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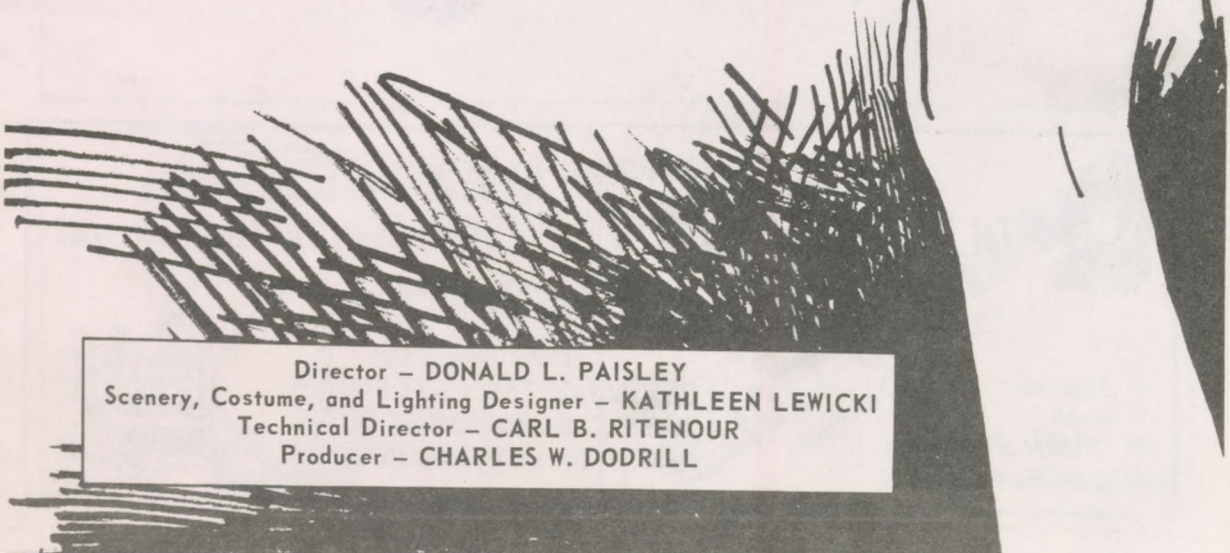



**OTTERBEIN COLLEGE  
THEATRE**

# THE MIRACLE WORKER

by WILLIAM GIBSON

OCTOBER 17-18-19-20, 1979



Director – DONALD L. PAISLEY  
Scenery, Costume, and Lighting Designer – KATHLEEN LEWICKI  
Technical Director – CARL B. RITENOUR  
Producer – CHARLES W. DODRILL

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*The Miracle Worker* revives those early days with Annie and Helen, but it concerns itself with more than the extraordinary meeting of a driven and talented young teacher with the helpless but bright young girl. It is a play about that part of all of us that thinks, that part of all of us that loves, that part of all of us that hopes. Whatever we call this invisible force – the soul, the human spirit, or whatever; it is the most pervading and most powerful force in the world. I hope this production helps strengthen this force in each of you as I believe it has in each of us.

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Captain Keller .....	DAVID BUTTERFIELD
Helen Keller .....	MARY ROSE MOLINARO*
Martha .....	LEIGH ANN LEWIS
Percy .....	JEFFREY HOWE
Aunt Ev .....	CHERYL NEWCOMB*
James Keller .....	EVAN UCHTMAN
Anagnos .....	JOHN TENER*
Annie Sullivan .....	MELISSA CAREY**
Viney .....	LINDA BRACILANO*
Blind girls .....	SUSAN BOYNE, JILL GABEL, BECKY JOHNSTON, MINDY WALTZ, STACY WERST

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## SYNOPSIS

- ACT I** – Sequence of location: The Keller homestead, night  
Years later, the Keller homestead  
Perkin's Institute  
Keller homestead, later  
Rail depot  
Keller homestead, later  
Annie's room at the Keller homestead  
Keller homestead
- ACT II** – Sequence of location: Annie's room in the Keller homestead  
Keller homestead  
Annie's room at the Keller homestead  
The Garden House  
Keller homestead  
Garden House
- ACT III** – Sequence of location: Garden House/Keller homestead  
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Keller homestead

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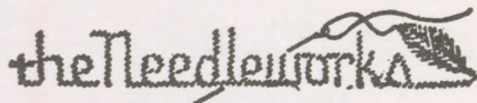
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Nov. 9 – **ARTIST SERIES:** Continuum, 8:15 p.m., Battelle Fine Arts Center

Nov. 16-17-18 – **OTTERBEIN CHILDREN'S THEATRE:** *Sleeping Beauty*

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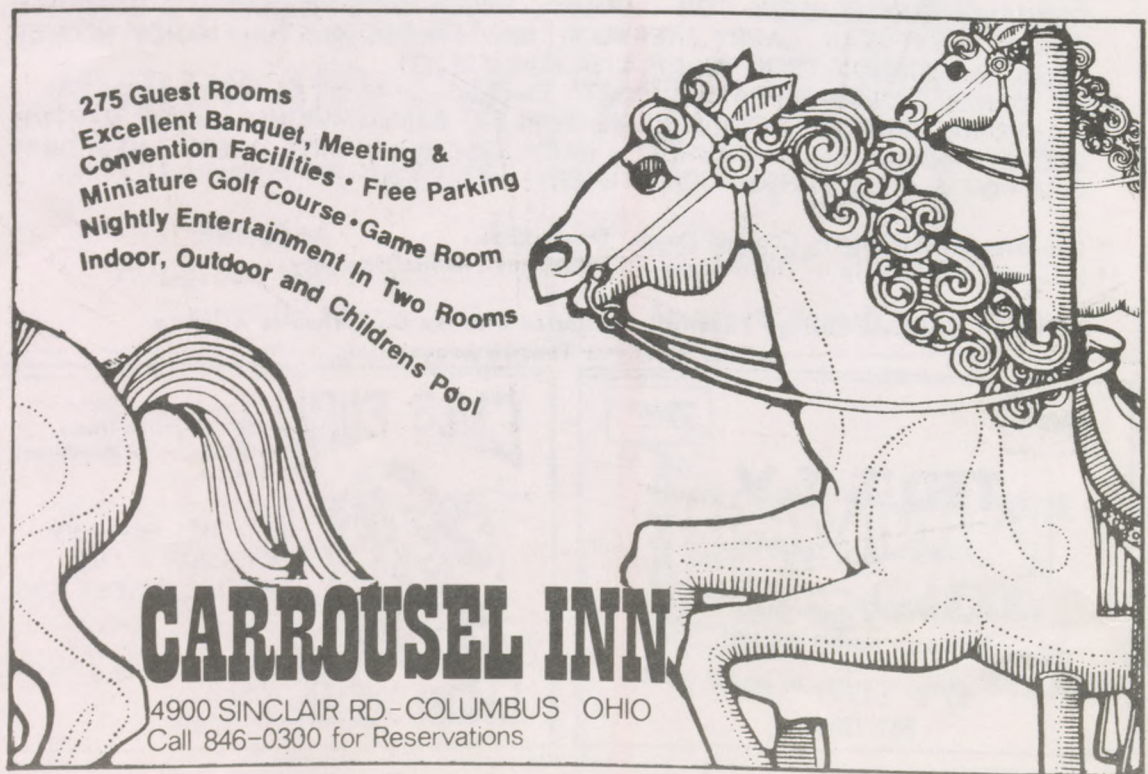
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