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OCP PRESENTS THE AWESOME 80S PROM DINNER THEATER

The Owosso Community Players will present The Awesome 80's Prom, an interactive dinner theater, at D'Mar Banquet Center in Owosso on January 26, 27 at 6:30 p.m. and January 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Winner of the 2006 Improv Theater Award as Best Interactive Show, the production is set at the 1989 Wanaget High School Senior Prom. Guests are invited to dress up in their 80s attire or come as they are, according to OCP Executive Director Kathy Brooks. "Just like last year's Tony 'n Tina's Wedding, the audience is in for a real treat," Brooks said, "as the characters will interact with every table as the prom festivities take place." Brooks emphasized that dressing in 80s garb is not required, but might add to the fun of the experience.

Director Mike Windnagle said he can't wait for the crowd to bring the 80s back to Owosso. The actors are looking forward to the crowd being a part of the show, Windnagle said. "The actors will deal with the changing actions and reactions of the audience each night. About half of the show is improvised. From the restrooms to the dance floor, the actors are never out of character," Windnagle said.

All of the stereotypical 80s characters will be present, from the captain of the football team to the Swedish exchange student, from the geek to the hottie head cheerleader. Every character is competing for prom king and queen, and just like on American Idol, the audience will decide who wins, said Windnagle. "The voting can change from one performance to the next," he said, "which makes the show even more fun and unpredictable."

Several cast members are returning from last year's successful Tony 'n Tina's Wedding, including Kathy Kowalski, Ervin Batka, Adam Woolsey, Rachael Cupples, Maggie Smith, Josh Holiday, Amy Winchell, Quentin Brainerd II and Vinnie Lindquist. Some of the new cast members are Mary Maurer, Tommy Laurin, and Caleb Johnson.

Dinner is included with the \$36 per person ticket price. (Each ticket carries a \$1.50 ticketing fee). A cash bar will be available. The music will be all the fan favorites from the 1980s, certain to take the crowd back into their "good old days," said Windnagle.

For those who wish to dress up but have long ago donated their 80s gowns to Goodwill, the OCP Costume Committee is offering gown and tux rentals for \$25. Costumers will be available to help patrons find suitable gowns on January 17 and 18 from 6-8 p.m. and January 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Visitors should enter through the Studio Theater doors at 114 E. Main Street, where an OCP representative will escort them to the costume area. "We have a limited number of dresses in sizes 6-14," said costume co-chairperson Mistie Jordan. "We do have a handful of tuxedos as well."

Tickets are on sale now in the Box Office 723-4003, or online at owossoplayers.com.