



CUELINES

FEBRUARY EDITION

HAPPY 2025!



August 29-Sept 1, 2025
Knox Memorial Hall
Mt. Vernon, OH

Stay tuned for additional details soon!

2025 Regional Festivals!

CENTRAL: JUNE 1 ~ LICKING COUNTY PLAYERS

EAST: JUNE 14 ~ DOVER HIGH SCHOOL

NORTH: MAY 31 ~ WINFORD HIGH SCHOOL

NORTHEAST: JUNE 7-8 ~ TWIN MASKS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

NORTHWEST: JUNE 7-8 ~ MAUMEE INDOOR THEATRE

SOUTHEAST: JUNE 28 ~ RIO GRANDE UNIVERSITY

SOUTHWEST: JUNE 19-21 ~ PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL

WEST: JULY 5 ~ TROY CIVIC THEATRE

OCTA JR: TBA

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Gates Mills Players, Inc



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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

FUTURE OCTA BOARD MEETINGS

MARCH 15 ~ ZOOM
MAY 17 ~ KNOX MEMORIAL ~ MT. VERNON
JULY 19 ~ IN PERSON (TBA)
2025 STATE CONFERENCE ~ AUG. 29-SEPT. 1

OCTA BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR REGIONAL REP FOR AN INVITATION

FORMS

VISIT WWW.OCTA1953.ORG/DOCUMENTS FOR:

2025 BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PACKET
2025 COMPETITION FORMS
NEW THEATRE APPLICATIONS
AACT FEST HANDBOOK
AND MORE!

AACT REGION III COMPETITION

MARCH 20-23 ~ LEBOWSKY THEATRE ~ OWOSSO, MI

FEATURING:

LITTLE THEATRE OFF BROADWAY ~ *THE PSYCHIC*
3B PRODUCTIONS ~ *BRIGHT STAR*



ENCORE (\$750-UP) Individual Patrons who donate at the Encore level will receive the Standing ovation level benefits plus get 1 additional state conference registration.

STANDING OVATION (\$500-\$749) Individual Patrons who donate at the Standing Ovation level will receive Bravo! level benefits plus have a single registration to the state conference.

BRAVO! (\$250 -\$499) Individual Patrons who donate at the Bravo! level will receive all Rising Star Patron benefits. Plus have a table reserved in their name at the State Conference Sunday banquet and may invite up to 7 guests to sit with them.

RISING STAR (\$100-\$249) Individual Patrons who donate At the Rising Star level will receive a reserved seat at the state conference, plus access to the Patron Lounge at the state conference.

APPLAUSE (\$50-\$99) Individual Patrons who donate at the Applause will receive a reserved seat at the State Conference for the year they donate; you will also have a patron ribbon at the conference.

SUPPORTERS (\$10-\$49) - Not a part of the Patron Program
Individual donors who donate at the Supporters level will receive automatic sign up for OCTA electronic communications.

2025 Patron Program: Payments are recorded on the calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

	Automatic subscription to OCTA digital news	Reserved seat at State Conference (1 seat for every \$50 donated)	Patron Lounge at State Conference	Patron Concierge	Reserved table at State Conference +7 guests to sit with them	Free Conference Pass
ENCORE (\$750-UP)	X	X	X	X	X	2 Passes
STANDING OVATION (\$500-\$749)	X	X	X	X	X	1 Pass
BRAVO! (\$250 -\$499)	X	X	X	X	X	
RISING STAR (\$100-\$249)	X	X	X			
APPLAUSE (\$50-\$99)	X	X				



Please Scan this QR Code or visit www.octa1953.org/tickets

You will be able to select your seat for State OCTA Conference when you make your donation!

