



The Minotaur



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"Oliver!" is one for our history books

Living up to (or maybe exceeding) our great expectations, *Oliver!* won resounding approval from our audiences at every performance. It was very possibly, in this editor's humble opinion, the best show we've ever done. Surely those of you who were in the cast or audience will acknowledge that it at least ranks somewhere near the top of the list!

At any rate, a great many people worked very hard to make it a success, and that work certainly paid off.

Visit APT's web site to see some great photos from the dress rehearsals, courtesy of Dr. Jack Chan.

"Digner" is prepared

Our May production is well under way, and promises to be a hoot. Norm Cohn is directing *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, the 1939 comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, which will hit the Stuart's Opera House stage on May 11 at 8:00 pm. Evening performances will continue through May 13

and matinees are scheduled for May 13 and 14 at 2:00 pm. Proceeds from the matinee on Saturday, May 13, will be donated to Athens County Habitat for Humanity.

Dean Barker is cast as the insufferable Sheridan Whiteside, and will no doubt irk his way under your skin while (just *maybe*) wending his way into your heart. The cast includes several "old" APT/BCP faces as well as many community members new to our stage.

Check it out.

Frankly, my dear...

Ted Alexander is not, as it turns out, playing Frank N. Furter for Vermont's Barre Players in their production of *The Rocky Horror Show*. He says he will, however, be directing an upcoming production of *Sherlock's Last Case* which, you should remember, he directed (and starred in) for us back in November 2002.

With any luck, Ted will keep sending occasional updates.

15th Season Set

The main object of the April meeting was to select the plays for production during the 2006-2007 season. Four potential directors proposed a total of six plays including dramas, comedies and musicals. After much discussion and two rounds of voting (the first being an "elimination" round), the results are as follows:

The Diary of Anne Frank directed by Norm Cohn - November 2 - 5 '06

Once Upon a Mattress directed by Celeste Parsons - March 2, 3, 9 - 11 '07

An Evening of Comedy directed by David Bower - May 10 - 13 '07

OCTA launches OCTAfest Jr.



Beginning this summer, the Ohio Community Theatre Association is establishing a theatre festival just for young performers age 19 and under.

OCTAfest Jr. for 2006 will be limited to the first eight theatres to apply. They are:

Central Region

Mansfield Playhouse - Mansfield, OH
Little Theatre Off Broadway
- Grove City, OH

Northeast Region

Galaxy Players - Seville, OH
WACpac - Wooster, OH
Weathervane Community Players
- Akron, OH

Northwest Region

Amil Tellers of Dramatics - Lima, OH

Southeast Region

Footlight Players - Coshocton, OH

Southwest Region

Loveland Stage Co. - Loveland, OH

The festival will take place on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at the Davis Discovery Center's Shedd Theater in Columbus.

In general, the rules for OCTAfest Jr. are the same as for regular OCTAfest, except that all of the performers must be 19 or younger at the time of the regular run of the show during that theatre's season. Only off-stage technical crew and production staff may be 20 years old or more.

This new festival does not keep youth casts from participating in OCTA's traditional regionals and State Conference, but is a special opportunity for specifically showcasing young talent.

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SE Callboard

...here's what's happening around our region:

Actors Guild of Parkersburg

Noises Off Jun 16 - Jul 1
Nunsense Aug 4 - 20

Actors' Moveable Theater

Broadway Babylon Oct 27 - Nov 4

Athenian Players Theatre

The Man Who Came to Dinner
May 11-14

Coshocton Footlight Players

A Few Good Men May 5-20

Hope Players

The Wizard of Oz May 21 - 22
Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat Oct 21 - 22

Little Theatre of Tuscarawas County

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
Apr 21 - May 6
Harvey Jul 14 - 29

Mid Ohio Valley Players

The Heiress Apr 21 - May 6
The Miracle Worker Jun 9 - 24

Ohio Valley Summer Theater

Inherit The Wind Jun 21 - Jul 2
Peter Pan Jul 12 - 30

Zanesville Community Theatre

Gershwin By George May 12 - 21
Fiddler on the Roof Aug 11 - 20
The Mystery of Irma Vep Sep 16 - 25
The Haunting of Hill House
Oct 21-30
15th Annual Angel Tree Benefit
Dec 9-11

**GET OUT THERE AND
SEE SOME THEATRE !**

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

This month we bid farewell to one of our leading ladies. Katie Chaney, who graced our stage as Maria in 2004's *The Sound of Music*, is moving to Cape Coral, Florida with her husband James and their two children. James will be the manager of a Perkins restaurant, while Katie will teach at Skyline Elementary School.

Maria was Katie's first role with APT, then she appeared last year in *California Suite*, and again this past March in *Oliver!*. She is currently rehearsing for the part of June Stanley in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, which opens May 11. Be sure to come see her farewell performance!

Coshocton to host SE Regional OCTAfest '06

Just to remind us all that time flies when you're having fun, it's almost time again for OCTAfest! Our annual Southeast Regional theatre festival will take place this year on Saturday, June 3, in Coshocton, Ohio. The host group will be the Footlight Players, who perform their plays at the Triple Locks Theatre in Roscoe Village. For any of you who are unaware, Roscoe Village is a beautiful little historic settlement on the edge of Coshocton, full of arts, crafts and gift shops.

Since there are now 13 (count 'em, thirteen!) member theatres in the southeast region of the Ohio Community Theatre Association (OCTA), it is hoped that we might have more than the usual number of theatres participating with an excerpt from their most recent season.



Since OCTAfest is just a one-day event, and it's only about a two hour drive from Athens or Nelsonville, one can hardly think of a good reason not to go. In fact, a one-day road trip for excellent theatre is possibly the best way to spend a Saturday! Registration is only \$10 for the entire day's events.

Please contact Minotaur editor Steve Haskins at 594-4061 or aptminotaur@earthlink.net for more details.

APT MEETING

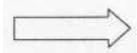
There will be a general membership meeting Tuesday, 5/16 at 7:00pm at the Nelsonville public library. Officers for the 2006-2007 season will be elected at this very important meeting.

AF gets web site

The Athens Foundation, one of APT's major benefactors, is now on the web. To learn about this philanthropic organization, visit their new site at www.athensfoundation.org.



Wondering what this
is all about? Come see
The Man Who Came To Dinner
and learn its significance!



Happy Mother's Day
to all you mothers!