

# Fort Findlay Playhouse



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## Fort Findlay Playhouse

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Incorporated April 22, 1955

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(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

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## Box Office

Fort Findlay Playhouse tickets can be purchased online by going to [tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org](http://tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org) 24/7 during ticket sale dates only. They can also be purchased by calling the FFP Box Office at 567-525-3636 or in person at the playhouse (300 W. Sandusky Street) during box office hours.

### Box Office hours are

**Monday - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

(Online ticket sales close 2 hours before curtain on show nights. Unsold or unclaimed tickets will be sold at the door.

House opens 1/2 hour before curtain.)



OCTA Website: [www.OCTA1953.org](http://www.OCTA1953.org)



## Arsenic and Old Lace Auditions Announced

FFP is pleased to announce auditions for the December production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring.

*Arsenic and Old Lace* opened on Broadway in 1941. It was an immediate hit and has continued to be one of the most popular American plays for over 70 years. The story revolves around the two charming old maid Brewster sisters. Abby and Martha pursue a mission of mercy by helping homeless and lonely men escape a life of sadness by poisoning them and burying the bodies in the cellar. Assisted by Teddy, a brother who believes he is Theodore Roosevelt, all goes well until nephew Mortimer discovers one of the bodies. To further complicate matters, an unexpected visit by brother Jonathan, a serial killer, and his intoxicated friend, Dr. Einstein, throws the family into even more turmoil.

*Arsenic and Old Lace* was the first production staged in our theatre at 300 W. Sandusky St. on October 17, 1968. It has presented four times at FFP: in 1968, 1986, 2000 & 2010.

Vicki McClurkin, director, and Sarah Olesky, producer, will be holding auditions at the playhouse (300 W. Sandusky St.) on Monday, October 29 and Tuesday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. Please arrive early to complete an audition form. If you have questions about auditions, contact the director at [mclurkin@findlay.edu](mailto:mclurkin@findlay.edu). If you are interested in working on a technical committee for this show, please contact the producer at [missolesky@gmail.com](mailto:missolesky@gmail.com). The casting committee will be looking for three women and eleven men. The roles to be filled are: Abby Brewster (55-75), Martha Brewster (55-75), Elaine Harper (18-25), Mortimer Brewster (25-30), Teddy Brewster (25-35), Jonathan Brewster (30-40), Dr. Einstein (30-50), Dr. Reverend Harper (40-60), Officer O'Hara (20-40), Mr. Witherspoon (40-60), Lieutenant Rooney (20-40), Officer Brophy (20-40), Officer Klein (20-40), and Mr. Gibbs (60-70).

Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., *Arsenic and Old Lace* will run December 6-9 & 14-16 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 and Angels may make ticket arrangements beginning Monday, November 19, and Patrons and Single Patrons on Tuesday, November 20. General public tickets go on sale November 26, and are \$12.

Tickets may be purchased online 24/7 beginning November 26, by going to [tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org](http://tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org). They can also be purchased by calling the FFP Box Office at (567) 525-3636 or in person at the playhouse (300 W. Sandusky Street) during box office hours, Monday - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.





## Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Deathtrap*

**Front Row (l-r):** Vicki Garner, Amy Berger, Jean Daniel, and Jordan Gottschalk  
**Back Row:** J.R. Smith, Tyrek Hyde, Ray Munoz, m James Foust, and Megan Meyer



# DEATHTRAP



**Save the date: May 22, 2019**

**We've had a Masquerade party, a 50s Sock Hop, and A New Season's Eve Celebration, now what will we do? The 2019 FFP Annual Banquet theme will be announced via Facebook with a live video on February 1st.**

## Final Performances for *Deathtrap*

*Deathtrap* will run October 26-28 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. Tickets may be purchased online 24/7, by going to [tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org](http://tickets.fortfindlayplayhouse.org). They can also be purchased by calling the FFP Box Office at (567) 525-3636, in person at the playhouse (300 W. Sandusky Street) during box office hours, Monday - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m or at the door the evening of the show.

Directed by J.R. Smith and produced by Megan Meyer, the cast consists of: Ray Munoz (Sidney Bruhl), Tyrek Hyde (Clifford Anderson), m James Foust (Porter Milgram), Jean Daniel (Myra Bruhl), and Amy Berger (Helga Ten Dorp).

*Deathtrap* is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.



