

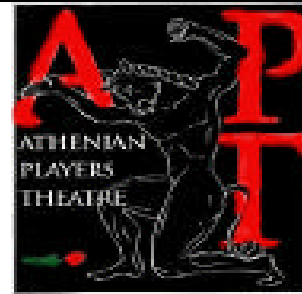
# ATHENIAN PLAYERS THEATRE

## Newsletter

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Joe Balding - APT President

Thank you to all who helped make our season a success. It is through your active participation that APT continues to be the best community theatre in Southeast Ohio. I extend a warm welcome to our new Vice-President, Christine Neumann,

and to our newest member, Heidi Wilhelm. Leslie Palumbo moved away but promises to come back often. Good luck in your new home, Leslie.

Please consider going to State OCTAfest over Labor Day weekend. It is a great time, and it's really close this year.

I look forward to a great 10th season for APT.

### FINAL BOW

by Steve Haskins

Athenian Players Theatre and Berean Community Players lost a good friend and a wonderful character actress on March 9th when Betty Pickett died in a car accident.

Betty was a charter member of the Bereans, appearing in many of their productions since that

theatre group was established in 1972 in Nelsonville, Ohio. Since APT teamed up with BCP in 1997 to offer joint productions at Stuart's Opera House, we have been proud to have Betty grace the stage with us in "NIGHT OF JANUARY 16TH" and "THE LONG CHRISTMAS DINNER". Just one week before her untimely death, she played Mrs. Boggs in "ALL BECAUSE OF AGATHA", to the delight of an appreciative audience.

A truly good person with a surprising wit, Betty will be fondly remembered by the many, many people whose lives she touched. From her former students (she had been a reading teacher) to her fellow cast members, from close friends to casual acquaintances, from her real family to her extended "family" of co-workers and volunteers. She was loved by so many.

Take a bow, Betty...the applause will never end.

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### AUDITIONS

AUDITIONS FOR "MOON OVER BUFFALO" WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2001, FROM 2:00 TO 5:00 PM AT STUART'S OPERA HOUSE IN NELSONVILLE.

## 2001-2002 SEASON **Celebrating Our 10th Season**



"MOON OVER  
BUFFALO"  
by Ken Ludwig  
Directed by Chris  
Coleman

November 9,10, 16,17 - 8:00 p.m.  
November 18 - 2:00 p.m.

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### "1940'S RADIO HOUR"

by Walton Jones and Carol Lees  
Directed by Sylvia Abbott  
Musical Director - Lynn Sullivan

April 21,22,28,29 - 8:00 p.m.  
April 30 - 2:00 p.m.

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### "CRIMES OF THE HEART"

by Beth Henley  
Directed by Steve Haskins

May 9,10 , 11 - 8:00 p.m.  
May 12 - 2:00 p.m.

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All Performances will be in the beautiful, newly restored Stuart's Opera House on the Square in downtown Nelsonville, Ohio

For reservations call  
740-753-1924



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REGIONAL OCTAfest

by Steve Haskins

Six members of Athenian Players Theatre attended the SE Regional OCTAfest in Cambridge on Saturday, June 2, 2001. This year the annual OCTA event was hosted by the Cambridge Performing Arts Center. Although APT did not present a play excerpt, APT President Joe Balding did offer a beginning tap dance workshop which was eagerly attended by a dozen members of various theatre groups from the Southeast Ohio Region. After checking in at the beautiful lobby of the Cambridge Performing Arts Center, we were treated to a warm welcome by Regional Representatives Billie Harmon and Susan Barzda. This well-organized event got under way

with an excerpt from Actors' Guild of Parkersburg, who performed a very entertaining segment of "ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE". Other excerpts were from Cambridge Performing Arts Center, Excalibur Productions, Zanesville Community Theatre and The Footlight Players. All of the groups showcased wonderful talent. Those chosen by the three-member panel of excellent responders to represent the SE Ohio Region at the 2001 State OCTAfest in September were:

#1 - Excalibur Productions (East Liverpool) - "DELIVER US NOT".

#2 - Footlight Players (Coschocton) - "I HATE HAMLET".

#3 (alternate) - Actors' Guild of Parkersburg - "ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE".

APT President Joe Balding, who is also our theatre's OCTA Representative, was elected to the position of SE Regional Representative and will assist Susan Barzda and Billie Harmon in their duties as Representatives of this region of the state.

The State OCTAfest will take place in Worthington, Ohio, over Labor Day weekend. This fantastic convention will showcase many play excerpts from all around the state. Other events include various workshops covering all aspects of theatre (including another tap workshop from APT President Joe Balding); an auction, banquet and Masked Ball; talent shows; parties; presentation of awards for acting, directing, costume & set design; games and who knows what else! All APT members are strongly urged to go and enjoy this great convention. If last year's OCTAfest in Toledo was any indication, this year's OCTAfest in Worthington will be too good to miss!

For further information about this or any other APT and/or OCTA event, contact any APT officer or check out our web site at:

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### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

by Steve Haskins

In our continuing bid to free the highways of litter, APT members Joe Balding, Marvin Bowman, Karen Chan and Steve Haskins

hit the road on Saturday, June 9th, to bag up what we could find along our stretch of State Route 50. Beautiful weather made the task easier than it might have been, and we were done in just a couple of hours. Our next litter pick-up will be on Saturday, August 11. Please plan on helping out if you can.

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### NEW OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002

New Officers were elected at the May 10, 2000 General Meeting. They are:

President - Joe Balding  
 Vice President - Christine Neumann  
 Secretary - Linda Watkins  
 Treasurer - Sylvia Abbott

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### CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

We would like to extend our congratulations to Terry and Mary Smith on their recent marriage (June 1, 2001). We wish them all the best!

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## GOODBY AND GOODLUCK

Leslie Palumbo, one of our newest members, her husband J and son Nicholas recently moved to Hamden, Connecticut. Even though Leslie is a new member and was only able to be in one production (she played Jan in our most recent production of "Bedroom Farce") she quickly became a very good friend to all. We will miss her! She promises to come back and visit soon. Maybe we can persuade her to stay long enough to be in another show!!!

GOOD LUCK LESLIE , J AND NICHOLAS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY, JUNE  
23, 2001**  
(see related article for  
place and times)

## PARTY/GENERAL MEETING

It's Party Time (and you know how we love to party)!!!!

We will hold our annual End of Season Party/General Meeting on Saturday, June 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Sylvia Abbott has graciously offered her home for the party. Her address is 53 Morris Ave., Athens, OH. Please bring your own drinks and something to eat (snacks, pizza, etc.). Also, any games you would like to play. I'm sure we will have a rousing game of "Bob" going and Sylvia has "Cranium" which is also a lot of fun.

**SEE YOU ALL AT THE  
PARTY/MEETING!!!!**

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership for the 2000-2001 season will be expiring at the end of July. You can pay your membership for the 2001-2002 Season at anytime.

Membership is still a bargain at the low, low cost of \$10.00. Sylvia Abbott will gladly accept

your money at the 1st general 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.

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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