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Ancient Greek Comedy “The Birds” Playing in Black Box Theatre

June 12, 2014



The Summer Theatre Rehearsal and Performance Class at Georgia Southern University presents “The Birds” by Aristophanes.

Summer performances are Thursday through Saturday in the Center for Art & Theatre’s Black Box Theatre. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

“The Birds” is a comedy by Greek playwright Aristophanes. First performed in Athens in 414 B.C., the timeless story follows Pithetaerus, an Athenian slacker and opportunist who, with the help of his cowardly sidekick Euelpides, persuades Epos, the King of the Birds, to have all the world’s birds create a new city in the sky called Cloud Cuckoo Land.

While attempting this great feat, Pithetaerus is met with many of the pests that he left Athens hoping to avoid. In addition, he hopes to control the gods as they previously controlled mankind. And if he can survive certain death, a Beatnik Poet, an oracle-monger with prophecies for sale, a Real Estate Man, an Inspector, a Lawyer, and a whirlwind one-sided romance with an airhead goddess, he may just get the chance.

Lisa L. Abbott, an associate professor of theatre at Georgia Southern, is the play’s director.

Admission is free, although donations to the Friends of Theatre Foundation are welcome. The house opens at 7 p.m., and audience members are encouraged to arrive no later than 7:15 p.m. to ensure good seats.

The box office can be reached at (912) 478-5389 to make reservations and is open for ticket sales from 3-5 p.m. prior to performances and at 6 p.m. on performance days.

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