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## *Unique Fundraising Event to Benefit Theatre Conference Trip*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — The Gardner-Webb Department of Theatre Arts is pleased to announce the return of the "24-Hour Acts" play festival on Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Millennium Playhouse, located in the Communication Studies Hall. This provides undergraduate students with a challenging opportunity to write, direct, and perform a number of plays in a short 24-hour period.

"I believe this event is special because it really shows hard work at it's finest. The students will learn more aspects about theatre and about themselves than they could think possible in such a short amount of time," said junior Kelly Bradley, who is coordinating the event this year. "It will show students and others the importance of deadlines and leadership. Most importantly, it teaches them how to work together to create a masterpiece."

The "24-Hour Acts" event kicks off with an interest meeting for playwrights on Friday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m., in the Millennium Playhouse, where the titles of the plays will be given out. Each playwright will be given twelve hours to produce an original 10-page piece that must be turned in the following morning. Plays will then be randomly assigned to the directors who will have one hour for preshow, which consists of reading and reviewing the play as well as stage arrangement. Randomly assigned actors will then meet with the directors and be given a rehearsal space and schedule up until show time.

"I hope the turn out is good with a lot of audience members," added Bradley. "This event means a lot to the department and to the students who will participate."

The event is open to the public and admission is \$3 with all proceeds benefitting the Dept. of Theatre Arts and their upcoming trip to the South East Theatre Conference.

For more information about "24 Hour Acts," contact Kelly Bradley at 610-212-9733 or at [kbradley2@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:kbradley2@gardner-webb.edu).

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