directing any one of our shows for next season. If you are interested Diane Hess our play reading chairperson would like to hear from you. Please contact her in writing at 2525 Consaul Street #14 Toledo, Ohio 43605 before April 30, 2011.

Children's Summer Theatre

If your child is finishing 2nd grade through finishing 8th grade, then we invite them to audition for our summer children's theatre camp experience. They will be performing "School House Rock, Live! Jr." on July 28, 29, and 30 at Fassett School. Auditions will be held at Fassett Auditorium on June 6th & 8th from 6-8 PM. Be prepared to sing something, an accompanist will be provided. On June 9, there is a mandatory parent meeting with children included to learn of the cast and schedule for rehearsals. That night the \$35 participation fee is required.

Director, Beth Geller, and Producer, Cathy Klewer, will be assembling quality adults to teach this show and create all aspects of theatre. We welcome back as Music Coach, Valerie Adamski, who also taught the children last summer for "Seussical, Jr.". Let us know if you have further questions (419) 855-3482.

We thank the City of Oregon, Mayor Sefarian and Recreation Department director Joe Wasserman for their continued financial support of our summer children's theatre.

Scrim: A drop curtain in a theater that appears opaque to the audience when lit from the front but transparent when lit from behind

2011 OCT Scholarship Winners

Every year the OCT selects two high school seniors who plan to further their education in the arts with a \$500 scholarship. This year we have awarded them to Jenson Strock from Lake High School and Thomas Trease from Cardinal Stritch High School.

Jenson will be majoring in musical theatre at Kent State University and Tommy will be attending Bowling Green State University to major in Telecommunications with an emphasis in audio engineering.

Theatre needs the talents of both these individuals with Jenson as a performer and Tommy as a technical designer. Both have been involved in OCT during their youth in one aspect or another. They will be awarded their checks at the "Spelling Bee" for our last production of the season. We congratulate and wish both of these individuals the very best in their future.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

By director Jeff Smith

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a hilarious tale of overachievers' angst chronicling the experience of six adolescent outsiders vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. The show's Tony Award winning creative team has created the unlikeliest of hit musicals about the unlikeliest of heroes: a quirky yet charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time.

This is my 19th OCT production (my 2nd as a director) and I feel that this is one of the best casts I have ever worked with. Each of our actors has breathed life into the hilarious story of 6 young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

Our wonderful creative staff, musicians, stage crew and actors hope you will join us April 29, 30 and May 6, 7, at 8:00 P.M. with a Matinee on May 1, at 3:00 P.M. for this Tony Award winning show with unique characters and audience involvement. You will not want to miss it.

Annual Meeting/Potluck

Sunday May 22, 2011 Brandville School 6:00

All Season Ticket holders are invited as you are our Members with voting privileges.

This is election year so please come out to vote for your new Board Members. If anyone is interesting in running for an office you may call any of our nominating committee members to let them know (Patti Kasper 693-0950; Glen Hamilton 691-2598 or Dianne Davis 855-3482)

We will also set dates and ticket prices for the 2011-2012 season.

Bring a dish to share as OCT will supply the main dish and paper products.

OCT Appearing at Oregon Fest

Sunday May 15, 2011 Noon til 6:00, Dustin Road Oregon Ohio

If you are going to our production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" or you just will not get a chance to see it we will be on stage at this years Oregon Fest performing songs from the show.

Or just stop by and say HI, our booth is located in the quality of life tent

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 29, 30, at 8:00 pm – “Spelling Bee”
Fassett Auditorium
3025 Starr Ave., Oregon, Ohio
- May 1, at 3:00 pm – “Spelling Bee”
Fassett Auditorium
3025 Starr Ave., Oregon, Ohio
- May 6, 7, at 8:00 pm – “Spelling Bee”
Fassett Auditorium
3025 Starr Ave., Oregon, Ohio
- May 15, from Noon til 6:00 pm – “OCT At Oregon Fest”
Quality Of Life Tent
Dustin Rd, Oregon, Ohio
- May 22, at 6:00 pm - “Annual Meeting/Potluck”
Brandville School
1133 Grasser St, Oregon, Ohio
- June 6, 8, from 6:00 pm til 8:00 pm–
“School House Rock Live Jr.”
Fassett Auditorium
3025 Starr Ave., Oregon, Ohio
- June 9, at 7:00 pm Mandatory Parents Meeting
“School House Rock Live Jr.”
Fassett Auditorium
3025 Starr Ave., Oregon, Ohio
- July 28, 29, 30 at 7:00 pm “School House Rock Live Jr.”
Fassett Auditorium
3025 Starr Ave., Oregon, Ohio

Upcoming Auditions

OCT Summer Children’s Theatre



June 6, 8, 2011

6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Auditioners must have finished 2nd through finished 8th grades.

Mandatory Parents Meeting

June 9, 2011 - 7:00PM

Please see our website for additional information

Fassett Auditorium

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Our Mission Statement

The Oregon Community Theatre is dedicated to the development of the performing arts within Oregon and its surrounding communities.

This mission shall be accomplished by encouraging appreciation of and participation in all aspects of live theater, as well as conducting related educational programs for adults and children.

Visit our website:
www.oregoncommunitytheatre.org

Oregon Community Theatre presents



Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Music and Lyrics by William Finn

Tim Yard, Producer Jeff Smith, Director

April 29-30 at 8:00 pm
May 1 at 3:00 pm
May 6-7 at 8:00 pm

For tickets, call (419) 691-1398

Fassett Auditorium

3025 Starr Ave., Oregon

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This play contains adult language.

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