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HISTORY OF ALPHA AND DELTA PSI OMEGA

The organization, development, and growth of Alpha and Delta Psi Omega is a result of the wide-spread interest of colleges and universities of America in dramatic arts in the early twentieth century. By 1920 most colleges had some kind of a dramatic club that was staging annual play productions for students and the local community. The little theatre movement and dramatic workshop idea made its appearance about that time and greatly stimulated the importance of the college drama and the worthwhile nature of the programs presented. This was especially true in western colleges, and by 1920 several national honor fraternities to recognize and reward student participation in play production had been organized.

Alpha Psi Omega, the first of these societies to be founded in the East, was organized at Fairmont State College in Fairmont, West Virginia on August 12, 1925. The college theatre idea had begun to manifest itself in Fairmont about 1921, and, in 1923, a faculty director was employed, and an organization, called the Masquers, was instituted to present an annual program of four or five major productions for students and the public. In 1924, the Masquers began to consider membership in some national honor society in dramatics as a means of rewarding its most faithful and loyal workers. Plans for forming such a national organization were seriously studied by a committee, composed of Elinor B. Watson, Robert Sloan, and Paul F. Opp, faculty director of dramatics at Fairmont. A proposed national constitution was drawn up, and, on August 12, 1925, those members of the Masquers who met the qualifications of the honor society approved the constitution and adopted the name, Alpha Psi Omega. It was decided that each chapter was to be called a "cast", and Fairmont became Alpha Cast. The interest of Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia assured the immediate national character of Alpha Psi Omega with the establishment of Beta Cast. A member of Beta Cast suggested the name *Playbill*, for the national magazine.

During the course of the next year, eighteen new chapters were admitted, and twenty chapters were on the roll at the time of the meeting of the first national convention, at the Palmer House in Chicago on December 27-28, 1926. National conventions, called Grand Rehearsals, are held every five years.

Alpha Psi Omega has sponsored the formation of honor societies in high schools and junior colleges, thus encouraging dramatic production at every step in a student's career, from the preparatory school to college graduation. Delta Psi Omega was organized among the junior colleges in 1929, and now has a membership of more than 350 chapters. The Alpha Psi Omega Grand Rehearsal meeting at St. Louis in 1936 voted to recognize Delta Psi Omega as an affiliated junior college division.

Alpha Psi Omega has enjoyed continuous national growth, and with over 550 chapters is the largest national honor society in America. Membership in Alpha Psi Omega is granted only to fully accredited institutions with a four-year curriculum in theatre and drama leading to a degree.

The business of Alpha and Delta Psi Omega is supervised by national officers. Such names as Paul Opp, Yetta Mitchell, Donald Garner, Jerry Henderson, and James Fisher are familiar to longtime member casts as officers in earlier years. Current officers are Teresa Choate (President), Frankie Day (Vice President), and Bret Jones (National Business Manager and Editor of *Playbill*).

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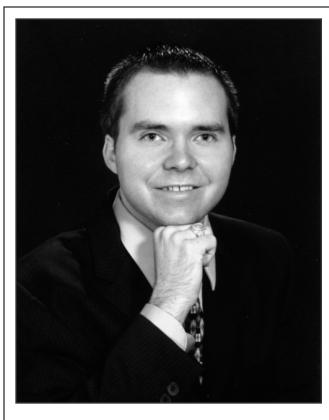
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2007 Alpha Psi Omega/Delta Psi Omega

Scholarship Recipient

Joshua Keil

Ever since I decided to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts I knew that graduate school would be in my future. It is now my senior year and it is time for me to choose a graduate school to attend. The main reason I want to attend graduate school in Theatre is to earn an MFA degree in Theatre Management. This is a degree that I feel really fits my character. I love to work and with this degree I will be able to work for the University's Theatre department while I attend graduate school. By working while I attend school I will learn a lot of hands on experience; experiences that cannot be taught through text books.

Once I earn my MFA degree I plan to work in a Theatre as a manager. The responsibilities I will obtain will include marketing, budget planning, house managing, grant writing and a plethora of other duties that are included in such a career. The sky is the limit in where this degree may take me in life. I could be working at a theatre on Broadway or in Los Angeles or perhaps even at a University. I may be working in a large city or a small rural town. Wherever I go I know I will be fulfilling my passion for Theatre. What I plan to do with this degree is bring artists together and provide a venue for them to perform in.

