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(Neb.)-CSC Prepares For Black Box Theater Production

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(Chadron)-The Chadron State College theatre program is getting ready for its production of "God of Carnage," the play being billed as "a comedy of manners, without the manners."

Show times for "God of Carnage" are Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 15-17, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. The play, which is recommended for only mature audiences, will be shown in the intimate setting of the Black Box Theatre of Memorial Hall.

In the play, two sets of Brooklyn parents meet to resolve a playground altercation between 11-year-old boys. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses and the rum flows, tensions emerge. Eventually the gloves come off leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters.

The play features a cast of four students. Erin Neal of Crawford and James Steele of Lincoln portray the Novaks, while Hannah Clark of Littleton, Colo. and Michael Kruger of Gordon play the Raleighs.

"God of Carnage" was written by Yasmina Reza, who was raised in France as the daughter of a Russian-Iranian father and Hungarian mother. The play premiered in Zurich in 2006, opened in both Paris and London in 2008, and garnered Tony Awards for best play, best actress and best direction. The 2011 film adaptation, titled "Carnage," was directed by Roman Polanski.

Comments by Roger Mays, the play's director, and members of the cast may be found at the "Behind the Scenes" link of the CSC theatre website.

Because of the small venue, advance seating is recommended. Tickets may be obtained by contacting the CSC box office at 308-432-6207 or boxoffice@csc.edu.

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