

# ATHENIAN PLAYERS THEATRE

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Joe Balding - APT President

I want to thank all of you who have been an active part of APT so far this season. Your hard work is what makes us a success. Don't forget that the month of April will begin our litter pickup again. Come join in the fun. Steve will have more information on that as the time approaches. Encourage your

friends who aren't members of APT yet to join this wonderful group. The more the merrier. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank my dad for being our treasurer for so many years. THANKS DAD!!

## A TREASURED TREASURER STEPS DOWN

by Steve Haskins

In his eighth year as Treasurer of Athenian Players Theatre, Jim Balding has reluctantly tendered his resignation citing increasing health problems. It is with reluctance that we see him step down.

Jim has been a loyal and competent board member since 1993, serving APT well. His support has been consistent and strong, helping APT grow over

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the years. His stern, yet humorous, portrayal of the Judge in NIGHT OF JANUARY 16TH will long be fondly remembered. Jim continues to be a member in very good standing.

Our newly appointed Treasurer, Sylvia Abbott, is also a veteran member whose resume includes the past position of Athens City Treasurer.

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### AUDITIONS

Auditions for "Bedroom Farce" will be held from 1-6 pm on Sunday, March 11, 2001 at Stuart's Opera House in Nelsonville, Ohio.

You will be asked to read from the script with others who are auditioning. This may take a little while.

If you are interested in auditioning but cannot be there on March 11, please contact Norm Cohn by e-mail: [cohn@ohio.edu](mailto:cohn@ohio.edu) or by phone at 740-592-4074.

It is advisable, but not essential, to have read the play beforehand.

The cast consists of four married couples: One couple ages 60 or so, One couple ages 25-40, Two couples ages 20-30.

But remember that talent and good makeup can do wonders!  
Call 740-592-4074 for further information.

### 2000-2001 SEASON



### "WILD HONEY" by Michael Frayn

#### WILD HONEY

Our fall 2000 show, *Wild Honey* by Michael Frayn, kicked off the season with a large cast of our veteran actors as well as quite a few newcomers to APT/BCP. Director Christina "Chica" Salerno and the cast & crew can be credited with a lot of hard work resulting in another success for us. We even made some money, which will strengthen the budget base for future productions!

Kudos to the *Wild Honey* bunch!

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**"ALL BECAUSE  
OF AGATHA"**  
by Jonathan Troy

Set in historic Salem, Mass., a young couple moves into a centuries-old house with a bizarre feature - yearly visits from a destructive witch named Agatha Forbes. When the couple decides to turn the yearly visit into a festive party, Agatha has something else in mind.

March 1, 2, 3 - 8:00 PM  
Matinee on March 4 - 2 PM  
Stuart's Opera House,  
Nelsonville, Oh



**"BEDROOM FARCE"**  
by Alan Ayckbourn

A wickedly funny romp through the bedrooms of three couples, Bedroom Farce portrays the couples' lives through the different stages and ages of their relationships on one particular evening. Written by Alan Ayckbourn, often

considered the English Neil Simon, Bedroom Farce explores what happens in a marriage when the "spark" is gone.

May 4,5, 11, 12 at 8 PM  
Matinee on May 13th - 2 PM  
Stuart's Opera House,  
Nelsonville, Oh

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**OHIO COMMUNITY  
THEATRE ASSOCIATION  
(OCTA)**

by Joe Balding, OCTA  
Representative

The Southeast Region OCTA Fest will be held the first weekend of June in Cambridge, Oh. We expect at least 6 theatres to be presenting excerpts, so this should be a fun day. Registration is at 9am on Saturday, June 2nd. APT hopes to take an excerpt, but even if we don't, please attend anyway.

State OCTA Fest will be held over Labor Day weekend in Columbus, Ohio. Mark your calendar for this too!!!!

## LOSS OF A NEW FRIEND

by Steve Haskins

Athenian Players Theatre was shocked and saddened to learn of the unexpected death of one of its newest members. Cliff Lindsay of Rockbridge passed away on Friday, January 26th. He had joined APT only last year and was an enthusiastic young Marine Corps veteran, interested in all aspects of theatre. We had high hopes for a long lasting friendship with Cliff. Although we had only just begun to know him, he will be sadly missed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**MARCH 8, 2001**  
**The Plains Library**  
**7:00 p.m.**

1. Nelsonville-York High School will be staging *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*. April 20, 21 and 22. If anyone is interested in helping with the show please contact Sylvia Abbott (593-5427).

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2. Don't forget, if you haven't paid your dues for this year, you may still do so. Membership is still a bargain at the low, low cost of \$10.00. Sylvia Abbott will gladly accept your money at the March meeting or you can mail them to:

**Athenian Players Theatre**  
**P.O. Box 283**  
**Athens, Ohio 45701**

To become a member of APT, all you have to do is express an interest, be at least 14 years old, and have \$10.

There are two categories of membership:

1. Supporting Members receive all mailings regarding auditions, meetings, and upcoming shows.

2. Guild Members are recognized by the APT Board of Directors as demonstrating active support by participation. These members receive all mailings for the season and have the privilege of voting on elections of

APT board members. Guild members can also be involved in choosing the plays that APT will produce.

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For both categories of membership, the \$10 fee covers the cost of printing and postage for the season's mailings.

A unique benefit of membership is the AA Talent Agency.

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### **2000-2001 OFFICERS**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Joe Balding</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Andrew Stonerock</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Linda Watkins</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Sylvia Abbott</b>

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