With the help of a scholarship I can more easily accomplish my dream of becoming a Theatre Manager.

(edited from Mr. Keil's essay)



2007 Alpha Psi Omega/Delta Psi Omega

Scholarship Recipient

Scott Arnold

I don't know if it's the result of nature or nurture, but for as long as my family can remember, I've been fascinated by musicals, everything from *The Sound of Music* to *West Side Story*. When I was little, I watched the videos again and again, and when I was older, I bought one cast recording after another. This constant in my life gives me great comfort, and with it come purpose and certainty that it would be a mistake to devote my life to anything else.

I want to write musicals: musicals that will awaken people; that will pull them in and not let them go. Musicals that will surprise, enchant, awaken, challenge, and open people's hearts and minds. I don't think we ever stop needing these experiences and musicals are wonderful at giving them to us.

As a theatre professional, creativity in opportunities is essential. For example, this year I have used APO to start a lecture series, bringing theatre professionals in to talk about their craft. So far, we have enjoyed the company of Duncan Sheik, composer of the smash hit Broadway musical, *Spring Awakening*, and Cherry Jones, two-time Tony-winning actress who is touring the country in the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Doubt*.

If I am awarded this scholarship, I will donate the money to Santa Clara's chapter of APO to support the lecture series.

(edited from Mr. Arnold's essay)

Bethany College Bethany, West Virginia Beta Gamma Cast

Theatre Season: Dark Lady of the Sonnets, Lysistrata, Triumph of Love, Private Eyes





Dark Lady Of The Sonnets
Pictured: Elizabeth Brewer, Glenn Wright,
Ryan Darrow; Directed by Luke Hardt; Set
Construction: Brian Huggins; Costumes:
Leah

Lvsistrata

Pictured; Onstage: Laura Garelle, Johnna Valenti, Bethany Louis, Brittany Celata, Katie Orwig Off stage: Kelson Jerral, Peter Brager, Rich Ivaun, Charles Wilfong, Tom Nelson, Andrew Eskelund; Directed by Luke Hardt; Set Construction: Brian Huggins; Cos tumes: Leah Muhlheim



Private Eyes

Pictured: Adam Longshore, Megan Riggs, Keven Widener, Leah Muhlheim; Directed by Luke Hardt;

Set Construction: Brian Huggins

Faculty Sponsor: Luke Hardt Other Faculty: Brian Huggins

Officers:

President: Ryan Darrow Vice President: Katie Orwig Secretary: Kari Jo Tiede Treasurer: Christina Deems Parliamentarian: Megan

Riggs

Blinn College Brenham, Texas DPO Chapter: #295



Spirits of the Forest. Ensemble actors as The

Tribe

Director: Bradley A. Niles

Technical Director: Kevin Patrick



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Andy Burian

Director: Bradley A. Niles

Technical Director: Kevin Patrick

Theatre Season:

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

ALiCE!

The MAD®Show

An Evening of Student Performances

Theatre Arts Faculty: Bradley A.

Niles, Kevin Patrick



The $Mad \ \$ Show Jordan Morille, Ron

Foreman

Director: Bradley A. Niles

Technical Director: Kevin Patrick

Officers: Blake Browder, President; Tabi Keeling, Vice-president; Tina Herring, Business Manager; Dustin Sturm, Historian



ALiCE! Tina Herring, Tabi Keeling

Director: Bradley A. Niles

Technical Director: Kevin Patrick

Concordia University Seward, Nebraska Omega Lambda Chapter

Theatre Season:

Taming of the Shrew

Once Upon a Mattress

Dead Man Walking



Dead Man Walking
Director: Dr. Mira Wiegmann
Set Design: Robert Olson



Converse College Spartanburg, South Carolina Pi Pi Chapter



Language of Angels - 1-r: Chevelle Walsh, Michael Bowen, Rafe Andrews



Belles - 1-r: Melissa Pesaro, Korey Khan



WIT – 1-r: Juanita Murphy, Brittani Hare

<u>Chapter Officers</u>: John Bald – Faculty Sponsor Brandy Wyont – President; Kristin Baehr – Vice-President; Jenny Howard – Secretary/ Business Manager

