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Award Winning Play Showing Oct. 3-7 in the Millennium Playhouse

BOILING SPRINGS, NC – "Doubt can be a bond as powerful and sustaining as certainty," according to the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning play "Doubt." The mystery-drama, written by John Patrick Shanley, will be presented by the Gardner-Webb University Theatre Department Oct. 3-6 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the Millennium Playhouse, located in the Communication Studies Hall.

The play is set in the fictional St. Nicholas Church School in New York City during the fall of 1964. The principal of the school begins to suspect the popular priest Father Flynn of pedophilia and a young nun becomes caught in the resulting controversy. At stake are one man's reputation and the welfare of an entire community.

"Doubt" is directed by Dr. Chris Nelson, assistant professor of theater arts at Gardner-Webb University. "I hope the audience will consider how doubt can be such a driving force in our lives, and in many ways, bring us together," said Nelson.

"This little word with big implications is integral to each of our lives, and the play 'Doubt' explores this human trait better than any other I have experienced," he continued. "Our hope is not only that audiences will enjoy the performance, but that they also consider the ways in which doubt can, for better or for worse, drive us to feel, to question, to agonize, and to act."

Many Gardner-Webb University students will play vital roles in "Doubt." Sophomore Delton Barnes will perform as Father Flynn, junior Hannah Rolen will play Sister Aloysius and Christina Burns will act as Sister James. Jondra Harmon, instructor of voice in Gardner-Webb University's music department, will be making an appearance as Ms. Muller, the mother of the boy who was allegedly molested by Father Flynn.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior adults and students of other schools, and are free for children. The event is also free with a Gardner-Webb ID. To order tickets, call 704-406-4656.

Due to its content, "Doubt" may not be suitable for children. Parental discretion is advised.



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/tpWkhK88InM>

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.

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