



December 2005 Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our financial goals for the 2004-2005 season. Whether you collected Bill's receipts, worked a fundraiser, or donated to our Shining Stars program, your work for OSHP pushed us over our goal. Be sure to thank our business donors as well and note their support when you patronize their businesses. Special thanks also to the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission and Alliant Energy for their financial support of *Annie*.

OSHP ANNOUNCES UPCOMING SHOWS



OSHP is very excited to announce its next two summer productions. In 2006, OSHP will present the musical, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Based upon the memorable novel by Mark Twain, the musical retells the spirited story of Tom Sawyer and his friends in St. Petersburg, Missouri. The story is fast-paced and the music spirited and singable. One of the most recent Broadway musicals available for community theatre production, *Tom Sawyer* will certainly be a big hit for both our audiences and our performers. David Lawver will again be joining us as director. Check our website, madstage.com or *The Oregon Observer* for more details about auditions, parts, and performance times.

We are also thrilled to announce our summer 2007 show: Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* What better way to celebrate our 25th Anniversary season than to present the show that revolutionized the American musical and that also was the first show that OSHP performed way back in 1982? We hope to make a "big splash" with this celebratory production, so clear your calendars now so you can be part of this project.

Oklahoma!

NEW WEBSITE!

Check out the new OSHP website at www.oshponline.org The new URL was selected to better reflect OSHP's non-profit status.

Features on the new site include news and events updates, quick links to member information, and a focus on portraying "the flavor of OSHP." There is also link to recent board meeting minutes.

Please update your bookmarks and spread the word!

You can also continue to find show information at www.madstage.com

NEW DIGS!

"Well, we're moving on up...
to a deluxe apartment in the sky..."

Well, not exactly. But we do have a new home for our costumes. Throughout our history, our costume collection has outgrown many a costumer's house, the Gasner's basement, and most recently the Hetland's shed. To help maintain the value of our costume stock and to make it more accessible to everyone, our costumes are now stored in Oregon, right next to the sets/props/lighting storage unit. Planning work has already begun to organize these spaces better. Look for details about work days in the spring and summer to help keep our inventory in tip-top shape.

OSHP specially thanks the Hetlands for their generous donation of shed space for so many years.

NEW ACTIVITIES!

OSHP has some fun and educational activities planned for March, April, and May 2006.

David Lawver will again be presenting his popular Auditioning Workshop in early May. In a Masters class format, participants will learn many strategies for presenting their best audition. Class size will be limited so participants can be actively involved.

In March and April, OSHP will organize a general theatre production workshop. Participants will work with a script and have the chance to act, find props, design costumes, and work with other aspects of theatre. The workshop will conclude with a final public performance of all of the plays. This is a great chance to learn about the different parts of play production and perform a play with a short time commitment. Look for more details on these workshops soon!

2005 HATS OFF RECIPIENTS

**Thank You and Congratulations
to our Hats Off! Recipients!**

- Individual:** Erin Dammen
Mary Gooze
Stan Hill
Beth Hetland
Joel Kapusta
- Family:** Fosbinder Family
Crary Family

2005-2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President Pat Hetland
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or contact any board member!

**Thanks to everyone who
participated in the downtown
Oregon caroling on December 9.**

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**PLEASE CONSIDER AN END OF THE YEAR
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OSHP**

OSHP was blessed with great financial support for its 2004-2005 season. Your contributions helped us continue to offer quality theatre. It's time to again ask you to donate to our Shining Stars program. We hope you'll consider making a donation at the end of the year; it will help us and you'll feel good about it, too!

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

___\$1000	Benefactor	___\$100	Star
___\$500	Sponsor	___\$50	Patron
___\$250	Star	___\$25	Friend

Contributions can be mailed to
OSHP; PO Box 292; Oregon, WI 53575.
Contributions to OSHP are tax-deductible.
Make checks payable to OSHP.

Name as you wish it to appear in the program:

Your Address: _____

Phone Number _____



ANNIE A HUGE SUCCESS

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in August's production of *Annie*. There were huge crowds at every performance and the response of the audience was extremely positive and heartfelt. Many new families and individuals joined us this summer and many other people auditioned for an OSHP show for the first time. Add to that some great cast parties and some incredible rehearsals and *Annie* was certainly a rousing success.

Querida Funck, Jen Kapusta, Jeanne O'Malley, Chris Phistry, and Robin Talley recently completed service on the Board of Directors. We appreciate and thank you for the many hours you gave to the organization during your terms on the board.

The board will soon be making a decision about a show for the **Winter/Spring 2007** time slot. Now is the time to submit your ideas for possible shows and to indicate any staff interests you might have. Please contact any board member as soon as possible with your suggestions.