## Rest in Peace Sandy Osborne

Condolences to the family and friends of Sandra S. "Sandy" Osborne (76) who passed away peacefully at her residence on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. Sandy was fondly referred to as 'The Ticket Lady' as she took ticket orders out of her home and worked the front door for 14 seasons. Sandy didn't appear on stage, but worked back stage on several shows doing props, set dressing, set crew, set painting, and house.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society & SPCA of Hancock County, 4550 Fostoria Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840.



*Jerry and Sandy Osborne standing beside their car at the 1989 banquet, a 50s Party (photo originally published in the June 1989 Fortell).*

## FFP Goes to the Hancock County Fair

Making its fourth appearance at the fair on Labor Day weekend, the FFP booth was located in booth #49 in the Merchants Building.

Visitors to the booth were treated to pictures and videos of past performances as well as a costume display. They could also register for our daily and grand prize raffles. Two tickets were given away daily for the FFP production of *Deathtrap*. The lucky winners of these tickets were Carolyn Chase, Katie Fleck, Josh Huff, Marsha McDaniel, Sue Williams, and Brian Wilt. The grand prize was a patron package for the 2018-2019 season which was won by Nancy Stephani. Congratulations everyone!

A big thank you to George Rustemeyer for all his work and organization and to all the FFP members who took time out of their holiday weekend to work the booth. Those volunteers were: Andrea Adams-Miller, Heather & Brent Beggs, Erica & Brad Bickhart, Kellie Bibler, Sheryl Burtch, Laurie Butler, Linda England, Juan Flores, m James Foust, Vickie & John Garner, Samantha Henry, J & Pat Ladd, Julie Lane, CJ Miller, Krista Miller, Tom Miller, Heidi & Ray Munoz, George Rustemeyer, J.R. Smith, Mark Thomas, Jim & Linda Toth, Aeryn Williams, and Casey Wurm.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to talk to us. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



## Come Cruisin' in Style 2019 Fundraiser



Come Cruisin' with OCTA Northwest on a 7-day Western Caribbean cruise with ports of call in Grand Cayman, Roatan, Belize & Cozumel. The dates for the cruise are August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, questions or deposit information, please email Tammy Fitch at [NWOCTAcruise@gmail.com](mailto:NWOCTAcruise@gmail.com).

## Invite your Family and Friends On a Cruise

Sail on the Carnival Conquest out of Miami, Florida. Grab the special OCTA Northwest rate while cabins last.

Important information:

**Deposit of \$25.00 per person is due 10/26/18.**

Remaining balance of \$250.00 per person is due on 3/13/19.

Final payment is due 5/27/19, depending on your room category.

An option to make payments through this time is available, as long as final payment is made by 5/27.

Excursions at ports are not included.

The price includes cruise, port taxes and gratuities.

Transfers can be added to port/airport once your airfare is booked.

Balcony stateroom is \$1230.17 per person

Ocean view \$1060.17 per person

Interior stateroom \$950.17 per person



Contact Tammy Fitch at 419-309-1005 to make arrangements.



**"50 Year FFP Gala Extravaganza"**  
celebrating 50 years of  
presenting live theater in the  
current location - August 25 & 26

# University of Findlay Orientation Service Project

In August, during the University of Findlay orientation weekend, new students, along with faculty and staff of the university, volunteer at many local non-profit agencies, churches, and schools. The Orientation Service Project introduces all first-year students to the community while meeting the local community's needs at the same time.

August 18 was the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Orientation Service Project for the University and the 12<sup>th</sup> year that FFP benefited from this day. We had a morning and afternoon session that helped with landscaping, mulching, painting, costumes, set building, props, and tightening loose seats in the auditorium. We are very pleased to have their help each year.

Tom Miller organized the day and FFP people working alongside the students were: m James Faust, Heidi Raymond, Jack Raymond, Dawn Rose, Pete Rose, Kaitlyn Rose, Kylie Rose, George Rustemeyer, and Aeryn Williams.





## “OCTA Rocks”

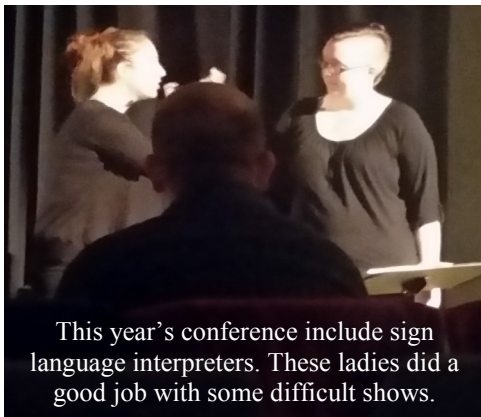
By Shirley Nebergall,  
FFP's OCTA Delegate