Theatre Season

Belles by Mark Dunn
Language of Angels by Naomi Iizuka
WIT by Margaret Edson
The Smell of the Kill by Michelle Lowe
The Guile of Lucy Strada by Arthur Master



Smell of the Kill – l-r: Rebecca Rawls (seated), Kristin Baehr, Carah Randall

Department Staff

John Bald – Chair

Mary Nicholson

Brent Glenn

East Central University Ada, Oklahoma Beta Zeta Chapter <

Theatre Season:
The Field
Bargains
Accomplice
The Thieving Painters



The Thieving Painters

Clay Wesley

Director: Dr. Bret Jones Lights: Adam Randell

Costumes: Kassie Ingle, Catie Caton



The Field

L-R: Chris Hicks, Catie Caton, Amanda Tarver,

Crystal Johnson, Kelli Lowe Director: Dr. Bret Jones Costumes: Catie Caton Set: Geoffrey Tritten



The Thieving Painters
Jonnathon Hicks, Chris Hicks



Bargains. Kelli Lowe, Lucretia Nixon

Officers:

President: Catie Caton

Vice-president: Ruth Richardson Secretary/Treasurer: Amanda Tarver Sponsors: Dr. Bret Jones, Theo

Peshehonoff

Jacksonville College Jacksonville, Texas Delta Psi Omega Cast Number 384



Megan Cumby, Rebekah Morgan, Christian Lawrence, Cynda House, Jessica Crain and Stephen Hanna in **A Golden Fleecing**,



Rebekah Morgan, Levi Cain, and Jessica Crain in **An Inspector Calls**, directed by Evelyn James, scenic and costume design by Mary S. Lewis.



Matt Virgel, Joshua Ross, Michael Johnson in **Balcony Scene** from **An Evening of Student Directed One Act Plays,** directed and designed by Daniel Toole

Theater Season: Jaguar Capers, An Inspector Calls, An Evening of Student Directed One Act Plays, and A Golden Fleecing.

Cast Officers: President-Daniel Toole, Vice President-Jessica Crain, Business Manager-Derrick Ellis

Faculty Sponsors: Mary S. Lewis & Evelyn James

Kean University Union, New Jersey

Chapter: Alpha Gamma Gamma



Urinetown: The Musical

Pictured: L-R Jules, Jorgensen, Ron Mancini, Christina Boston, Karina Muñoz, , Dustin Ballard, Danielle Barchetto, Johnny Vazquez, Matthew

Ruff, Andrew Hess, Megan Bussiere

Director: E. Teresa Choate

Costume Designer: Karen Lee Hart

Scenic and Lighting Designer: Nadine Charlsen



Two Rooms

Pictured: L-R Joseph Amacker,

Lacey Jones

Director: Holly Logue

Costume Designer: Karen Lee

Hart

Scenic and Lighting Designer:

Theatre Season:

Urinetown: The Musical, Hamlet, Vagina Monologues, Three Days of Rain, Two Rooms, And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank



Vagina Monologues

Pictured: L-R Annie Fletcher, Ilana

Yitzhaki

Director: Rachel Evans

Costume Designer: Alexis Foster Lighting Designer: Eric Woodring



Three Days of Rain

Pictured: L-R

J. Ernest Glenn, Jeff Ronan Director: Heather Stiliano Costume and Scenic Designer:

Heather Stiliano

Lighting Designer: Timothy Regan

McNeese State University Lake Charles, Louisina Pi Gamma Chapter



Copenhagen. Bradley Troll, Georgette Verdin, Chad Reeves. Director: John



Anton in Show Business. Deborah Lowrey, Shani Harris, Boddie Melville. Director: Lewis Whitlock III



How I Learned to Drive. Leslie Robinsin, Kirk Bush. Director: Charles McNeely III



Das Barbecu. Deborah Lowrey, Billy Mowbray, Shawna Temple, Clay Hebert. Director: Lewis Whitlock III

Theatre Season:
Copenhagen
Anton in Show Business
How I Learned to Drive
Das Barbecu
The Vagina Monologues

Faculty/Staff: John Abegglen, Charles McNeely III, Lewis Whitlock III, Joy Pace,

Officers—President: Alexis Gentry; Vice-president: Jill Tate; Secretary-Treasurer: Lindsey Moreland; Archivist: Deborah Lowrey; Senator: Tula Gorden; Parliamentarian: Erin Burdick; Faculty sponsor: Charles McNeely III; Alumna

sponsor: Anita Tritico.

