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**THEATRE AND
THE ARTS
IN COLUMBUS
(2002 - 2003)**

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Columbus is home to numerous chamber music ensembles, choral and jazz groups, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Opera Columbus, Ballet Met, the Columbus Museum of Art, the Center for Space and Industry (COSI), ethnic dance companies (the world renowned Zivili is based here) and popular entertainment venues such as the Ohio Theatre, the Palace Theatre and the recently renovated Southern Theatre. The Short North, located between the OSU Campus and downtown Columbus, is the home of numerous galleries, specialty shops, bars and restaurants. The Gallery Hop, with installation openings, performance, food and drink, is the first Saturday of each month. The Garden District, adjacent to the north end of the Short North, and a bit more edgy, is a burgeoning cultural district (and less expensive) of galleries and shops, as well as The Milo Arts Center, a dance and theatre space. The Wexner Center and Mershon Auditorium on campus present a wide range of theatrical, musical, and film/video performances as well as art installations and educational programs. Campus area popular music venues include The Newport Music Hall, Little Brother's, and The Distillery (Bernie's) as well as Wall Street, Havana, and Outland, in nearby Victorian Village.

LOCAL THEATRE

There are many professional, semi-professional, and community venues you may want to investigate. Undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty and staff, have participated in all phases of production, including playwriting and dramaturgy, in several local companies. Below is a list of selected theatres.

Act Out Productions

2517 N. Fourth St.
Columbus, OH 43202
614-263-9448
<http://FabAct1@aol.com>

This company is a for-profit theatre venture focusing primarily on the presentation of Gay and Lesbian drama, culturally diverse drama, and recent off and off-off Broadway plays, founded by OSU Theatre alum Frank Barnhart. The company also specializes in the presentation of workshops and tours throughout the nation. A recent production includes the Ohio premier of *The Members of the Tribe by Nancy S. Heiden*. Act Out Productions Act Out Productions has produced such award winning shows as: *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, *2 Boys in a Bed on a Cold Winter's Night*, *Ten Percent Revue*, *The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me*, *Beautiful Thing*, and *Making Porn*.

Actors Theatre

1000 City Park Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43206
614.444.6888
www.theactorstheatre.org

This company presents free Shakespearean plays between June and August. Performances are held at the Schiller Park Amphitheater in Columbus' historic German Village. Actors also performs staged readings throughout the remainder of the year. Several OSU faculty and students have worked in all phases Actors productions. Auditions for the season usually occur in March.

2 CO's Cabaret

790 N High Street
Columbus, OH 43201
614-470-2COS
www.shadowboxcabaret.com

2CO's Cabaret presents a unique mix of theatre and music in an intimate 90-seat theater. Patrons are seated at tables of 8-10 and can order appetizers and beverages throughout the show. The theatre opens an hour prior to curtain. Shows run every Thursday through Saturday at 8 pm with each run lasting six weeks.

Creative Arts Institute / Columbus Storytellers Guild

8021 Kennedy Road
Blacklick, OH 43004
614-759-9407

The Creative Arts Institute promotes storytelling and language arts, organizes concerts and conferences, and publishes a magazine, *Adventures in Storytelling*. It also promotes video production and folk arts. Membership is open to interested artists.

Columbus Children's Theatre

372 Dublin Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215
614-224-6672

www.colschildrenstheatre.org

Founded in 1963, Columbus Children's Theatre dedicates itself to educating and involving the youth of greater Columbus in all facets of theatre arts. The company offers a Children's Series, a season of performances for family audiences, academy classes, and workshops for grades K-12. Its professional touring company travels all over central Ohio. In summers, there are two companies: Young Adult (16-21) and Youth Performance Company (10-16).

