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## *Cal Poly to Present 'God's Ear' Nov. 8-10 and 15-17*

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department will present its fall production, “God’s Ear,” at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 8-10 and 15-17, in the Spanos Theatre on campus.

The play, by Jenny Schwartz, is a haunting story about loss that also contains comic and fantastical scenes, said Theatre and Dance Professor Al Schnupp, who is also designing and directing the play.

A young couple struggles with the death of their son. The wife begins to lose her grip on reality. She lashes out at her husband, mutilates herself and imagines hearing voices. To avoid his family, the husband goes on frequent business trips, cruises the bars and pursues an affair. The couple’s daughter finds solace in reading and conversing with imaginary characters; the daughter also confronts her mother, accusing her of favoritism and emotional coldness.

Surrounding the three central figures is a group of colorful characters: the tooth fairy, a transvestite flight attendant, G. I. Joe, a barfly, and a man on the prowl who advocates wife-swapping.

“The play has a unique style,” Schnupp said. “The playwright has a gymnastic treatment of language; she dissects current speech patterns, mocks our overuse of meaningless words and relies on clichés and repetition to impart a powerful, effective tone.”

Tim Dugan, chair of the Theatre and Dance Department, is serving as the lighting designer, and faculty member Thomas John Bernard designed the costumes.

As a complement to the production, an exhibit and competition of more than 60 community and student artists will be on display in the gallery located in the backstage area of Spanos Theatre. Artists were challenged to read the play and create a visual interpretation of the story, a character, a scene, or a line. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded. The gallery will open at 7:15 p.m., 45 minutes before curtain. It will also be open for 30 minutes immediately following the show. Admission to this special exhibit is free.

General admission tickets to the play are \$15; student and senior citizens tickets are \$12. To reserve seats, call 805-756-2787.

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