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Board: 1st Wednesday of the month General Membership: 4th Wednesday of the month (If a meeting night falls on a final dress, board meetings are typically moved to the following Monday. GM meetings aren't rescheduled.)

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Next Issue's Deadline

5 p.m., Thursday, August 15 (Deadline for all issues - 5 p.m. on the 15th of even numbered months)

Box Office - Note New Times

All tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online by going to tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org 24/7 during ticket sale dates only. Tickets may be purchased by phone at (567) 525-3636 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Playhouse (300 W. Sandusky Street) on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. There are no ticket or credit card fees, whether purchased

online or in person. Online ticket sales close 2 hours before curtain on show nights.

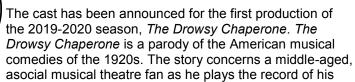
Unsold or unclaimed seats will be sold at the door. House opens 1/2 hour before curtain.



Northwest Website: www.octanorthwest.com

OCTA Website: www.OCTA1953.org

Cast Announced for 2019-2020 Season Opener



favorite musical, the fictional 1928 hit, The Drowsy Chaperone. As he wryly comments on the music, story, and actors, the characters come to life onstage.

Written by Bob Martin and Don McKellar, with music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, The Drowsy Chaperone, is the winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score. It is a loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another.

Director Vicki McClurkin, assistant director Jim Toth, choreographer Jerry Zimmerman, musical director Matt Armstrong, and producer Betty Hipp have assembled the cast and have begun preparing for opening night.

The cast members are: Rob Stauffer (Man in Chair), Cole DeWulf (Robert Martin), Deb Shaffer (The Drowsy Chaperone), Lindsay Taylor (Janet Van De Graaff), Jean Daniel (Mrs. Tottendale), David Wright (Aldolpho), Jeff Lee (Underling), CJ Miller (George), Melanie Moore (Kitty), Emily Penton (Gangster #1), Jordan Gottschalk (Gangster #2), David Marquart (Mr. Feldzieg), and Samantha Henry (Trix, the Aviatrix). Members of the ensemble, playing a variety of roles, are Linda England, Nikki Needles, Aren Norman, Jon Seeberger, and Iman Thambi.

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Auditions Announced for the Mystery/Thriller Angel Street

Auditions for our fall production. Angel Street, are Monday and Tuesday, August 26 and 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the playhouse. Written by Patrick Hamilton, Angel Street focuses on a seemingly normal couple, the Manninghams, who live

in Victorian tranquility on Angel Street in 19th century London.

Angel Street tells the story of the suave Jack Manningham, who is slowly driving his gentle, devoted wife, Bella, to the brink of insanity with an insinuating kindness that masks more sinister motives. While Mr. Manningham is out, Bella has an unexpected caller, inspector Rough from Scotland Yard. Rough is convinced that Mr. Manningham is a homicidal maniac wanted for a murder committed fifteen years earlier in this very house. The suspense rises as the evidence against Manningham unfolds.

The director, J.R. Smith; producer, Barb Pace; and the casting committee will be looking for actors to fill the following roles. Note the ages listed are the character ages, not the true ages of the actors, and are only approximate. Don't let age discourage you from auditioning:



Congratulations to the cast and crew of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Seated/Kneeling: Laurie Butler, Lizzy Reynolds, Jordan Gottschalk, Heidi Raymond Munoz, Alaska Matteson, Iman Thambi, Jada Siebeneck, Michelle Kleinau, Laurie Dye, Juan Flores, Caroline Guy, Tyrek Hyde Standing: Tom Miller, Megan Meyer, David Marquart, Kim Marquart, Wes Taylor, Andew Conway, Laura Drewes, David Baumann, Patrick Davis, Rob Stauffer, Jeff Lee, Aeryn Williams, Courtney Baker, Cole Dewulf, George Ruestemeyer, David Wright, Raymond Munoz, J.R. Smith, Andrea Adams-Miller, Samantha Henry, Brian Fortin, Arata Kaku, Desra Dabney



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Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, *The Drowsy Chaperone* will run August 8-11, 15-18, and 22-25 at the Playhouse. The Sunday

performances begin at 5 p.m.; all other performances begin at 8 p.m. The house opens 30 minutes prior to the performance.