Contemporary American Theatre Company (CATCO)

77 South High St., Second Floor
Columbus OH 43215
614-461-0010

www.catco.org

CATCO is a resident professional theatre company operating under contract with Actor's Equity Association. It presents contemporary, classic, and new works, with an emphasis on American theatre. CATCO also offers adult theatre classes, touring productions, and play readings. OSU Theatre alum Geoff Nelson is the artistic director, and Jonathan Putnam (MFA Acting 1991) is a member of the resident company. Many other OSU Theatre students, graduates, faculty and staff, have worked with CATCO in all stages of productions. The 2002-2003 season includes an exciting range of productions including: *The Laramie Project*, *Lobby Hero*, *A Tuna Christmas*, *Escanaba in da Moonlight*, *Kindertransport*, *Proof* and *Hungry Ghosts*.

Dublin Arts Council

Old Dublin Firehouse
7125 Riverside Drive
Dublin, Ohio 43016

www.dublinarts.org

Dublin Arts Council is dedicated to enriching the community by providing literary arts, visual arts, music, theatre and community arts. Dublin Arts Council events often occur at Dublin Scioto HS Performing Arts Center, Dublin Coffman HS Performing Arts Center, and Dublin Community Recreation Center. Student, single, family, friend, patron, and business memberships are available.

The Fifth Third Bank Broadway Series

www.broadwayseries.com

The series produces touring performances of major Broadway productions. Shows coming for the 2002-2003 season include: *Les Miserables*, *The Allergists Wife*, *42nd Street*, *Seussical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Riverdance*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Aida*, *The Full Monty* and *Stomp*. Shows are performed at the historic Ohio and Palace Theatres.

The Imaginating Dramatics Company

1900 Northam Road
Upper Arlington, OH 43221
614-486-8301
614-486-0594

The Imaginating Dramatics Company is a Children's Theatre Academy serving youth in the Central Ohio area. This traveling theatre company offers free performances in libraries, schools, bookstores, and special "coffee house performances" in their studio. Special performances given at Ohio Wesleyan are \$3.

MadLab

105 North Grant Ave.
Columbus, OH 43215-1803
614-470-2333

www.MadLab.net

MadLab's mission is to expand the parameters of contemporary performance and to revitalize live performance by utilizing experimental, environmental, and technological means. MadLab is a venue for alternative arts in Columbus and welcomes all disciplines -- theater, music, performance art, visual art, and any other "undefinables." MadLab manages and conducts its experiments in a 65-seat, modularly designed, flexible "black box" space. Artists who have ideas for events to produce can contact MadLab.

Opera/Columbus

177 Naghten St.
Columbus, OH 43215
614-461-8101
www.operacols.org

Opera/Columbus is Central Ohio's professional grand opera company. It produces operettas and early musicals. Season performances are held October through May at the Palace and Southern Theatres. Season subscriptions are available.

Phoenix Theatre Circle

PO Box 06238
Columbus, OH 43206
614-228-8883
<http://www.thephoenixonline.org/>

Phoenix Theatre Circle produces plays for young people. Performances are held during the week for schools and on weekends for family audiences. The company also conducts residencies and workshops in local primary schools. Shows are at the Studio 2 Theatre at the downtown Riffe Center. Recent OSU Theatre alums Gordon Holey and Erin Mayhugh performed as company members in the 2001-2002 season. The 2002-2003 season includes:

Reality Theatre

Axis Nightclub
775 N. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215
614-294-7541
www.realitytheatre.com

Reality Theatre is a 16-year-old theatre devoted to producing shows that deal with gay and lesbian themes in addition to off-Broadway styled productions. All of the shows produced by Reality Theatre contain adult themes. OSU Theatre alum Mollie Levin is the company's artistic director, and OSU theatre students often work in the company's productions. The 2002-2003 season includes: *After Dark*, *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told* and *Naked Boys Singing*.

Red Herring Theatre Ensemble

617 East 3rd Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201
614- 265-7337
www.redherring.org

Red Herring celebrates its eighth season as a semiprofessional theatre company. Known for presenting contemporary off-Broadway style plays, this newer Columbus theatre company quickly gained a positive reputation. For the 2001-2002 season, Red Herring changed its artistic director and focus. OSU professor, Maureen Ryan now serves as the company's Artistic Director. The company has also added the term "ensemble" to its name to reflect its focus upon ensemble production work. Shows for the 2001-2002 season include Toni Press-Coffman's *Touch* and John Patrick Shanley's *Reconciliation*.

