The Theatre & Performance program at Georgia Southern University kicks off its 2014-2015 Season on September 24 with David Mamet’s *Race; a Play* on campus in the Center for Art & Theatre’s Black Box Theatre. The production runs nightly at 7:30 until October 1 and includes a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, September 29.

*Race* explores the tension between perception and intent when a law firm of three attorneys, two black and one white, defend a white man charged with a crime against a black woman.

“Race is thought-provoking and challenging,” said Director Lisa L. Abbot. “The play raises questions about how each of us perceives race in today’s world and will leave audiences with more questions than answers. Because of its adult subject matter and strong language, the play is recommended for mature audiences.”

Theatre & Performance audiences will recognize actors Whitaker Gardner and Tatyana Arrington from last year’s production of *Hamlet* when they were matched against each other as Claudius and Gertrude. New to the Black Box stage are actors V. Akil Jackson and Harry Hudgins, who round out the cast. Student designers complete the production team with Lawrence Hancock as scenic designer and Loren “Zo” Haynes overseeing costumes and lighting design.
Student and youth tickets are $5; faculty, staff and community tickets are $10. All seating is general admission. The house opens at 7 p.m., and audience members are encouraged to arrive by 7:15 p.m. The balcony serves as overflow seating. Call the Box Office at 912-478-5379 to make reservations. Reservation requests can be left on Box Office voicemail throughout the day. The Box Office is open 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday for ticket purchases and reopens at 6 p.m. on performance days.

For more information, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commarts/theatre. Theatre & Performance Productions are made possible through funding from Student Activities.

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