McPherson College McPherson, KS Chapter: Theta Epsilon



Arsenic and Old Lace. Eric Sader, Sarah-Lambert Cook, Mary Hughes, Brandt Busse. Director: Jd. Bowman; Scenic

Faculty Co-Sponsors: Dr. Rick Tyler & Professor Jd. Bowman

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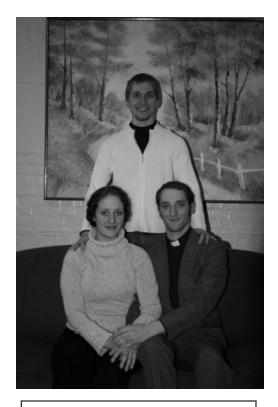
Theatre Season:

Frozen
Arsenic & Old Lace
This Isn't What I Ordered: A
Night of One Acts
A Madrigal Holiday Feast
Urinetown, the musical!
Speak Truth to Power
Communicating Doors
No Exit



Arsenic and Old Lace. Mary Hughes, Alex Tyler, Mark Tobias.

Millikin University Decatur, Illinois Chapter: Omega Xi



No caption.



End of the Year

Officers:

President-Brenna Bradbury Vice President-BJ Warren Treasurer-Derek Bertelsen Historian-Abbey Elliott Mississippi College Clinton, Mississippi Chapter: Pi Chi



The Taming of the Shrew. Josh Powell, Eric Burden, Andrew Hinds, Bernard Dafney, Alan Wesley Kinsey.

Phyllis W. Seawright, faculty sponsor.
Other faculty: Web
Drake, Randy Jolly.

Officers: Jacob Kirchner, President; Mariann Wammack, Vice-Pres.; Maggie Burks, Secretary; Christopher Hudson, Chaplain; Holly Embry, Herald; Andrew Allison, Treasurer.

Theatre Season: The Glass Menagerie, Spring Dance, Riders to the Sea, The Man Who Couldn't Dance, The Taming of the Shrew, Same Time Next Year, Steel Magnolias, The Importance of Being Ear-



The Taming of the Shrew. Bernard Dafney, Sarah Wimberly, Christopher Hudson, Eric Burden.

Murray State College Tishomingo, Oklahoma DPO Chapter



Blythe Spirit. (second row from left to right) Shannon Short, Daniel Woodall, Heather Pilkington, and Cassai Trammell (first row from left to right) Blythe Muse, Joel Dameron, and Shandi Cosper

Theatre Season:

Blythe Spirit

A Christmas Carol

Faculty Sponsor: Lisa Coulter



Blythe Spirit. Heather Pilkington, Joel Dameron, Daniel Woodall, Blythe Muse, and Cassai Trammell



Blythe Spirit. Daniel Woodall



Emerald Hall, Rusty Thompson and Issac

North Carolina State A&T University Greensboro, North Carolina Chapter: Phi Epsilon



Black Nativity: Cameron Dashiell. Directed by Miller Lucky, Jr., Musical Director- Rev. George Pass II, Choreographer- Georjean Moore, Costume Designer- Gregory Horton, Lighting and Set Design- Jeff Richardson

Theatre Season:
Black Nativity
Dreamgirls
Flyin' West
Cuttings from the
Classics



Black Nativity: Todnee Jeffries. Directed by Miller Lucky, Jr., Musical Director-Rev. George Pass II, Choreographer- Georjean Moore, Costume Designer- Gregory Horton, Lighting and Set Design-Jeff Richardson



Flyin' West: Left to Right: Melanie Matthews and Amy Williams. Directed by Dr. Vanita Vactor, Scene Design by Rashuan Marcus, Lighting and Sound Design by Jeff Richardson, Costume Design by Gregory Horton



Dreamgirls: Left to Right: Joan Anderson (Lorrell), Asia Hester (Deena), Jamila Curry (Michelle). Directed by Gregory Horton, Musical Director-Stephanie Gray, Choreographer- Duane Cyrus, Costumes by Gregory Horton, Lighting and Scene Design by David Bell and Sound Design by Eric Lambe.

