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Performance Features University Students & Faculty, Community Members

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University Department of Theatre Arts presents the "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" April 9-12 at 7:30 p.m. and April 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dover Theater, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC), with select performances for elementary and middle school students.

The theatrical production is packed with drama, adventure and mystery while portraying the struggle of good and evil. This production promises to be fun for the entire family. The play is adapted from the classic book of the same name and is part of the beloved Chronicles of Narnia series written by C.S. Lewis. The plot follows the journey of four siblings from World War II era England after they are drawn into a magical world, called Narnia. Greed, temptation, love, mercy and sacrifice are all themes woven throughout the story. The main characters are Aslan, the Lion and the four siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmond and Lucy Pevensie.

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Dr. Chris Nelson, assistant professor of theatre arts at GWU, is directing the play, which includes a combination of Gardner-Webb students and the members of the community in the cast. Gardner-Webb students Rachel Sedota and Emily DeVries will play Susan and the White Witch, respectively. Dr. Earl Leininger, associate provost for Arts and Sciences, will voice Aslan's character with GWU students Lydia Hill and Kendall Godwin serving as the lion apparatus/puppet operators. Leanna Hames, a 6th grade student from Blacksburg, S.C., will play Lucy. R.J. Thompson, an 11th grade student at Crest High School, will portray Peter. Harrison Burnette, a 5th grade student from Carolina Pines Academy, will play Edmund and Carver Thompson, a 10th grade homeschool student, will play Tumnus. "Being a part of Gardner-Webb's production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* has been a great experience. I cannot wait for the audience to experience for themselves the adventure and magic of Narnia," said DeVries.

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Tickets are on sale now at www.gardner-webb.edu/theatre-arts and can also be purchased at the door. General Admission is \$10, senior citizens and children under 12 are

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\$5, and Gardner-Webb faculty, staff and students will receive free admission. For more information, contact the box office at 704-406-2366.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University blends a liberal arts core curriculum with more than 55 specialized major and minor programs, a comprehensive academic experience grounded in a Christian environment of service, leadership, and intellectual freedom.

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 Jeff Tubbs at servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.