Rosebriar Shakespeare Company

3211 Indianola Ave. Apt. 3
Columbus, OH 43202
614-470-1616
www.wiliqueen.dreamhost.com/rosebriar

The Rosebriar Shakespeare Co. is dedicated to making the plays of William Shakespeare and other classical dramas accessible to modern audiences. The company provides many work opportunities for local performers and artists. Performances take place at Davis Discovery Center's Van Fleet Theatre.

Senior Repertory of Ohio Theatre Company

51 Jefferson Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215
614-228-7458
gplt@glt-theatre.org

The Senior Repertory of Ohio Theatre Company was created in 1985 to create theatre that enhances positive images of aging and celebrates the life experiences of senior citizens. The company's aim is to continue to be a national player in Senior Adult Theatre through creating original works, participating in innovative collaborations, adhering to an uncompromising mission, and helping to set standards for a national Senior Adult Theatre. OSU Theatre's Dr. Joy Reilly founded and formerly acted as Artistic Director of SRO.

Shadowbox Cabaret

164 Easton Town Center
Columbus, OH 43219
614-265-ROCK

www.shadowboxcabaret.com

Shadowbox is an independent, artist-managed, ensemble company operating in a Grant-Free Zone. Evenings at the Cabaret include one-act or full-length plays, original comedy sketches, and live music. A combination of original sketch comedy, theater, and live rock 'n' roll from the house band, "Bill Who?" is performed in a 220-seat theatre. Shadowbox gives its performances an "R" rating for adult comedy and strong language; however, they also offer Lunchbox shows with a "PG-13" rating for those who wish to attend with their children.

Wexner Center for the Arts

The Ohio State University
1871 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43210
614/292-3535

www.wexarts.org

The Wexner Center is a multi-disciplinary arts center located on campus at Ohio State. As an OSU student, you are automatically a student member of the center, which entitles you to discount tickets and many other benefits. At the Wexner Center you'll find a diverse array of contemporary arts. There are visual arts exhibitions by major artists and emerging talents, films and videos by leading filmmakers of the past and present, and performing arts from around the world. The Wexner Center is also committed to being an active "laboratory" for the development of new works. The 2002-2003 season opened with a performance of *To You, The Birdie! (Phèdre)* by The Wooster Group, *Quick Time* by ZT Hollandia, *Shelf Life* by Big Art Group, *Drummer Wanted* by Richard Maxwell New York City Players, and *Alladeen* by The Builders Association/moti roti.

Women at Play

Katherine H. Burkman
P.O.BOX 3062
Columbus, OH 43210
614-457-6580

<http://womenatplaysite.com>

Women at Play is made up of ten women who write and perform their own plays. The company regularly hires guest artists, men and women, for their productions. Each season typically consists of a Fall production of a Pinter play, Beckett play, or a play that focuses on women's experiences, and a Spring production of Women at Play's new collaboratively written play. Many of the group's productions are site specific (in a home, a glass gallery, a beauty salon, a garden, a café. . .), while others take place in theatres. In addition to productions, the company offers open playwriting workshops that allow participants to take part in the company's collaborative approach to creating drama.

THEATRE ROUNDTABLE

The OSU Department of Theatre is a member of the Theatre Roundtable, which was established by Firman H. Brown, Jr, Chair of the department (1982-1992). The Roundtable is a consortium of Central Ohio theatres and individuals which exists to further theatre as an art for in Central Ohio; to promote dialogue among local theatres; encourage the development of theatre-in-education; foster theatrical diversity; work to expand the general theatre going population; and act as an advocate for local theatres.

TICKETMASTER

The OSU Theatre Box Office is a Ticketmaster outlet. It is located just north of the Main Theatre Office.