Chapter Officers:

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Ms. Alpha Psi Omega: Amy Williams

Dean of Pledges: Jamila Curry

Piedmont College
Demorest, Georgia
Chapter: Alpha Beta Gamma



Crimes of the Heart. Danielle Bailey Miller as Babe, Katie Sawhill as Lenny and Rachel Hamilton as Meg.



Antigone. Pete Talton

Theatre Season: Crimes of the Heart, Antigone, Working, The Musical, and East of the Sun and West of the Moon

Dr. Richard Rose, Head of Theatre Department

William Gabelhausen, Director of Theatre Education



Antigone. Katie Sawhill as Nurse, Natasha Martin as Eurydice, Sabila as Page and Jeremy Bishop as Creon.



East of the Sun and West of the Moon. Shannon Webber as Lara and Patrick Hawkins as Justin.

Officers: President-Heather Thomas, Vice-President/Business Manager: Patrick Hawkins Jr.

Stephen F. Austin State University Nacogdoches, Texas Chapter: Beta Phi

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Grease. Elizabeth Davis, Katie McBroom, Natalie Dickinson, Devin Collins, Nicholas Mills, Katie Jones, Boni Newberry, Mark McManus, Brad Lassiter, and Aaron McDaniel



Six Degrees of Separation.
Christopher Gamel and Thomas Brazzle
Directed by: Kyle Kennedy
Scenic Design: Tomy Matthys
Costume Design: Angela Bacarisse

Theatre Faculty and Staff:

Dr. C.W. Bahs, Angela Bacarisse, Juanita Finkenberg, Dr. John Goodall (interim Dean), Jack Heifner, Dr. Rick Jones, Tomy Matthys, Brad Maul, Dr. Alan Nielsen, Allen Oster (faculty sponsor), Shari Watterston Ellsworth, Barbara Blackwell, Nelda Hartley, and Mark Porter



Blithe Spirit. Savannah Seilheimer, Cassidy Risien, and Jamie Couch (guest artist) Directed by: Allen Oster Scenic Design: Tomy Matthys Costume Design: Angela Bacarisse



The Servant of Two Masters. Austin Chason, Micah Goodding, and Lauren Biel-

Directed by: Dr. Rick Jones Scenic Design: Tomy Matthys

Theatre Season: *Blithe Spirit, Grease, The Servant of Two Masters, Six Degrees of Separation*

Officers:

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Megan McGarvey (Jan. - May 2007)

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Business Manager: Megan Myerov

SUNY Oswego Oswego, New York Chapter: Mu Iota



Antigone by Jean Anouilh Translated by Jermy Sams

Director: Mark Cole Scene Design: Joe Rial

Lighting Design: Johan Godwaldt Costume Design: Kitty Macey Actors, Lto R: Samantha Ma-

son, Megan McGarvey



Dora: A Case of Hysteria by Kim Morris-

sev

Director: Trevor Franklin

Scene Designer: Carolyn Bonanni Lighting Designer: Johan Godwaldt Costume Designers: Kitty Macey, Katie

Aheam

Theatre Season: Antigone, Lost in Viral Paradise, The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Dora: A Case of Hysteria



The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie
Directed by Jerry Bradley

Scene Design: Joe Rial

Lighting Design: Heather Berg

Costume Design: Kitty Macey, Abby Jenkins

Actors L to R: Christy Pronto, Megan

McGarvey



Lost in a Viral Paradise

Director & Choreographer: Jonel Langenfeld-Rial

Scene & Lighting Designer: Joe Rial

Costume Design: Sara Chobot, Kitty Macey Music Composed by: Max McKee, George N.

