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# Gardner-Webb University Theatre Department Presents a Murder Mystery... With a Twist

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*Catch "The Real Inspector Hound" Oct. 5-8 at the Millennium Playhouse*

**By Mallory Moore ('18), GWU Intern for Communications**

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Gardner-Webb University's Theatre

The Real Inspector Hound poster

Department will present its first play

of the season, Tom Stoppard's "The Real Inspector Hound" on Oct. 5-8. The production will be at GWU's Millennium Playhouse located behind the Communications Studies Hall on Main Street in Boiling Springs.

"The Real Inspector Hound," written in the early 1960s, is a comedy about two theatre critics, Moon and Birdboot, who become wrapped up in the plot of a murder-mystery play that they are watching and reviewing. Soon, their own lives begin to reflect the play, creating an intriguing twist on the familiar whodunnit. The production's director, Dr. Chris Nelson, GWU Assistant Professor of Theatre and Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts, says this unique play "uses the blueprint of a familiar structure, the murder mystery, to talk about the nature of theatre and existence."

Nelson liked this play when he first saw it in college. When he arrived at GWU and saw the staging space available at the Millennium Playhouse, he knew the space would work well for "The Real Inspector Hound's" play-within-a-play structure. "People will remember it for how clever it is, especially the staging and where the audience and the two critics are sitting," Nelson assessed.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 5-7 and at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 8.

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

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