“OCTA Rocks” was the theme for this year's Ohio Community Theatre Association annual conference. Thesians from Ohio and beyond gathered over the Labor Day weekend in Worthington, Ohio, at the Crowne Plaza North to celebrate OCTA's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

There were 363 people registered for the weekend with 120 of those being first-time attendees. They could watch 14 excerpts invited to perform at state from the 41 presented at the six regionals held over the course of the summer. After each excerpt, a panel of three adjudicators each gave three-minute critiques to the cast and crew. These critiques often include ways that could possibly improve the production. The excerpts can also give a look into plays and musicals that theaters might want to see performed in their local theater. This year, attendees were treated to comedies, dramas, and musicals.

*FFP members attending this year's OCTA Conference were: Andrew Conway, Jordan Gottschalk, Samantha Henry, Shirley Nebergall, Wes Taylor, Aeryn Williams, Marty & Cathy Williams, and Casey Wurm*



This year's conference include sign language interpreters. These ladies did a good job with some difficult shows.

When attendees were not watching the excerpts, there were also sixteen different workshops available. During the annual meeting on Saturday, board members and delegates voted to accept the redistricting plan to go to eight regions

instead of the current six. The two new regions will be East and North. The eight regions will be Northwest, North, Northeast, West, Central, East, Southwest, and Southeast. This was done to make each region more similar in size. This coming year will not change, as many things have to be set in place. The election for the board was also held. Northwest members of the board are Joe Barton (President), Millie Butts, Grant Perry, Jason Niemeyer, Jesse Bernal, and Michelle Johnson.

During the evening hours, there were games, parties, an MTI sing-a-long and, of course, time to catch up with OCTA friends. On Sunday evening there was a banquet, as well as a 50s dance, costume contest, and games.



At the Monday breakfast buffet, awards were presented for all areas of theater. FFP's season brochure, designed by Brad & Erica Bickhart, received a Merit in Brochure Design. The playhouse's website, created by J.R. Smith and maintained by J.R. Smith and George Rustemeyer, received awards for Merit in use of Graphics, Excellence in Use of OCTA Logo, and Outstanding in Digital Content. In my role as *Fortell* editor, I received awards for Excellence in OCTA News, Outstanding in Use of Graphics and Photography, Outstanding in Masthead Design and Layout, Outstanding in Writing and Overall Quality, and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Newsletter Design.

In my role as OCTA Delegate, I received an award for Outstanding Delegate of the year for the NW Region. Several awards were received by other NW theaters and the NW Region will be represented at the AACT (American Association of Community Theaters) Regional III Festival in Kokomo, Indiana in April of 2019 with the Actors Collaborative Toledo production of *A Life* by Adam Bock.



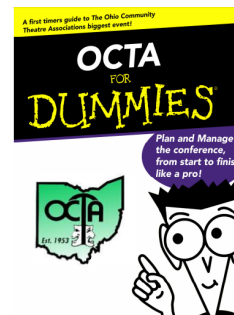
The finale of the luncheon on Monday was the presentation of the theme for the 2019 state conference to be held in Perrysburg, Ohio, at the Hilton Garden Inn (6165 Levis Commons Blvd.) and Owens Center for Fine and Performing Arts (30335 Oregon Rd Perrysburg, Ohio 43551) over the Labor Day weekend (August 30 – September 2).



The theme is “OCTA Seasons of Love”, and is hosted by the Northwest Region, with Jesse Bernal and Michelle Johnson as co-conference chairs. Over the course of the weekend, we will

celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Fourth of July, Halloween, Christmas, New Year's Eve (with a ball drop and a toast), and Valentine's Day (best Valentine's box will win an award). There will be two costume contests (Halloween and New Year's baby/Father Time), so there are lots of options on what to wear!

There will be several options on Registering: with or without meals, with or without excerpts, everything but meals, or a full package. More details about the 2019 state conference can be read in the “OCTA for Dummies” guide, which can be found at [www.OCTA1953.org](http://www.OCTA1953.org),



## Conference Hotel Venue Changed

The French Quarter is being sold in April, so OCTA has chosen the Hilton Garden Inn as the new conference venue. The hotel is located at 6165 Levis Commons Blvd., Perrysburg, Ohio, 43551 (419-873-0700).

Booking information will be forthcoming.



