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## UCO's StrawHat Theatre presents *Swinging on a Star*

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*Swinging on a Star*, a StrawHat Music Theater Production. Photo Services

UCO's StrawHat Music Theatre began its third season June 6 with the Michael Leeds's musical *Swinging on a Star*.

"*Swinging on a Star* celebrates the music of composer Johnny Burke, who wrote over 550 songs, Susan Reger, information specialist/writer for the UCO president's office, said.

Reger said that she hopes students take advantage of the reasonable admission fees and come out to a show.

"This is a good chance for students to see the talent we've got here in the music theater department. These are really top notch talent," Reger said.

Getzoff said the show was a lot of fun to do, partly because of how quick-paced it was.

"There's enough variety in it 'cause each scene is individual to itself," he said.

"Each scene has a little tiny plot or a little story and a couple of characters and all around music from a certain decade or a certain era that Johnny Burke wrote."

The pace of the show also made for some fast transitions, Getzoff said.

"The best transition in the whole show is where you go from outside of an old dilapidated row home in New York City, and literally in front of the audience the set goes away," Getzoff said.

"All of a sudden you're on the set of a radio show."

A cast of seven leads and four understudies play a total number of 41 roles in the play.

"There are 169 costume pieces because everybody is understudied and all the understudies will get a performance," wardrobe mistress Dayna Liddell said.

"There are 26 wigs and they all go on every night, it's a lot of work, but it's worth it."

Cast member Jonathan McElroy said he enjoyed getting to play many roles in one show.

"It's how I started in theater, it's my favorite thing to do," McElroy said.

Lighting designer Angela Marks said that the energy and the director really made this show enjoyable.

"The energy is really high, it was a really enjoyable show and a lot of it has to do with the director Dennis Courtney coming in and working on it," Marks said.

Cast member Kendra Cambell Milburn said that she enjoyed the comedy in the show and felt there would be no shortage of energy as the show carried on.

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays through July 27 at Mitchell Hall Theatre. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$5 for anyone under 21 and \$8 for senior citizens. For tickets call 974-3375.

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