Benefactors, Angels, Patrons, and Single Patrons may make ticket arrangements beginning on Monday, July 22. General public tickets go on sale July 29, and are \$15.

Tickets may be purchased online 24/7 by going to tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org. Additionally, tickets may be purchased by phone at (567) 525-3636, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Playhouse (300 W. Sandusky Street) on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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State Conference Hotel Room

The OCTA rate is \$99/night (+taxes) or \$112 for an adults only floor which includes complimentary continental breakfast and an evening reception. You can book your hotel room anytime using the following links:

Hilton Garden Inn (6165 Levis Commons Blvd, Perrysburg): https://hiltongardeninn.hilton,com/en/gi/groups/personalized/T/TOLPBGI-OCTA-20190829/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Home2 Suites (5995 Levis Commons Blvd, Perrysburg): https://home2suites.hilton,com/en/ht/groups/personalized/T/TOLOHHT-OCT-20190829/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG



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- Jack Manningham: Imposing figure, narcissistic, coolly manipulative, good-looking, early to mid 40s.
- Bella Manningham: His once pretty but now wan and haggard wife; mid 30s through early 40s.
- Inspector Rough: Middle-aged, graying, brusque, and friendly.
- Nancy: Cheeky, sensual servant, who has no trouble taking liberties, even with the master of the house; 19 through early 20s.
- Elizabeth: Cook/housekeeper; amiable and faithful to Bella, while pretending to be loyal to Jack; Middle aged to older.

Presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, *Angel Street* will run October 10-13, and 18-20 at the playhouse.

If you have questions about auditions, contact the director at jaysmith@fortfindlay.com. If you are interested in working on a technical committee or are interested in reviewing a script, contact the producer at angelbearhugs316@aol.com.



Congratulations to ...

... Erica Bickhart, Jean Daniel, Samantha Henry, Iman Thambi and Zachary Thomas who were involved in the Findlay Light Opera production of *Hitchhiking Across America: A Contemporary Cabaret*, directed by Meriah Sage.



What to see in the Northwest Region and other local theaters

The Star-Spangled Girl June 27 - 30

Fort Defiance Players - Defiance www.facebook.com/ fortdefianceplayers/ 419-782-7529

> Mary Poppins, JR June 28 - 30 Waterville Playshop - Waterville www.watervilleplayshop.org 419-270-1204

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe July 11 - 14 Archbold Community Theatre, Inc. - Archbold www.archboldcommunitytheatre.com 419-264-5717

West Side Story: School Edition July 11 - 14 Toledo Repertoire Theatre (Young Rep Series) - Toledo www.toledorep.org 419-243-9277

> Titanic July 12 - 21 Ritz Players - Tiffin www.ritztheatre.org 419-448-8544

Beauty and the Beast, Jr July 18 - 20 Oregon Community Theatre - Oregon www.oregoncommunitytheatre.org 419-691-1398

> Legally Blond, The Musical July 25 - 28 3 B Productions - Holland www.3Bproductions.org 419-865-5533

The Little Mermaid July 26 - August 4 Amil Tellers of Dramatics - Lima www.amiltellers.org

800-944-1441

Aladdin Jr

August 1 - 4 Toledo Repertoire Theatre (Young Rep Series) - Toledo www.toledorep.org 419-243-9277

> The Vagina Monologues August 2 - 4 Harlequins, Inc. - Sandusky www.harlequinstheatre.org 419-621-1311

State OCTAFest

August 30 to September 2 (Labor Day weekend)





Hilton Garden Inn 6165 Levis Commons Blvd.

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Owens Community College Center for Fine and Performing Arts 30335 Oregon Rd.

Package Options for OCTA State Conference Have Been Set

With this year's state conference being held in two locations, there are several registration package options. You can register online at https://www.octa1953.org/ if paying by credit card.

Full Registration: \$130 - 2 meals, excerpts, regular workshops, and entertainment at the hotel.