Gianopoulos

Actors L to R: Mickennon Wilson, Danielle Valeriano, Michael Racioppa, Charlie Smith, Amanda

Acobes (on stilts)

Taylor University
Upland, Indiana
Chapter: Beta Sigma



The Chalk Garden
Lindsay Snider and Jenna McCullough

Director: Tracy Manning

Scene Designer: Cory Rodeheaver Costume Designer: Sarah Bailey



A Man for All Seasons Matthew Johnson, Joshua Zehnder Director: Tracy Manning

Scene Designer: Cory Rodeheaver Costume Designer: Sarah Bailey Faculty:

Tracy Manning, Managing/ Artistic Director Judy Kirkwood, Publicity Coordinator Dr. Jessica Rousselow-Winquist

Theatre Season:
A Man for All Seasons
Night Watch

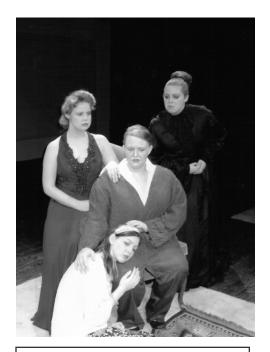
Chapter Officers: Dr. Jessica Rousselow-Winquist Tracy Manning



Night Watch. Jonathan Bennett, Jenna Hanchey Director: Tracy Manning Scene Designer: Cory Rodeheaver Costume Designer: Sarah Bailey



Night Watch. Jenna Hanchey



A Name for a Ghost to Mutter Emily Davis, Holly Bell, Christian Ivey, Josie Weeks

Director: Vic Siller

Scene Design: Clarence Strickland Costume Design: Jacque Shackelford

Theatre Season:

Dearly Beloved

A Name for a Ghost to Mutter

Beauty and the Beast, the

Musical

A Texas High Plains Trilogy

Tyler Junior College Tyler, Texas DPO Chapter /

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Beauty and the Beast Megan Moore, Braden Bradley Director: Rebecca Faulds

Scene Design: Clarence Strickland Costume Design: Jacque Shakelford



Treasure Island. Miya Lewis, Aneli Wells, Kat Quirk, Sara Kaplan Directed & Designed by: Michael McKinney

Wesleyan College Macon, Georgia Chapter: Phi Psi



Desdemona-A Play About a Handkerchief. Loren Simpson, Jasmine Jackson

Director: Dr. Jan Lewis

Director: Dr. Jan Lewis
Designer: Michael McKinney



Late Bus to Mecca. Miya Lewis, Materra Drafts Director: Dr. Frazer Lively



Railing It Up.
Cameron Beasley, Tiffany Hatch

Whittier College Whittier, California Chapter: Pi Mu



Into the Woods. Josh Wood, Lara Hurlburt

Director: Jennifer S. Holmes Musical Director: Stephen Cook Scenic & Lighting Designer: Brian

Alan Reed

Costume Designer: Carin Jacobs

Theatre Season: *Into the Woods* Stop Kiss *Tartuffe*



Tartuffe. Napoleon Tavale, Amelia Sellers

Officers: President – Kelsey Marie Wuomos Vice President - Cody Goulder Secretary/Treasurer – Danielle Omer Inter-Club Council Representative—Daniel Armas Faculty: Brian A. Reed (Dept. Chair & Pi Mu Cast Adviser), Jennifer S. Holmes, Gil Gonzalez.



Tartuffe. Daniel Armas, Avinash

Jackson, Danielle Omer Director: Gil Gonzalez

Scenic & Lighting Designer: Brian

Alan Reed

Costume Designer: Carin Jacobs Wig Design: Cynthia Karim



Stop Kiss. Matthew Calloway, Kelsey

Marie Wuornos, Ronny Nevo

Director: Gil Gonzalez

Scenic Designer: Brian Alan Reed Lighting Designer: Tyrel Castro Costume Designer: Elizabeth Schluter

Sound Designer: Katie Liddicoat

Theatre Season:
Othello
Pippin
The Rover
Private Lives
Proof
The Mercy Seat



The Rover. Lydia Pratt, Ashton Botts, Stephanie Daily, Phillip Meece, Amy Walmann, Ashley Jones, Brian Gehrlein

