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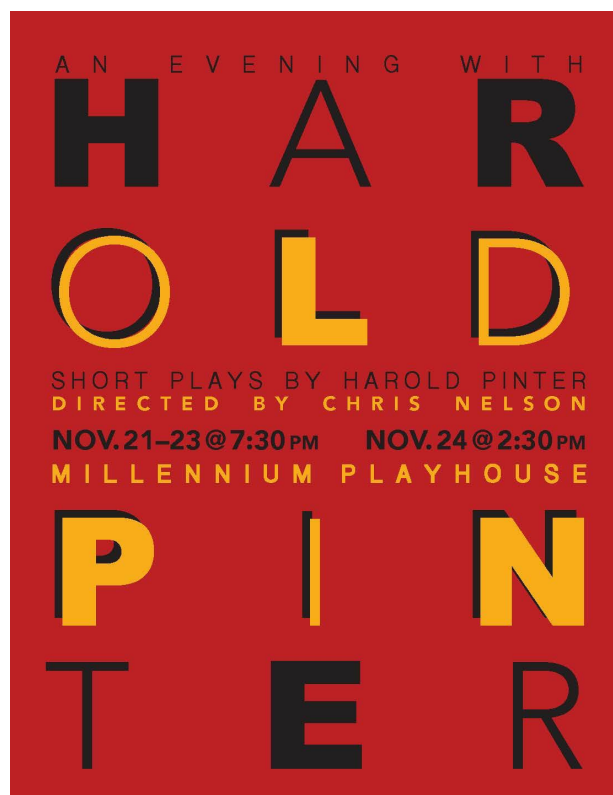
Short Works Fall into Category Known as 'Theatre of the Absurd'

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The next production by the Gardner Webb University Department of Theatre Arts is “An Evening With Pinter: Short Plays by Harold Pinter.” Performances will be in The Millennium Playhouse, located behind the GWU Communications Studies Hall on Main Street in Boiling Springs.

Directed by Chris Nelson, shows are scheduled for Nov. 21-23 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m. Students will perform two of Pinter’s plays. Featured in “A Kind of Alaska” are Betsy Shevick as Deborah, Marshall Townsend as Hornby; and Jenna Mason as Pauline. In the “Dumb Waiter,” Markus Byrd plays Ben and Nick Howell plays Gus.

“Harold Pinter falls into a category some call the ‘Theatre of the Absurd,’” observes Nelson, associate professor of theatre and department chair. “‘Theatre of the Absurd’ is so-called not because of what happens onstage, but because, according to the scholar who coined the term, these playwrights show scenarios in which the absurd action is put onstage without any explanation. In Pinter’s case, this is often seen in normal-looking scenarios, which then somehow turn into something that is somehow ‘off’. Pinter is known for his use of pause and specific stage direction, which we have tried to depict faithfully.”

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and free for GWU students. Gardner-Webb faculty and staff can receive up to four free tickets. For information about tickets, call 704-406-4656 or email ashauf@gardner-webb.edu.



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