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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
MANSFIELD

2026-2027 Theatre Season

Founders Auditorium
1680 University Drive
Mansfield, Ohio 44906

General Admission - $10
Students/Senior Admission - $6

Box Office: 614-247-4105
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Questions?419-755-4045



Produced by arrangement with Concord Theatricals,
in partnership with The Mansfield Shakespeare Company

By Tom Stoppard

Tom Stoppard's dark comedy tells the story of *Hamlet* from the worm's-eye view of two bewildered minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Thrust into the spotlight, this Shakespearean Laurel and Hardy navigate a world where reality and illusion blur, and where fate leads them toward a tragic but inevitable conclusion. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this season, Stoppard's best-known work remains a landmark of modern theatre.

Friday, October 23 | 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 24 | 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 25 | 2:30 p.m.
Monday October 26 | 7:30 p.m.



by Ferenc Molnár adapted by P. G. Wodehouse

Young lovers, a puffed-up theatre star, a zany group of servants, partners, and hotel guests, and a far-fetched scheme to set everything to rights made this witty and fast-moving farce an over-the top hit with New York audiences in 1926. When a young man listens to a romantic encounter between his fiancée and her leading man, his uncle – a business-savvy playwright – has to convince him that what he overheard was just a rehearsal for a play. The uncle then frantically writes and rehearses the new play to seal the deal. The title is a nod to *Hamlet*, and like Shakespeare's masterpiece, this comedy delights in stepping over the line between reality and performance.

Friday March 5 | 7:30 p.m.
Saturday March 6 | 7:30 p.m.
Sunday March 7 | 2:30 p.m.
Monday March 8 | 7:30 p.m.

CATO: The Play that Made a Nation

STAGED READINGS AND CONVERSATION

In the spring of 1778 the continental army endures the harsh winter at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Smallpox, disunity, and privation threaten the survival of the army and the new nation. In this time of crisis, General Washington defies Congress and orders the performance of a play for his soldiers. This play, Joseph Addison's and Richard Steele's *Cato*, follows the last days of Cato the Younger as he resists Julius Caesar's rise to power. The popular work offered a model for civic virtue that inspired America's Founding Fathers.

This abridged version of the original script emphasizes *Cato's* themes of liberty, duty, honor, and the conflict between personal conviction and political expediency.

FREE VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION
Sunday, November 8 | 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11 | 6:30 p.m. (Veteran's Day)

Live Long and Prosper

STAGED READINGS FEATURING EXCERPTS FROM UNPRODUCED SCRIPTS OF THE ORIGINAL *STAR TREK* SERIES.

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of *Star Trek*'s first season, faculty, staff, students, and community artists will present selected excerpts from unproduced original series scripts. Drawn from *Star Trek:* The Original Series Scripts and Writer's Guides housed in The Ohio State University Rare Books & Manuscripts Library and supplemented by related material and images from the Lawrence and Lee Theatre Research Institute, these readings offer a unique look at the iconic series. A brief discussion will follow the reading.

FREE EVENT
Monday, April 5 | 6:30pm
Mansfield Campus • Founders Auditorium
Wednesday, April 7 | 4:00pm
Columbus Campus • Thompson Memorial Library, Rm 150

TICKET PURCHASING - SCAN or go to: **go.osu.edu/mansfield_tickets**

Online: Online ticket reservations are available only to current students, faculty/staff, and alumni.

New Users: If you have never ordered tickets for an event before, please call 614-247-4105 to purchase. Phone assistance is available Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

In Person: Tickets may also be purchased at the on-site box office beginning 45 minutes before each performance. All performances have ample seating and will not sell out. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before showtime to purchase your ticket and help ensure the performance starts on time.

Show Auditions
Founders Auditorium (with additional dates as needed)

Fall Shows - Tuesday & Wednesday, September 1 & 2 • 6pm
Spring Shows - Tuesday & Wednesday, January 19 & 20 • 6pm

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The Ohio State University Theatre Program on the Mansfield Campus
is part of the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts on the Columbus campus. Students can begin work toward a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre or pursue a minor in theatre while completing another major.

Our Theatre Club produces studio performances, service projects, and student-led creative work throughout the year. Open to all, the club offers opportunities to direct, produce, design, write, and perform, while building connections through social events and collaborative projects.

We welcome participation from both campus and community members—anyone is invited to audition or work behind the scenes on our productions.

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Campus Theatre Location & Directions

Free parking in Lots 2-5.
Handicapped parking in designated spots.

Directions
We are located west of downtown Mansfield, just north of State Route 30. From SR30 take the SR39 Exit or the Lexington-Springmill Exit and look for the signs for Ohio State. Follow the map to **Founders Auditorium.**



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Friend of the Theatre

Friends of the Theatre provide vital support for the Ohio State Mansfield theatre program, helping fund production costs including licensing, costumes, and technical needs. Your support makes it possible to bring a diverse range of performances to our community.

_____**Chorus** $25 _____**Director** $250
_____**Lead** $100 _____**Producer** $500
Other Amount _____
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