



Happy fall from the O'Connor Drama Mamas and Papas! We are reaching out to give you a first peek at the 2023-2024 season and let you know about upcoming partnership opportunities.

First, we have some exciting highlights from O'Connor Theatre achievements last year:

- Advanced to **Area (4th round) in the UIL One Act Play** competition!
- Sent **six students to State UIL Theatrical Design** competition – they brought home awards in Hair/Makeup and Group Theatrical Design!
- Sent **three students to the International Thespian Festival** in June. Two received Superior ratings for their event and one received Excellent!
- **Second place at the Fame Awards** with “All That Jazz” won \$1000 for the department!
- **Scholarships totaling \$8000** among three students at the Joci Awards!

O'Connor Drama Mamas and Papas (ODMP) revived the silent auction tradition at the Caberet show in May. Over **\$1000 was raised** for O'Connor Theatre that evening!

O'Connor Theatre has an exciting season set for 2023-2024!

- **Peter and the Starcatcher, October 5-7 and 12-14:** This will be a longer series of shows in the smaller setting of the O'Connor Black Box to tell the story how a miserable orphan becomes Peter Pan.
- **The Addams Family, January 4, 11-13:** Join us for an evening with a ghoulish American family with an affinity for all things macabre!
- All shows begin at 7pm. We would love to sell out our shows! Please plan to attend and bring guests! **Program ads will be available for sale.**

Plus Haunted House (10/23), One Act Play (3/1), Talent Show (TBA), Cabaret (5/10), Encore (5/20), and Senior Directs (5/22) – you are invited also!

Partnering with the O'Connor Theatre Directors, ODMP has set stronger goals for the 2023-2024 school year, and we would love your help in reaching them!

- We have an IMMEDIATE need for a better **popcorn machine**. We were donated a family-size machine last year - we made wonderful use of it selling concessions and now need a larger capacity, sturdier machine (machine plus cart will be about \$400). Would you like to provide this for our program with your company name displayed on it?
- We (ODMP) would like to support the Theatre program for the following amounts:
 - o \$12,000 for upgraded lighting and communications systems
 - o \$10,000 for costuming supplies and rental
 - o \$10,000 for student travel scholarships (Texas Thespian Festival, New York City, and International Thespian Festival)

We will soon have season posters and will be checking in if you would like one to display. We're looking forward to a great next season!

Sincerely,

Tom and Anita Briggs for the ODMP Board