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**Off The Lake Productions Organization Overview**

**Background:**

Off The Lake Productions is a student ran, service-based musical theatre organization at The Ohio State University. They produce multiple performances throughout the year, including a fall cabaret as well as a spring musical and end of the year cabaret. OTL also performs service at Ohio State and throughout the Columbus community, along with their peer theater program that they perform for the residents in the dorms.

**Mission:**

Off The Lake Productions aims to provide a unique experience in musical theatre while working extensively to give back to the university and the community around them through community service and facilitate discussion on hard topics through Peer Theatre. OTL also aims to create a supportive community for it’s members to enhance their college experience.

**Membership:**

Students from every major and every class are encouraged to participate in Off The Lake Productions. Students wishing to participate are encouraged to audition for the cast, audition for the pit, apply for crew, or apply to peer theatre. OTL Is composed of over 100 members that strive to make campus and the surrounding community a better place.

**Initiative:**

Off The Lake Productions has partnered with many different charitable organizations since forming in 1997. Admission to all shows is just one dollar or one canned good, which is donated to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Throughout the 2016 – 2017 school year, OTL is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Columbus. In the past, they have formed partnerships with A Kid Again, Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Franklin County Recreational Department, Martin Janis Senior Center, and the Open Shelter.

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Off The Lake Productions was founded in 1997 and is the only student-run musical theatre and service organization at The Ohio State University. It is one of the six student organizations that make up the big six student organizations sponsored by the university housing department. Off The Lake is named after it’s first performance space, Browning Amphitheater, which is located near Mirror Lake. Since the, the group has updated their performance space to Hitchcock Hall. For their performances, OTL only charges $1 dollar or a canned good to donate directly to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. As of 2016, they have hosted 20 spring musicals.

The leadership of the organization is divided in half, having a director in charge of the whole show and the president(s) to run the administrative side. There also is an e-board consisting of 16 members that can help OTL excel in the area of their position. The organization also has over 100 general members that participate in the many areas Off The Lake has for their members to succeed.

**Alexander Brandt** is one of the presidents of Off The Lake Productions for the 2016-2017 school year. He has been involved with Off The Lake for three years, serving as the community chair his junior year where he organized social events to help the members stay connected. He currently serves as a resident advisor and as an advisor to Baker West Arts Counsel. He is a third-year middle school education major student in the arts scholar program at The Ohio State University. Upon graduation, Brandt plans on becoming a middle school teacher in his hometown so he can enhance their theatre department.