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Oklahoma City University Announces 1997-98 Theatre Season

OKLAHOMA CITY--Oklahoma City University announces its 1997-98 season of plays, beginning with Jeffrey Hatcher's "**Three Viewings**," Sept. 18-21.

"**Three Viewings**" is "essential viewing," says *New York Magazine*. The play is made up of three beautifully spun tales with a surprise ending and one Midwestern funeral parlor in common. These comic yet dramatic playlets are about love that is lost, love that is found and love that is resurrected.

"**Three Viewings**" will be presented Thursday, Sept. 18, Friday, Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. in the Burg Theater. This OCU Theatre production is the University's entry in the American College Theatre Festival and is under the direction of professor Judith Palladino.

The season continues with "**Antigone**," the story of a woman's attempt to bury her brother's body in defiance of a king's order. It has been called one of Sophocles' best as well as one of the world's greatest tragedies. One of the most human portraits in literature, "**Antigone**" is an hour-long play perfect for adults, teens and children ages 10 and older.

"**Antigone**" will be presented Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Kirkpatrick Theater. Special daytime performances will also be available for school groups. This OCU Theatre for Children and Youth production is under the direction of Dr. David Pasto.

America's premier comic playwright Neil Simon delights audiences with "**Rumors**." As guests begin arriving at the townhouse of New York City's deputy mayor to celebrate his 10th wedding anniversary, there is no party to be found. It seems the host has been shot and his wife is missing! Despite no evidence of foul play, a lawyer friend decides to cover up the whole mishap which turns into mayhem as guests continue to arrive. Rumors fly and nobody can remember who has been told what about whom.

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"Rumors" will be presented Thursday, Nov. 6, Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Burg Theater. This OCU Theatre production is under the direction of professor Ruth Charnay.

The Cinderella we all know and love brings three Cinderellas from other cultures to the stage in this rendition by playwright Lowell Swortzell. **"Cinderella: The World's Favorite Fairy Tale"** is an hour-long play that presents the Chinese, Russian and Native American versions of the famous fairy tale in one exciting, entertaining, multicultural theatrical experience appropriate for adults, teens and children ages 6 and older.

"Cinderella: The World's Favorite Fairy Tale" will be presented Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Kirkpatrick Theater. Special daytime performances will also be available for school groups. This OCU Theatre for Children and Youth production is under the direction of Palladino.

"All's Well That Ends Well" is a Shakespearean comedy that begins as a woman cures a king's mysterious illness. As a reward she is granted the wish of her desire--the husband of her choice. This husband sends her on a series of impossible tasks to be performed before she can live happily ever after. Along the way she encounters love, war, honor, deceit, farce, trickery, mystery and intrigue.

"All's Well That Ends Well" will be presented Thursday, March 5, Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. in the Burg Theater. This OCU Theatre production is under the direction of Dr. Pasto.

The final play of the season is the musical **"Philemon,"** a perfect tribute to the Easter and Passover season. Based on an incident that took place in the Roman city of Antioch in 287 AD, the play opens as Roman soldiers capture and execute Philemon, a powerful religious leader. In hindsight, the soldiers realize they should have used Philemon as bait to trap and stamp out the religious who have gone underground. In exchange for his life, another prisoner who happens to be an actor impersonates Philemon in an attempt to flush out the religious underground.

"Philemon" will be presented Thursday, April 2, Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m. in the Burg Theater. The musical is under the direction of professor Brooks Barr.

Individual and special season tickets will be available at the OCU Box Office in late August. The special season tickets package costs only \$21 for adults and \$15 for children, teens and adults ages 55 and older. This package includes one ticket for each of the six OCU Theatre and OCU Theatre for Children and Youth 1997-98 season plays at a

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savings of \$5. Separate season ticket packages will also be available for the four OCU Theatre productions and for the two OCU Theatre for Children and Youth productions at a smaller savings. Group rates will be available for each play.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office (located in the University's Kirkpatrick Fine Arts building on the southwest corner of NW 24th and Blackwelder between Classen and Penn), or by calling (405) 521-5227 or 1-800-633-7242, ext. 5227.

For more information, contact Palladino at (405) 521-5227 or 1-800-633-7242, ext. 5227.

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