



OTTERBEIN THEATRE & DANCE

# CREATING THE FUTURE

2019-20 SEASON

## An Update from us on COVID-19

Along with the rest of the world, Otterbein University has been working hard to help fight the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We have moved all coursework from our classrooms to the Internet, and the university has cancelled all indoor events through the end of the spring semester.

While we had hoped to postpone our production of "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder" until later in April, it has become obvious that to protect the health of our students and audience we must now cancel all performances of the production. Our students, designers, and directing team had already put many exhausting hours into preparing for opening night, and we had already purchased more than 90% of the materials required for the production.



It was going to be a spectacle for all of the senses. We had rented beautiful, elaborate costumes that came in no fewer than 26 huge boxes from the National Touring production. The scenery was nearly complete – a photo of the beautiful painting and carpentry is included here for you to enjoy. And our orchestra, made up of many local professional musicians, had rehearsed and was ready to accompany our talented actors for seven hilarious performances of murder and mayhem. It was very difficult for us to tell our students that, this time, the show cannot go on.



The refunding of all ticket purchases will begin next week. We are short-staffed now that our students have returned home, so it may take up to 30 days for checks and/or credit card refunds to be processed. Thank you in advance for your patience, and please let us know if you have any questions.

If you have the means to forgo the refund and would like us to donate your purchase for bills already incurred for the production, please [CLICK HERE](#). We appreciate all levels of support.

Stay tuned for more information about Otterbein Theatre & Dance and Otterbein Summer Theatre. We look forward to seeing you in the theater again very soon. In the meantime, wash your hands and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

T.J. Gerckens  
Chair

Elizabeth Saltzgeber  
Managing Director



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