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CENTRAL

Feb. 7-Mar. 8: *Moon Over Buffalo* ~ **Carnation City Players**
Mar 14-23: *Leaving Iowa* ~ **Coshocton Footlight Players**
Feb. 28-Mar. 2: *Beauty and the Beast, JR.* ~ **MTV Arts INC**
Mar. 7-16: *Bone Chiller* ~ **Licking Counter Players**
Mar. 21-Apr. 6: *The Sunshine Boys* ~ **Curtain Players**

EAST

Feb. 21-Mar. 2: *Little Shop of Horrors* ~ **Alcove Theatre**
Feb. 28-Mar 16: *And Then There Were None* ~ **Little Theatre Off Broadway**
Feb. 21-Mar. 9: *Emma! A Pop Musical* ~ **The Little Theatre of Tuscarawas County**
Mar. 13-23: *Hood The Musical* ~ **Zane Trace Players**
Mar. 28-Apr. 6: *RENT* ~ **Zanesville Community Theatre, Inc.**

NORTH

Feb. 14-Mar. 2: *Bye Bye Birdie* ~ **Olde Towne Hall Theatre**
Feb. 14-23: *Cabaret* ~ **The Ritz Theatre**
Feb. 21-Mar. 2: *The Outsider* ~ **The Harlequins, Inc.**
Feb. 28-Mar. 9: *Said The Spider to the Sky* ~ **The Mansfield Playhouse**
Mar. 6-9: *Silent Sky* ~ **Bucyrus Little Theatre**
Mar. 7-16: *A Bench in the Sun* ~ **Playmakers Civic Theatre, Inc.**
Mar. 8-30: *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* ~ **Bellevue Society for the Arts**
Mar. 14-23: *5 Lesbians Eating A Quiche* ~ **Gremon Community Theatre**
Apr. 4-6: *Bully* ~ **Bellevue Society for the Arts**

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NORTHEAST

- Feb. 1-16: *Constellations* ~ Twin Masks Performing Arts Center
Feb. 7-Mar. 1: *Camelot* ~ The Hudson Players
Mar. 7-8: *Anne of Green Gables* ~ Dynamics Community Theater of Tallmadge
Mar. 7-23: *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* ~ Trumbull New Theatre
Mar. 7-23: *Pride and Prejudice* ~ Stow Players
Mar. 14-Apr. 6: *Jersey Boys* ~ Chagrin Valley Little Theatre
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NORTHWEST

- Feb. 7-16: *Ordinary People* ~ Van Wert Civic Theatre
Feb. 7-16: *Savannah Sipping Society* ~ The Village Players
Feb. 14-23: *Misery* ~ Oregon Community Theatre
Feb. 14-23: *Moon Over Buffalo* ~ Toledo Repertoire Theatre
Feb. 21-Mar. 2: *For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday* ~ Black Swamp Players
Feb. 28-Mar. 8: *The Mousetrap* ~ Williams County Community Theater
Mar. 6-16: *Perfect Crime* ~ Fort Findlay Players
Mar. 28-Apr. 6: *The 39 Steps* ~ The Village Players
Apr. 11-13: *Damn Yankees* ~ Waterville Playshop
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SOUTHEAST

- Feb. 1-16: *Constellations* ~ Twin Masks Performing Arts Center
Feb. 8-18: *Finding Nemo, Jr.* ~ Chillicothe Civic Theatre
Feb. 28-Mar. 16: *Willy Wonka* ~ The Actors Guild of Parkersburg
Mar. 7-9: *Steel Magnolias* ~ Apple City Players
Mar. 7-16: *Rabbit Hole* ~ Mid-Ohio Valley Players
Mar. 7-16: *Alice @ Wonderland* ~ Roundtown Players
Mar. 14-Apr. 6: *Jersey Boys* ~ Chagrin Valley Little Theatre

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SOUTHWEST

- Feb. 6-9: *12 Angry Jurors* ~ Queen City Productions
Feb. 13-16: *Arsenic and Old Lace* ~ Greater Hamilton Civic Theatre
Feb. 13-Mar. 2: *Altar Boyz* ~ The Footlights, Inc.
Feb. 21-23: *Godspell* ~ Fairfield Footlighters
Feb. 21-Mar. 1: *Doubt, A Parable* ~ Centerstage Players, Inc.
Feb. 21-Mar. 1: *The Cemetery Club* ~ Mason Community Players
Feb. 21-Mar. 1: *True West* ~ Village Players of Fort Thomas
Feb. 28-Mar. 15: *The Mousetrap* ~ The Drama Workshop
Mar. 6-23: *Moon Over Buffalo* ~ Mariemont Players, Inc.
Mar. 7-23: *Godspell* ~ Loveland Stage Company
Mar. 14-22: *You've Caught Us In Our Shorts* ~ Sunset Players
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WEST

