

OTP NEWS

OLD TOWN PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATRE & ARTS CENTER

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The performers may get the applause, but behind every great production is an army of volunteers who make the real magic happen. And it usually starts long before the audience arrives.

They take tickets, pop popcorn and sell drinks. They prepare the theater and greet patrons. They build, paint, sew, organize, clean, carry, fix, move props, run lights and sound, create and distribute marketing materials, apply for licensing, balance the books, help out backstage – and somehow manage to solve problems that didn't even exist five minutes ago.

Some volunteers are here every week. Others lend a hand when they can. Some have years of theater experience, while others simply show up with a willing heart and say, "Sure, I can help". That willingness is what keeps our theater going.

There is a place for everyone at OTP and our theater is powered by people who give their time, talents, creativity and energy because they believe in the magic of live theater and the community that makes it all possible.

If you've ever thought, "I'd love to get involved, but I don't know how," this is your sign!

Reach out to any board member to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Because around here, the show doesn't just go on because of the people onstage. It goes on because of ALL of us!



The cast of Footloose: Youth Edition. Photo credit: Rick Lang

FOOTLOOSE: A RECORD-BREAKING SUMMER TO REMEMBER

What happens when you put 54 talented local teens, a high-energy musical, countless hours of rehearsal and a whole lot of summer chaos together? A record breaking hit! That's what!

Footloose: Youth Edition was nothing short of a raging success, welcoming a whopping 1,223 audience members through our doors. That number didn't just make us smile – it made history! *Footloose* set new OTP records for both our highest overall attendance and our highest attendance at a single performance.

For a community theater, those numbers are extraordinary. But for us, the greatest measure of success isn't simply in the number of tickets sold.

It's seeing young people discover confidence. It's watching friendships form. It's witnessing teenagers juggle rehearsals with band camp, church camp, volleyball nationals, family vacations, summer jobs and a long

list of other summer commitments while realizing they can accomplish anything they set their minds to. It's watching them step onto a stage in front of a packed house and absolutely own it.

To our incredible *Footloose* cast: you did it. You took on an ambitious show, survived a summer of rehearsals, balanced a million commitments, and created something truly special.

To our director, production team, volunteers, families, and everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes, thank you for making the magic happen!

And to our 1,223 audience members, thank you for showing up, filling those seats, cheering loudly, and giving these young performers the audience they deserved.

The show may be over, but the memories – and the records – will be around for a long time.

The Calamityville Terror

Mark your calendars, folks! Auditions for our Halloween production will be held on August 24 & 25 at 6:00pm in the OTP auditorium.

The Calamityville Terror has all the ingredients of a chiller thriller presented with an unusual amount of comedy. A high school administrator and some of her students are moving their school into a huge, old manor house that has been made available to them at an incredible bargain. As the high school girls, with help from some of the local boys, begin setting up their school, strange things begin to unfold.

You only need to attend one night of auditions and no prior experience is necessary. Just bring your smiling face and a positive attitude and be ready to read from the script. Rehearsals will be Monday through Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00pm and performances will be October 16-18 & 23-25. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:00pm and Sunday matinees are at 3:00pm.

Casting needs are as follows: Minimum: 2 adult male, 3 adult female, 2 teen (16+) male and 4 teen (16+) female. Stage and tech crew members are also needed.

OTP FOLLIES ARE BACK

Two nights. One stage. Tons of fun!

Join us August 28 and 29 at 7pm for the Old Town Players Follies, a community talent showcase celebrating the incredible talent right here in our community!

Come cheer on your friends, neighbors, coworkers, family members - and that person you never knew could do THAT!

Admission is just \$10 for adults, seniors and students and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets must be purchased at the door - advance ticket sales are not available for this event.

Seating is first come, first seated. Premium seats may be reserved by calling our box office at 812-882-8269.



UPCOMING EVENTS

THE CALAMITYVILLE TERROR AUDITIONS

August 24 & 25
6:00pm

OTP FOLLIES AUGUST 28 & 29

Friday & Saturday night @
7:00pm

THE CALAMITYVILLE TERROR OCTOBER 16-18

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:00pm
Sundays at 3:00pm

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE AUDITIONS

OCTOBER 19 & 20
6:00pm

THE CALAMITYVILLE TERROR OCTOBER 23-25

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:00pm
Sundays at 3:00pm

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