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Georgia Southern Theatre & Performance set to close the season with Shakespeare's Measure for Measure

March 26, 2018

Georgia Southern Theatre & Performance presents *Measure for Measure*, written by William Shakespeare and directed by Professor Lisa L. Abbott.

In a world where morality is being mandated, Shakespeare explores the hypocrisy of sexual politics. Angelo, a strict, moralistic politician, has been appointed by the Duke to govern in his absence. Angelo uses his new authority to clean up the city. Until he meets Isabella, a young nun whose brother is facing death as a result of Angelo's laws. He makes her a bargain, if she sleeps with him, her brother goes free.

The age old tale of injustice depicts what happens when an immoral ruler imposes moral laws in a society devoid of forgiveness. This production's contemporary setting emphasizes the universal nature of Shakespeare's work as it comments on the sexual and moral politics of modern America. In this time of #metoo the play is even more prevalent to a modern audience. A New York Times review of the Polonsky Shakespeare Centers production claimed: "*Measure for Measure* includes some of the finest moral argumentation in the canon: thrilling back-and-forths between well-matched antagonists with a great deal on the line."

Measure for Measure opens Wednesday, Apr. 4 and runs through Wednesday, Apr. 11. All shows begin at **7:30 p.m.** with a **matinee performance on Sunday, Apr. 8 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Georgia Southern Center for Art & Theatre Black Box. **There will be no show on Monday, Apr. 9.**

Student and youth tickets are \$6. Faculty, staff and community tickets are \$12. All seating is general admission. Group prices are available, contact the box office for information. The house opens at 7 p.m., and we encourage audience members to arrive no later than 7:15 p.m. to ensure good seats. The balcony will serve as overflow seating. **Call the Box Office at 912-478-5379 to make reservations.**

The box office is open from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, as well as 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday for ticket purchases, and reopens at 6:00 p.m. on performance days. Tickets can also be purchased through Marketplace on the GSU web site at <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/cat/season>.

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