- Feb. 7-16: *Making God Laugh* ~ Wapakoneta Theater Guild
Feb. 13-15: *The Rocky Horror Show* ~ Springfield Civic Theatre
Feb. 14-23: *The Outsider* ~ Encore Theatre
Feb. 21-Mar. 2: *Now and Then* ~ Troy Civic Theatre
Mar. 7-16: *Angel Street* ~ Beavercreek Community Theatre
Mar. 28-Apr. 13: *Chancers* ~ Dayton Theatre Guild

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A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT WEIDLE

(1962 – 2024)



It is with broken hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Paul Robert Weidle, on December 11, 2024.

Robert was at his core a gentle soul—kind, friendly, compassionate, and full of laughter. To know him was to love him- and everyone knew him. With his warm presence on stage and off, Robert made friends and helped people wherever life took him. He was an amazing man who led an extraordinary life in service of others; he was a first-rate actor and singer, an accomplished director, a faithful friend, a loving father and grandfather, and Cincinnati's true Santa Claus for over 20 years. He generously spread joy, happiness, and his distinctive laughter into the lives of everyone lucky enough to know him.

Robert moved to Cincinnati in 1986 and became entrenched in its thriving theater scene. He became active with many community theaters, including The Footlighters, Inc., Mariemont Players, The Drama Workshop, Beechmont Players, Cincinnati Music Theatre, Village Players, and East Side Players, to name a few. Administratively, he dutifully served on multiple boards of directors.

He was actively involved with the Association of Community Theaters (ACT) Cincinnati as an adjudicator, scholarship chair, and ACT representative, as well as OCTA as a board member, regional rep, state adjudicator, and OCTAFest chairperson.

In addition, Robert performed professionally with such groups as the Covedale Center for Performing Arts, The Showboat Majestic, Falcon Theatre, and LaComedia Dinner Theatre. He was particularly proud of his work at LaComedia, where he performed in *The Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Cats*, a show that earned him the Best Supporting Actor in a Musical award by the Dayton Daily News for his portrayal of "Old Deuteronomy". All told, Robert performed in over 100 plays and musicals and directed over 30 productions. He was a much-loved member of the theater community.

Robert worked for the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities for 25 years, retiring from this work in 2014. Teaching job and life skills to cognitively impaired adults, he developed a music appreciation course and theater appreciation classes for his clients. He was instrumental in helping put these important skills to use by directing his clients in different skits as well as an annual variety show. Robert helped introduce them to the world of the performing arts by routinely taking them on field trips to see community theater productions. He was always smiling, always welcoming, always helpful to everyone he met.

Outside of the theater world, Robert was known to the entire tri-state area as Cincinnati's Santa Claus. He was THE Santa Claus for an entire generation of boys and girls, many of whom brought their own children to visit with him at the Cincinnati Zoo. With his big infectious smile, tender manner, and jovial disposition, he was the absolute embodiment of Santa Claus-kind, generous, patient, loving, and perceptive. He knew just how to interact with each child who came to visit him, and using his experience from Clermont County Board of DD, Robert created a safe, supportive, and inclusive experience for everyone. He oftentimes would come early or stay late to accommodate children with sensory needs. Robert was Santa personified, bringing joy season after season to thousands of people young and old.

Robert's favorite roles, however, were that of partner to David, father to Rob and Cassidy, and grandfather to Mia and Keito. If you knew Robert even a little bit, you were guaranteed to hear him talk about Robby and Cassidy, his voice radiating with pride. And photos of his grandchildren Mia and Keito were always at the ready on his phone, as he bubbled over showing them to whoever was around.

He is survived by his children Robert Thomas Weidle (Ayako) and Cassidy Lynn Bogenschutz (Paul), grandchildren Keito Weidle Nakajima and Mia Lynn Bogenschutz, partner David Middendorf, and countless friends and family. His unexpected passing leaves a hole in all who knew him as big as his generous heart. He is missed terribly.