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Maureen Putnam, a YSU music education senior from Uhrichsville, is the musical director. YSU dance instructor Michelle Lepore-Hagan of Youngstown, who is also part time theatre manager, choreographed the show.

The production was designed by Associate Professor of Speech Communication and Theatre Dr. Frank A. Castronovo of Boardman, Nicholas A. DePaola, '84 YSU theatre graduate from New Castle, Pa., who also serves as part-time technical assistant, designed the lighting. Costumes are by Speech Communication and Theatre instructor Jane Shanabarger of Boardman.

Stephen Niarhos of Boardman, a YSU senior voice major, portrays the central character, Robert, around whom the action revolves.

The other members of the cast are Susan Ivan of Youngstown, Robert Dubec of Boardman, Juliann Cortese of Liberty, John Campana of Austintown, Randa Rouweyha of Warren, Mike Beveridge of Hammondsville, Joan Claypoole of

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Austintown, William Ambert of Hubbard, Paula McConnell of Canton, Tania Pshsniak of Salem, Kathleen Gabriel of Boardman, and Kathy Prosser of Austintown. All are YSU music or speech communication and theatre majors. Mark Serman of Struthers, a YSU history graduate, completes the large cast.

"Company" will run on Nov. 12,13,14,15,19,20,21 and 22 in Bliss Hall's Spotlight Arena Theatre, which now has new, comfortable seats. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

There will be a 6 p.m. "First Nighters' Buffet" on opening night, Nov. 12, at the Wicker Basket restaurant in YSU's Kilcawley Center.

The Spotlight Arena Theatre and Kilcawley Center are handicapped accessible. Parking is available in the Wick Avenue Parking Deck on weekdays and Saturdays and in any surface lot in the Spring Street area. There will be a parking fee.

Because of heavy demand for tickets, advance reservations are strongly recommended. Tickets may be reserved by calling the University Theatre Box Office (216) 742-3105. Box Office hours are 10:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (7:45 p.m. on performance days).

The price for tickets to the general public for the musical is \$7. Special rates for non-University students, senior citizens, and groups are available. There is no admission charge for YSU students who present their student I.D. cards for reservations.

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