



Otterbein Summer Theatre Announces 2009 Season

Don't Talk to the Actors

Otterbein Summer Theatre opens its season this month with the Ohio premiere of *Don't Talk to the Actors*, which runs June 25-28 and July 9-11 in the Campus Center Theatre, 100 W. Home St

Written by Buffalo-born and raised Tom Dudzick, *Don't Talk to the Actors* is a hilarious comedy which depicts the story of a young Buffalo playwright who is thrust into the high stakes, big money, ego driven world of Broadway after being discovered by a big-time producer. Following the premiere at Buffalo's Studio Arena Theatre, The Buffalo News called the show, "drop-dead, scream-out-loud, tear-wrenchingly funny." Come see how the best-laid plans go awry when the people involved only think of themselves and turn to bribery, temptation and chaos to get what they want.

Often referred to by theatre critics as "the Catholic Neil Simon," Tom Dudzick has created a series of semi-autobiographical comedies that have played successfully in theatres from New York to Los Angeles. His plays have broken the box office records at Buffalo Studio Arena, Pittsburgh Public Theatre, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis and Chicago's Northlight Theatre.

Individual Tickets for *Don't Talk to the Actors* cost \$22 each. Half Price Student Rush tickets are available one hour prior to performances with a valid school ID. The opening night performance begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 25. The Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. on June 28. All other performances begin at 8 p.m.

The box office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and one hour prior to performances. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 823-1109 after June 15. The Otterbein Summer Theatre Box Office is located in the lower level of the Campus Center, 100 W. Home St., Westerville. For more information, visit <http://www.otterbein.edu/theatre>.

Altar Boyz

Book By: Kevin Del Aguila

Music and Lyrics by: Gary Adler and Michael Patrick Walker

Conceived by Marc Kessler and Ken Davenport

Directed by: David Caldwell

July 16-19, July 23-26, and July 29-Aug. 1

Hailed as "high-octane entertainment" (Talkin' Broadway), *Altar Boyz* tells the holy inspiring story of five small-town boys - Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham - trying to save the world one screaming fan at a time. Their pious pop act, including lyrics like "Girl You Make Me Wanna Wait" and "Jesus Called Me On My Cell Phone," worked wonders on the Ohio bingo-hall-and-pancake-breakfast circuit. But when fate brings them to New York, will the boyz take a bite out of the forbidden apple? With angelic voices, sinfully spectacular dancing and a touching story, *Altar Boyz* is destined to rock the masses of all denominations.

The Last Night of Ballyhoo

By: Alfred Uhry

Directed by: Ed Vaughan

Aug. 6-9 and Aug. 13-15

Set in the upper-class German-Jewish society of Atlanta, Georgia, in December 1939, this comedy-drama features Adolph Freitag, owner of the Dixie Bedding company and his sister and nieces, who eagerly await Ballyhoo, a lavish cotillion at their restrictive country club. So assimilated that they have a Christmas tree in the parlor, this Jewish family is forced to examine prejudice within their own religious community when an attractive, eligible bachelor, Joe Farkas, enters their lives.

Season ticket packages are \$65 each. Individual tickets go on sale beginning June 15 and are \$22 for *Don't Talk to the Actors* and *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* and \$27 for *Altar Boyz*.

The Otterbein Summer Theatre Box Office and all performances will be located in the Campus Center Theatre. Opening night performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m., and all other performances begin at 8 p.m.

The Otterbein Summer Theatre Box Office will officially open on June 15. Box Office hours will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and one hour prior to all performances.

For more information about Otterbein Summer Theatre and the 2009 Season, please contact Otterbein College Theatre at 823-1109 or visit the Otterbein College website, <http://www.otterbein.edu/theatre>.