No Meal Registration: \$90 - excerpts, regular workshops, and entertainment at the hotel.

Theater Pass: \$60 /day - excerpts, regular workshops (Owens activities only).

Fun Pass: \$10 /day - entertainment at the hotel only.

Excerpt only: \$30 - for one excerpt (includes cast/crew if only doing an excerpt).

State Musicians: \$10 - if only to play for an excerpt.

Responders workshop: \$25 - two day training workshop.

First timers and delegates need to register as well, at no extra fee.

T-shirts: black shirt with white Seasons of Love logo \$12 - S, M, L, XL ◆ \$14 - 2X, 3X ◆ \$16 - 4X, 5X

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We'd like to invite you to consider becoming a Single Patron (\$100), Patron (\$200), Angel (\$250), or Benefactor (\$500). If you would like to become a supporter, simply fill out the application form found in the season brochure.

The 2019-2020 season patron packets have been mailed. If you don't have one by the end of June, you can stop by the playhouse during box office hours, leave a message on the playhouse answering machine (419-423-7168), or email the patron chairs at ffppatrons@gmail.com, and they will be happy to send you a patron packet.



FFP Under The Big Top

2019 Annual Banquet

Hosted by Aeryn Williams





Game Dealers:

Laurie Butler, Jordan Gottschalk, Julie Lane, Kim Marquart, George Rustemeyer, J.R. Smith, and Lindsay Taylor

Gizmo Presentors:

Kay Arico, Ashley Carey, Laura Drewes, Jordan Gottschalk, Bob Huber, David Marquart, Jon Seeberger, Jada Siebeneck, Rob Stauffer, and Iman Thambi











Prize wranglers: CJ Miller and Krista Miller

Artists for photo ops: Katie Artman (Gypsy Tattoo), Ray Munoz, Heidi Raymond Munoz, and Brit Rutledge,

Registration table attendant: Wes Taylor
The Elks and City BBQ













2018 - 2019 Season Awards **Presented at Annual Banquet**



Directing

Outstanding

- Aeryn Williams for You're A Good Man. Charlie Brown

Excellence

- Kim Marguart for The Most Massive Woman Wins
- Samantha Henry for A Funny Thing

Happened on the Way to the Forum Merit

- Rob Stauffer for Driver's Test
- Vicki McClurkin for Arsenic and Old Lace



Excellence

- Aeryn Williams for You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown



- J.R. Smith for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Choreography

Merit

- Caroline Guy for You're a Good Man. Charlie Brown



Set Design

Excellence

- Patrick Davis for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Merit
- J.R. Smith for Deathtrap

Specialty Set Piece Design and Set Design Outstanding

- Patrick Davis and Aeryn Williams for You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown



Set Dressing

Outstanding

- Ray Munoz and Heidi Raymond Munoz for You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Excellence
- Ray Munoz and Heidi Raymond Munoz for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
- Vickie Garner and J.R. Smith for Deathtrap

Costumes

Outstanding

- Heidi Raymond Munoz for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
- Excellence
- Samantha Henry for Arsenic and Old Lace





Excellence

- Samantha Henry for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Merit
- Bob Huber for Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)
- J Ladd for Arsenic and Old Lace

Sound Design

Excellence

- J.R. Smith for Deathtrap
- Denis Rodrigues for Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)

Lighting Design

Outstanding

- Julie Lane for Deathtrap



- Julie Lane for Arsenic and Old Lace
- Julie Lane and Casey Wurm for You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Merit
- Jim Toth for Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)
- Kim Marguart for The Most Massive Woman Wins



Outstanding

- Heidi Raymond Munoz for Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?) Excellence
- Betty Hipp and Julie Lane for Arsenic and Old Lace



- m James Foust for Box and Cox
- Jordan Gottschalk for Check Please
- Laurie Butler for You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown



- Lindsay Taylor for You're a Good Man,

Charlie Brown

- Heidi Raymond Munoz for An Evening of One Acts

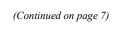


Acting

Outstanding

- Aeryn Williams as Lurlene Turnover Rogers in Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)
- Justin DuVall and Jeff Lee as the comedic duo of Jonathan Brewster and Dr. Einstein in Arsenic and Old Lace
- Samantha Henry as Sara Lee Turnover in Daddy's Dyin (Who's Got the Will?)
- Dotty Dewulf as Margie in *Driver's Test*