## What to see in the Northwest Region and other local theaters

### *Slasher*

October 26 - November 4  
Toledo Repertoire Theatre (Main Stage) - Toledo  
www.toledorep.org  
419-243-9277

### *Trumbo*

November 2 - 4  
Fremont Community Theatre - Fremont  
www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org  
419-332-0695

### *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*

November 2 - 10  
Oregon Community Theatre - Oregon  
www.oregoncommunitytheatre.org  
419-691-1398

### *Pippin*

November 8 - 11  
Cutting Edge Theatre Company - Toledo  
www.cuttingedgetheatre.org  
419-494-4814

### *Macbeth*

November 8 - 11  
Heidelberg University - Tiffin  
www.gundlachtheatre.org  
419-448-2305

### *The Complete History of America (abridged)*

November 9 - 10  
Harlequins, Inc. - Sandusky  
www.harlequinstheatre.org  
419-621-1311

### *Parade!*

November 9 - 11  
Perrysburg Musical Theatre - Perrysburg  
www.perrysburgmusicaltheatre.org via website

### *The Undeniable Sound of Right Now*

November 9 - 17  
Village Players - Toledo  
www.thevillageplayers.org  
419-472-6817

### *Clue: The Musical*

November 9 - 18  
Black Swamp Players - Bowling Green  
www.blackswampplayers.org  
bsplayer@wcnet.org - subject line "tickets"

### *Footloose: The Musical*

November 16 - 18  
Waterville Playshop - Waterville  
www.watervilleplayshop.org  
419-270-1204

### *A Christmas Carol*

November 30 - December 2  
Toledo Repertoire Theatre (Main Stage) - Toledo  
www.toledorep.org  
419-243-9277

### *Making God Laugh*

November 30 - December 8  
Bellevue society for the Arts - Bellevue  
www.bellevuesocietyforthearts.wordpress.com  
419-484-2787

### *A Christmas Story*

November 30 - December 9  
Amil Tellers of Dramatics - Lima  
www.amiltellers.org  
800-944-1441

### *It's A Wonderful Life*

November 30 - December 9  
Playmakers Civic Theatre - Port Clinton  
www.pcplaymakers.org  
419-734-5044

### *Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders*

November 30 - December 9  
Williams County Community Theatre - Bryan  
www.williamscountycommunitytheatre.com  
419-636-6400

### *Dashing Through the Snow*

December 1 - 9  
Van Wert Civic Theatre - Van Wert  
www.vwct.org  
419-238-9689

### *Joys of the Holidays*

December 7 - 9  
Fremont Community Theatre - Fremont  
www.fremontcommunitytheatre.org  
419-332-0695

### *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

December 7 - 16  
Bucyrus Little Theatre - Bucyrus  
www.bucyruslittletheatre.com  
419-562-0731

### *Christmas Cabaret*

December TBA  
Star Players - Upper Sandusky  
www.starplayers.net  
419-294-1411



## LOOKING AHEAD

(all events take place at FFP unless otherwise noted)

<i>Deathtrap</i>	Thu. - Sat., October 18-20 Fri. - Sat., October 26-27 Sun. October 21 & 28	8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting	Wed., October 24	7:30 p.m.
Auditions <i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i>	Mon.- Tue., October 29-30	7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Wed., November 7	7:30 p.m.
Tickets for <i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i>		
Benefactors & Angels	Mon., November 19	567-525-3636
Patrons & Single Patrons	Tue., November 20	Mon. - Wed.
General Public	Mon., November 26	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
General Membership Meeting	Wed., November 28	7:30 p.m.
<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i>	Thu. - Sat., December 6-8 Fri. - Sat., December 14-15 Sun. December 9 & 16	8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	Wed., December 10	7:30 p.m.
<i>Fortell</i> Deadline	Sat., December 15	5:00 p.m.
Auditions <i>Daddy's Dyin, Who's Got the Will?</i>	Mon.- Tue., December 17-18	7:30 p.m.
General Membership Meeting	Wed., December 26	7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Wed., January 2	7:30 p.m.
Auditions for the One Acts	Sun. - Mon., January 6-7	7:30 p.m.
Tickets for <i>Daddy's Dyin, Who's Got the Will?</i>		
Benefactors & Angels	Mon., January 21	567-525-3636
Patrons & Single Patrons	Tue., January 22	Mon. - Wed.
General Public	Mon., January 28	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
General Membership Meeting	Wed., January 23	7:30 p.m.
<i>Daddy's Dyin, Who's Got the Will?</i>	Thu. - Sat., February 7-9 Fri. - Sat., February 15-16 Sun. February 10 & 17	8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	Mon., February 11	7:30 p.m.
<i>Fortell</i> Deadline	Fri., February 15	5:00 p.m.

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