Teacher aims to rid village of fools in summer theatre performance

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Georgia Southern University presents *Fools*, Neil Simon's comic fable, June 14 through 16 in the Black Box Theater at the Center for Art and Theater. All shows are at 7:30 p.m. and there is no charge for admission.

Simon's lesser known comedy revolves around young teacher Leon Tolchinsky, who has been called to Kulyenchikev, a small town in Ukraine, to begin his career as school master. Shortly after his arrival, however, Leon discovers all is not as quaint and peaceful as it seems: The village has been under a curse of stupidity for 200 years and it is up to Leon to break the curse by educating the direct descendant of the woman who caused the curse – a sweet young thing, who, at 19, just learned to sit!

Leon discovers love and hatches a plan that he believes will fix everything, but the audience must wait to see whether it will be successful.

"It's a comedy!" This has been the theme for this year’s summer show," said director Lisa Abbot. “What better way to enjoy the summer than to fall into the mad-cap chaos created by America’s greatest comic playwright?"

*Fools* features students Patrick Galletta and Presley Lewis in the lead roles of Leon and Sophia. For reservations or ticket information contact the box office at 912-478-5379.

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