Excellence

- Ray Munoz as Sidney Bruhl in Deathtrap
- Amy C. Berger as Helga Ten Dorp in Deathtrap
- m James Foust as Officer O'Hara in Arsenic and Old Lace
- Kellie Bibler as Carly in *The Most Massive Woman Wins*
- George Rustemeyer as Erronius in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
- Andy Conway as Miles Gloriosus in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
- Jean Daniel as Abby Brewster in Arsenic and Old Lace Merit
- Lily Rutledge as Gail in *Driver's Test*
- Jean Daniel as Myra Bruhl in *Deathtrap*
- David Marquart as Mr. James Cox in Box and Cox
- Dennis Clark as Teddy Brewster in Arsenic and Old Lace



Musical Performance

Outstanding

- Samantha Henry as Lucy Van Pelt in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
- Cole Dewulf as Hero in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
- Seth Carey as Snoopy in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
- Ashley Carey as Sally Brown in *You're*A Good Man, Charlie Brown
 Excellence
- Jeff Lee as Hysterium in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

- Patrick Davis as Pseudolus in A

Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

- David Marquart as Schroeder in You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown Merit
- David Wright as Marcus Lycus in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum



- Jordan Gottschalk and Rob Stauffer as Linus Van Pelt

- in You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown - Iman Thambi as Cel in The Most Massive Woman Wins
- Jonathan Seeberger as Mortimer Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace*
- Patrick Davis as Charlie Brown in You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown
- Pat Courtney as Mama Wheelis in Daddy's Dying (Who's Got the Will?)

Ensemble

Excellence

- The cast of *Check Please*: Andrew Packard, Michelle Kleinau, Donovan Callahan, and Iman Thambi





Merit

- The cast of *The Most*Massive Woman Wins:

Meaghan Walker, Iman

Thambi, Michelle Kelinau,
and Kellie Bibler

Musical Ensemble Outstanding

- The Cast of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown: Jordan Gottschalk, Rob Stauffer, Samantha Henry, David Marquart, Seth Carey, Ashley Carey, and Patrick Davis Merit
- The Proteans in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum: Ray Munoz, Jordan Gottschalk, Wes Taylor, and Juan Flores





Production of the Year: You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown





Special Thanks to the FFP Annual Banquet Prize Donors

Thanks to this year's prize wranglers, CJ Miller and Krista Miller, attendees went home with some nice items. A special thank you to the following businesses for donating the prizes. Please be sure ize these businesses.

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Delegates Meeting Report

By Shirley Nebergall, FFP OCTA Delegate

The fourth OCTA Northwest Region delegates meeting of the 2018-2019 season was held on Saturday, May 11 at Owens Community College Center for Fine and Performing Arts in Perrysburg. The meeting was attended by 15 people, representing 8 theaters and the OCTA board (one regional rep, three delegates/board members, one delegate, one Owens Representative, and nine guests).

Theaters and shows to be excerpted at Regional were discussed. There is a possibility of 12 excerpts.

Michelle Johnson and Rick Clever (Technical Director, Fine and Performing Arts) took over the meeting for the 'Walk the Stage' portion. Attendees were given the specs for the stage setup, they could check out the stage, see where the legs will be placed, see where the electrical plugs are located, check out the loading dock, and have their individual questions answered.

Reminders:

Regional (June 29 - 30, 2019)

- · Wrist bands will be used again this year for security.
- · SignUpGenius will be set up for volunteers to sign up for a slot. Volunteers will be needed for registration, security, and concessions. If you volunteer for all day, you need to register, but you do not need to pay. If you volunteer for a half day and see the excerpts in the other half, you will pay for half of a day.

