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'God of Carnage' is Dark Domestic Comedy with Four Actors

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The second play of the season for the Gardner-Webb University Department of Theatre Arts is the dark domestic comedy by Yasmina Reza, “God of Carnage.” Performances will be Nov. 16-19 in the Millennium Playhouse, located behind the Communications Studies Hall, 141 S. Main St., Boiling Springs.

The Tony Award-winning play is a story about two couples whose boys had a playground altercation. The parents—Alan and Annette, and Michael and Veronica—meet to discuss what happened, agreeing to be civil. However, tensions emerge and the evening ends in chaos. The one-act performance is a challenge for the actors, because they are on stage for almost the entire show.

“It’s only four people so there’s a lot of concentration and work that has to go into this play,” observed Director Dr. Chris Nelson, GWU Assistant Professor of Theatre and department chair. “It’s also high-intensity at times, so that can be challenging as well.”

R.J. Thompson, a junior theatre arts major from Boiling Springs, is Alan, and playing Annette, is Holly Strother, a senior youth discipleship major from Red Springs, N.C. Japheth Vazquez Nieves, a freshman English major from Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, is Michael, and Veronica is played by Sarah Bragdon, a freshman nursing major, Spanish minor from Anderson, S.C.

“God of Carnage” will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16-18 and at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 19.

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

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704.406.4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.



The GWU Department of Theatre’s production of God of Carnage features seated in front, Holly Struther (Annette) and standing from left, Sarah Bragdon (Veronica), R.J. Thompson (Alan), and Japheth Vazquez Nieves (Michael). Photo by GWU Student Lisa Martinat

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