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Pulitzer Prize-Winning Play Examines Relationship Between Three Sisters

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The next production by the Gardner-Webb University Department of Theatre

Crimes of the Heart

Arts is “Crimes of the Heart” by Beth Henley. A Pulitzer Prize-winner, this play examines the relationship between three sisters. Performances will be Nov. 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the Millennium Playhouse, located behind the GWU Communications Studies Hall on Main Street in Boiling Springs.

“This play is interesting, because it’s a good comic juxtaposition to the Absurdist play (The Bald Soprano) we did earlier this semester,” shared Dr. Chris Nelson, director and the chair of the Department of Theatre Arts. “The play challenges the actors, because there’s a lot of text and the relationships are so important.”

The three Magrath sisters have gathered in Hazlehurst, Miss., to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny, 30, is unmarried; Meg, the middle sister, left home but is back after a failed music career; and Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after having shot her husband.

The production will take place on a thrust stage, with the audience seated on three sides. “It’s something we haven’t done since I’ve been here,” he said. “It has been a challenge in terms of getting the actors to re-think the way that staging normally happens, but I think they have adapted well.”

The cast includes senior Marsden Murray as Lenny, sophomore Sarah Bragdon as Meg, freshman Grace Kelly as Babe, sophomore Marissa Helms as the sisters’ cousin, Chick, junior Joe Bragdon as Barnette, the lawyer, and sophomore Noah Blanton as Doc Porter, Meg’s former boyfriend.

Tickets are \$10 for adult general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and students, and free for GWU students and children under 12. For more information, call 704-406-4656.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-2155 or email disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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