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Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department to Present 'CrossRoads' Nov. 14-16 and 21-23

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department will present its fall production "CrossRoads" at 8 p.m. Nov. 14-16 and 21-23, in Spanos Theatre.

Written by Theatre and Dance Department Professor Al Schnupp, "CrossRoads" features the main character, Tobias, a playwright who has been banished from the city of Athens, Greece. He and his family, along with their cart of supplies, travel through time and meet a host of bizarre characters — some created for the stage by Shakespeare, Beckett and Pirandello — that forever change them.

On their journey, the family is serenaded by a cast of characters, including Strangers with Red Hands; Merchants on the Silk Road; Godot and his Nurse; Van Gogh's Roommate; Lord Elgin, who ransacked the Parthenon; the Weird Sisters, a Comedia Dell'arte Troupe; Soldiers who have abandoned their post; and a trio of characters searching for an author.

"CrossRoads" is a celebration of family as it struggles to understand and combat the forces of the world. Although the family experiences disagreements, they are united in their loyalty, gift-giving, and physical and emotional support. As nomads, they must cope with new customs, unknown languages, and unexpected cultural attitudes.

The cast is comprised of all student actors. Tobias is played by Christopher Riordan. Tobias' wife, Helen, is played by Kimberlee Vandenburg. Their children, Demetri and Melina, are played by Devin O'Brien and Jenny Nelson. The characters of the world are played by Elias Slaman, Torin Lusebrink and Rachel Murphy.

Costumes are by Associate Professor Thomas John Bernard, and the lighting design is by Clint Bryson, the new technical director for the department.

Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$12 for students and seniors. Pricing includes all Performing Arts Center fees, and event parking is sponsored by the PAC. Tickets are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket Office between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. To order by phone, call SLO-4TIX (805-756-4849).

The play contains adult language and themes.

Links

- Performing Arts Center Ticket Office: <http://www.pacslo.org/tickets>
- Theatre and Dance Department: <http://cla.calpoly.edu/thtrdanc.html>
- College of Liberal Arts: <http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/>

About the Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department

The Theatre and Dance Department provides students with programs of study that integrate practical production work with theatre and dance principles, theory, and

historical development. The department also acts as a cultural focus for the campus and San Luis Obispo community. Each year the department presents three main-stage theatre productions, as well as the Orchesis Dance Company production and a student-directed dance concert.

Note to editors: High-resolution promotional images for "CrossRoads" are available on request. Contact Matt Lazier at mlazier@calpoly.edu.

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