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# GWU Department of Theatre Arts to Present 'Eleemosynary'

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*First Play of Spring Semester Explores Theme of Charitable Giving*

**By Alice Byrd, '18, Intern for Communications**

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb

University's Department of Theatre Arts

presents its first production of the spring

semester, "Eleemosynary," Feb. 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 2:30 p.m. Written by Lee Blessing and directed by Dr. Chris Nelson, GWU assistant professor of theatre arts, the play follows the relationship between the women in one family. Performances will be in the Millennium Playhouse, located behind the GWU Communications Studies Hall on Main Street in Boiling Springs.

Eleemosynary poster

The play is told from the viewpoints of a grandmother, daughter, and granddaughter who are all unique in their own ways. Audiences will be intrigued by the acts of forgiveness woven into the stories the women tell, as well as the theme of "eleemosynary," or the spirit of charitable giving.

"I am so excited for this show because it does such a good job of portraying life through the lens of three generations of women. None of them is more important to the story than another," says senior education major, Angela Meade of Charlotte, N.C. She plays the grandmother, Dorthea, whose eccentricities have strained her relationship with her daughter.

Holly Strother, a senior youth discipleship major from Red Springs, N.C., plays the daughter, Artemis, a brilliant, biochemist. Brittany Polburn, a sophomore theatre major and music minor from Charlotte, is Echo, the intellectual granddaughter.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and free for GWU students, faculty, staff and children under 12. For tickets, contact Shelia Toney at [sbronner@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:sbronner@gardner-webb.edu) or 704-406-4656.

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