William Jewell College Liberty, Missouri Chapter: Beta Pi



Pippin. Jessica Humphrey, Ashton Botts, Brian Gehrlein, Amanda Brown, Amanda Brasher, Caitlin Flebbe, Jenny Bellington, Lydia Pratt, Maggie Rader, Riley Thompson, Lindsay Haston, Andrea De Regneir, Dacus Bowles, Beth Willard, Damen Webster



The Rover. Amy Walmann, Dacus Bowles, Bill Coberly, Maggie Rader, Ashley Jones



Othello. Ammie Brown, Daniel Nelson, Frank Ugochukwu, Jack Kynion, Riley Thompson, Damen Webster, Amanda Brasher

Officers: President: Hannah Reese; Vice President: Ashley Jones; Secretary: Andy Kirk; Treasurer: Megan Barr; Points Officer: Lyndal Jenkins

Faculty: Dr. Kim Harris, Nathan Wyman

York College York, Nebraska Chapter: Eta Kappa



Enchantment Comes Around Mitchell Roush, Martha Kinyon



Death Takes a Holiday. Matthew J. Miller, Sara S. Firm, Janette Foreman, Mitchell Roush, Chad C. Hall



Check, Please. Bethany J. Stanger, Nicholas Parsons



The Jack Tales
Janette Forman, Nick Floyd, Brittany Ellis,
Shannon Robinson

Officers: President: Sara S. Firm; Vice President: Regina R. Pedersen; Secretary/ Treasurer: Zeboriah Mansel Carter

Theatre Season:

Death Takes a Holiday

Director & Set Designer: John I. Baker III

A Street Car Named Desire

Director & Set Designer: John I. Baker III

The Jack Tales

Director & Set Designer: John I. Baker III Student Directed One-Acts: *Enchantment Comes Around* Director: Regina R. Pedersen *Suppressed Desires* Director: Michelle Bentley *Check, Please* Director: Sara S. Firm

From the Desk of the President—Teresa Choate

As a director, I have long practiced a pre-show custom. Each night before "places," I read an inspirational quotation, usually from a great artist of the theatre. There is one quotation, however, that is always saved for opening night and closing night, and the man who said it was a musician. For me, it captures the goal of all true artists, that longed for, but never attainable, perfection of our art: "Do not practice art but penetrate to the very heart of it - this it deserves for only art and science elevate man to the godhead The true artist is not proud. He senses dimly how far he is from his goal, and though others may admire him, he feels sad not to have reached the point where his better genius lights the way like a distant sun." These are the words of Ludwig van Beethoven, a man who faced tremendous obstacles as he composed his greatest works after he was almost totally deaf. As theatre artists, ours is the art that requires a synthesis of artists practicing many arts, among them: writing, painting, music, dance, singing, as well as acting, directing, design, and dramaturgy. We also face substantial obstacles. I am sure many of you have heard the question, "Why theatre, why pick such a difficult path?" But for those of us whose "sun" shines on a stage, it is not a choice, it is a necessary ingredient in our lives. The challenge is to keep striving to reach the "heart" of our artistic potential while simultaneously maintaining a lifestyle that is healthy and happy. In "seeking a life useful," we must be true not only to ourselves but to every one with whom we come in contact. So for us, the challenges are as great as the rewards.

In 1925, the first chapter of Alpha Psi Omega was established at Fairmont State College in West Virginia. Over the course of the next eighty-two years, our honor society has grown in remarkable ways; our numbers are legion and we continue to grow. I ask each of you to reach out to your brothers and sisters in Alpha Psi Omega and Delta Psi Omega: to encourage them, support them, praise them, and join with them in artistic endeavor. Benjamin Franklin once said, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." He was speaking, of course, to a group of individuals who were about to start a revolution and needed to depend mightily on one another or perish. I hope his spirit will forgive me for applying this sentiment to those who us create theatre. We must light the way for each other; we cannot get there alone. No where is this more true than in that profession unique we all love: the theatre.



A couple of things from the National Business Manager...

Don't forget to send pictures for next year's *Playbill* in the .jpeg format; also, include all information in Word documents. This info includes: theatre season, faculty and sponsor names, list of officers for the year, and captions for each photo.

The second thing...remember dues are now \$30. This is a one-time fee to the National Office, which makes you a member of APO/DPO for life.

Bless you all with your theatre endeavors for the coming year. —Bret Jones



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