Deadlines

- · NW Regional excerpt deadline: June 3 (to Mitch Antesky)
- · OCTA JR excerpt deadline: June 15 (to Aara Wise)
- · NW Regional individual registration deadlines:

By June 17: \$15 for 1 day / \$25 for two days June 18-28: \$20 for 1 day / \$30 for two days At the door: \$25 for 1 day / \$35 for two days

(Plan ahead, if you register for one day and then decide to do both, you will have to pay the one-day fee for the next day, not the difference between one day and two days.) For larger groups excerpting, the above fees will apply for the first 25 registrants. However, if the group size is 26-50, the cost will be the fee for the first 25 registrants plus \$150 (or you can register each individually, whichever is less). For groups of 51+, the cost will be the fee for the first 25 registrants plus \$300 (again, you can register each individually, whichever is less).

If possible, please register as a group, especially for those groups who are excerpting.

To register, go to www.octanorthwest.com and go to Northwest Regional Info

· Deadlines for state competitions: Entry forms can be found on the OCTA website under festivals and forms.

Spirit of Community Theater: May 1

OCTA Hall of Fame: July 1

Tech Deadlines (website, newsletter, set design, costume design, costume coordination, brochure): July 20

State Conference (August 30 - September 2, 2019)

There will be 16 excerpts in two days' time; the last two will be the top two from the OCTA JR Festival. They will be adjudicated the same as the other excerpts.

Future Meeting Date

June 30, during the regional



2019 Regional OCTAFest Excerpt Schedule

Saturday, June 29

- 9:30 3B Productions Disney's The Little Mermaid
- 10:30 Williams County Community Theatre Sex Please, We're Sixty
- 11:30 Black Swamp Players *The Odd Couple* (female version)
- 2:00 Playmakers Civic Theatre Ripcord
- 3:00 Sandusky Harlequins Assassins
- 4:00 Cutting Edge Theatre Company Ordinary Days
- 5:00 Fort Findlay Playhouse You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Sunday, June 30

- 9:30 Ritz Players 12 Angry Jurors
- 10:30 Fremont Community Theatre The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)
- 11:30 Actors Collaborative Toledo The Other Place
- 12:30 Amil Tellers of Dramatics Steel Magnolias

LOOKING AHEAD

(all events take place at FFP unless otherwise noted)

General Membership Meeting	Wed., June 26	7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Wed., July 3	7:30 p.m.
General Membership Meeting	Wed., July 24	7:30 p.m.
Ticket sales begin for <i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i> Benefactors, Angels, Patrons, Single Patrons General Public	Mon., July 22 Mon., July 29	567-525-3636 Monday-Wednesday-Friday 11 a.m 3 p.m.
Board Meeting (note change of day)	Mon., August 12	7:30 p.m.
The Drowsy Chaperone	Thu Sat., August 8 - 10, 15 - 17, 22 - 24 Sun. August 11, 18, & 25	8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Fortell Deadline	Thu., August 15	5:00 p.m.
Auditions for Angel Street	Mon Tues., August 26 - 27	7:30 p.m.
General Membership Meeting	Wed., August 28	7:30 p.m.

OCTA State Conference

Fri. - Mon., August 30 - September 2

The Hilton Garden Inn (6165 Levis Commons Blvd, Perrysburg)

& The Home2 Suites by Hilton (5995 Levis Commons Blvd, Perrysburg)

& Owens Community College Center for Fine and Performing Arts (30335 Oregon Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio 43551)

Board Meeting	Wed., September 4	7:30 p.m.
Ticket sales begin for <i>Angel Street</i> Benefactors, Angels, Patrons, Single Patrons General Public	(note changes on page one) Mon., September 23 Mon., September 30	567-525-3636 Monday-Wednesday-Friday 11 a.m 3 p.m.
General Membership Meeting	Wed., September 25	7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Wed., October 2	7:30 p.m.
Angel Street	Thu Sat., October 10 - 12, 18 - 19 Sun. October 13 & 20	8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Fortell Deadline	Tues., October 15	5:00 p.m.
Auditions for Miracle on 34th Street	Mon Tues., October 21 - 22	7:30 p.m.
General Membership Meeting	Wed., October 23	7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Wed., November 6	7:30 p.m.



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