The Georgia Southern University Theatre & Performance program presents *Hamlet* on April 2-9 in the Black Box Theatre at the University’s Center for Arts & Theatre. The curtain opens at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and there is a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for general admission.

In *Hamlet*, Denmark is in a state of unrest: The king is dead, and his brother has assumed the throne and married the queen. Norway is on the verge of invasion, and power and information are for sale to the highest bidder. And everywhere there are cameras; privacy is no longer guaranteed. Within this atmosphere of chaos and suspicion, Prince Hamlet must decide whether to avenge his father’s death.

Placing Shakespeare’s famous tragedy in the modern world of surveillance cameras and cell phones, the Theatre & Performance production combines film and live theatre to explore the “Tragedy of the Danish Prince.” This first full-scale collaboration between the theatre program and the Multimedia Film Production program in the Department of Communication Arts; it is directed by Associate Professor of Theatre Lisa L. Abbott, with scenic and lighting design by Professor of Theatre Kelly Berry. Film and audio design are provided by Professors of Multimedia Tyson Davis and Melanie Stone, and student Andrew Brantley developed the original music and sound design.

Student performers in the production include Tsiambwom Akuchu as Hamlet, Tatyana Arrington as Gertrude, Alex Bowser as Horatio, Whitaker Gardner as Claudius, Colin Hancock as Polonius, Jenna Lancaster as Ophelia, Dani McGee as Guildenstern, Greg Hernandez as Laeres, and Christophe Chin as Rosencrantz.

*Hamlet* opens April 2 and runs through April 9. Doors open at 7 p.m., and curtain is a 7:30, except for the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are $5 for students and youth and $10 for faculty/staff and general admission. For more information, call the Center for Art & Theatre Box Office at 912-478-5379.

The Theatre & Performance program is housed in the Department of Communication Arts in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. CLASS, the University’s College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity, and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, their nations, and the world.