

oconee youth playhouse

OYP presents 'Dear Edwina'

Oconee Youth Playhouse will present the musical comedy "Dear Edwina" July 31-Aug. 2 at the Oconee County Civic Center.

"Kids and adults alike will enjoy this hilarious show about 13-year-old Edwina Spoonapple and her friends from Paw-Paw, Michigan," says director Terra Hannon. "In number after zany number, they dispense advice on issues like what to do when offered icky food and how to deal with a truly annoying brother."

The cast is composed of 60 students in 1st-8th grade from 16 different local schools. Many are veterans of other OYP shows.

"This show probably offers more featured roles than any other show we've done," says Hannon, "so lots of kids get to show their talents."

Featured players include Rachel Wolfe as Edwina and Hunter Ashley Raye, Shannon Hodgson, Anna Cail, Caroline Robinson, Andrew Youngerman, Adam Leed, Cooper Saunders, Thomas Peck, Rachel Bonet, Antonia Bowen and Mara Hancock as her friends, who help her stage shows in her garage.

Megan Hodgson, Bailey Chastain and Ivy Hitchcock play the Vanderplonk triplets. The cheerleaders are Rachel Bolden, Antonia Bowen, Reagan Grace, Isabelle Hale and Mara Hancock. The girl scouts include Hollins Cobb, Lanier Forster, Sydney Goodstone, Mckenzie Pannell and Kaylee Ruark.

Rounding out the cast are the neighborhood kids, piggy bank kids and haystack Henriettas.

"The show really appeals to any age," says assistant director Amy Coenen, a past OYP performer herself. "The comedy is very clever and at the same time the show actually teaches values."

Performances are Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12-16 and will be sold at the door before each performance.

For more information, call 706-769-2677 or visit the Oconee Youth Playhouse web site at www.oypoysp.com.

Oconee Youth Playhouse is a non-profit organization that offers high-quality musical theater productions to the community while giving young people valuable experience in the performing arts.



Edwina and friends