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Award-Winning Play Showing in Dover Theatre

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University Theatre Department will present “Getting Out” Nov. 19-22 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dover Theatre, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior adults and students of other schools, and are free for children.

“Getting Out” is set in current day Louisville, Ky. Released from prison, Arlene returns to a run-down apartment, intent on starting her life over. Rebellious and disruptive as a young girl, she finds strength in religion as she struggles to put her youth—and flashbacks of the past—behind her.

“It’s a very gripping play,” said Jim Thomas, interim dean of the School of Performing and Visual Arts and Professor of theatre. “Although it premiered in 1977 at the Actor’s Theatre in Louisville, its topic is still very relevant today. It deals with the struggle of a young woman as she tries to become reintegrated into society after several years in a juvenile facility and later prison, where she had a life-changing experience. She wants to leave her past behind, so she tries to make her new life as Arlene, leaving behind the old ‘Arlie.’”

Written by Marsha Norman, “Getting Out” has received numerous honors, including co-winner of ATL’s Great America Play Contest, the Oppenheimer/Newsday Award, the John Gassner Playwriting Medallion awarded by the Outer Critics Circle, and the American Theatre Critics Association citation as the outstanding play produced outside of New York.

Due to the content of the play, parental guidance is advised. 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 704-406-4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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